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Dear Doctor,

Re: Summary of the findings of the GPs field trial of a new screening test for cognitive impairment affecting driver competency.

As an important public health intervention, a new screening test to assess cognitive impairment affecting fitness to drive in older people was developed. This test, known as 'the Maze Task', is a timed pencil-and-paper test and it has been validated against on-road driving ability.

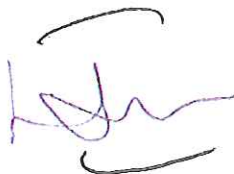
The Injury Surveillance and Control Unit, Epidemiology Branch, Department of Health, conducted a field trial between January and February 2010 to determine how GPs find the use of the Maze Task in their practice.

You were asked to administer the Maze Task to your patients aged 70 or more years who presented for medical certification of licence renewal.

We appreciate your collaboration in conducting the trial among your patients and for completing the feedback questionnaire.

The field trial has now been concluded. Enclosed is a summary of the trial findings for your information.

Sincerely yours,



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