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Ethical Committee of the University of Science and Technology

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The University of Science and Technology Ethics Committee for Research jointly established by the University of Science and Technology and the University of Science and Technology Medical Centre (USTEC) during the meeting of December 11th 2007, examined the protocol presented by Prof. Pietro Amedeo Modesti (University of Florence, Florence, Italy) and Prof. Husni Al-Goshae (University of Science and Technology Sana'a, Yemen). HYDY project is part of the: EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN ITALY AND YEMEN FOR THE YEARS 2006-09 and is supported by the Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (Direzione Generale per le strategie e lo sviluppo dell'internazionalizzazione della ricerca scientifica e tecnologica).

All the Components examined the study protocol and the documents presented by researchers. The Committee recognizes the importance of the study which is aimed at obtaining reliable epidemiological data on the prevalence and incidence of hypertension and diabetes in Yemeni population and their impact on cardiovascular diseases. In addition the Committee recognizes the reasons why approval for non-written consent is requested and the alternative method proposed.

Therefore after careful examination of all documents provided, the protocol of the HYDY Study:

HYpertension and Diabetes in Yemen (HYDY). A community-based cohort study (First National Survey and Implementation of a longitudinal cohort for primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases in Yemen Republic).

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is approved without change.

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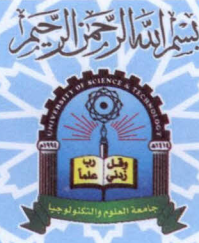
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