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Dear [REDACTED]

Corticosteroids for the treatment of chronic Asthma in adults and children aged 12 years and over

Thank you for your letter of 10 September. This letter is my initial assessment of the validity of your appeal points, as required by the Institute's appeal process.

In my view the point you raise is a valid appeal point under ground two of the Institute's permitted appeal grounds.

Given the technical and discrete nature of the point raised, I do not think it is necessary for the appeal panel to hold an oral hearing to consider this appeal. I propose to refer the appeal to an appeal panel, to be determined on a review of the papers.

I suggest that the appeal should proceed as follows. Your letter will be passed to the appraisal committee, which will prepare a written reply and explanation of the sections of the FAD which you are challenging. That reply will be passed to you for further written comment and response (if any). Your initial letter, the appraisal committee's response, and your reply to that response, will then be considered by an appeal committee, and the appeal determined on those documents and the original appraisal papers.

Should you have any comments on this proposed course of action I would be grateful to have them by **Thursday 25 October**, failing which I will ask the Institute to make arrangements for the appeal to proceed as outlined above.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the appeal committee