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**Human Research Ethics Committee**

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Dear Dr Ng,

**Re: Predictors for Successful Non-operative  
Management of Adhesive Small Bowel  
Obstruction**

(Our ref: 1358)

Thank you for forwarding the above study for review by the St John of God Health Care (SJGHC) Human Research Ethics Committee ("the Committee").

I am pleased to advise that the Committee has granted ethical approval of your study as satisfying the ethical requirements under the National Health and Medical Research Council's *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (NHMRC, 2007) ("the National Statement"). This ethical approval is inclusive of the documents included in your submission letter dated 6 March 2018 and your request for a waiver of consent under Section 2.3.10 of the National Statement.

The HREC approval period is from 14 March 2018 to 14 March 2019. Should an extension of this timeframe be required, you must seek continued approval from the Committee before the expiry of this time period.

In accordance with NHMRC guidelines, the Participating Site/ Principal Investigator is responsible for:

1. Notification to the HREC of any adverse events or unexpected outcomes that may affect the continuing ethical acceptability of the study;
2. The submission of any proposed amendments to the study or previously-approved documents;
3. The submission of an annual progress report for the duration of the study which is due on the anniversary of HREC approval;
4. Reporting of any protocol deviations or violations, together with details of the procedure(s) put in place to ensure the deviation or violation does not recur;
5. Notification and reason for ceasing the study prior to its expected date of completion (if applicable);
6. The submission of a final report and translation of results (including publications) upon completion of the study.

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You are reminded that this letter constitutes ethical approval only. You must not commence this research at SJGHC until separate authorisation in writing has been obtained.

Final approval for this study to be conducted at Midland is subject to receipt of a signed Participating Site Operational Approval Form. Once this has been received by the SJGHC Ethics Office, you will be advised of final study approval in writing.

I wish you well with your research.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Dimmitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clinical Professor Dr Simon Dimmitt  
**Chairman**  
**St John of God Health Care Human Research Ethics Committee**

cc. Robyn Lewis, SJG Midland Hospital (via email)