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**CONSENT FORM**

**(Version 1.0: 28112022)**

### Title of Study: Serum concentration of joint-specific biomarkers from the venous drainage of the lower limb may improve in the interpretation of acute and chronic degenerative knee and ankle joint disease (SORE)

**REC ref: FMHS 170-1122**

**Name of Researcher**:

**Name of Participant:**

**Please initial box**

1. I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet version number …………dated...................................... for the above study and I confirm that the study

procedures and information have been explained to me. I have had the opportunity to

consider the information, ask questions, and I am satisfied with the answers and

explanations provided.

1. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason. I understand that should I withdraw then the information collected so far cannot be erased and that this information may still be used in the project analysis.
2. I understand that relevant sections of data collected in the study may be looked at by authorised individuals from the University of Nottingham, the research group and regulatory authorities where it is relevant to my taking part in this study. I give permission for these individuals to have access to these records and to collect, store, analyse and publish information obtained from my participation in this study.
3. I understand that information about me recorded during the study will be made anonymous before it is stored. It will be uploaded into a secure database held in a secure cloud based server. Data will be kept for 7 years after the study has ended and then destroyed.
4. I understand that the tests or procedures are carried out for research only and not for clinical diagnostic purposes. However, if the study investigator should feel it necessary to inform my GP of my participation in the study, or of an adverse event or abnormal test result, I understand I am giving my consent to do so.
5. I have not been a subject in any other research study in the last three months which involved: taking a drug; being paid a disturbance allowance; having an invasive procedure (eg blood sample >50ml) or exposure to ionising radiation.
6. I understand and agree a blood sample will be taken for analysis of markers associated with joint damage
7. I understand that the blood samples are not stored for more than 7 days before being rendered acellular or destroyed (this is a requirement of the Human Tissues Ac
8. I voluntarily agree to take part in the above study.
9. **Optional**: I agree that my anonymous research data will be stored and used to support other research during and after 7 years and shared with other researchers including those working outside the University.
10. **Optional:** I agree to my contact details being stored for the purpose of being invited to participate in future research studies.
11. **Optional:** I agree to my serum samples being retained for use in future ethically-approved studies.

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# Name of Participant Date Signature

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Name of Person taking consent Date Signature

(if different from Principal Investigator)