



APPROVAL OF RESEARCH  
CONTINUING REVIEW

December 19, 2014

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Dear Dr. Sharara,

On December 19, 2014, the IRB reviewed the following protocol:

Type of Review:	Continuing, Expedited
Project Title:	Screening colonoscopy: clinical risk factors for colon polyps and colorectal cancer in the Lebanese population
Investigator:	Alaa Sharara
IRB ID:	IM.AS1.14
Documents reviewed:	The Continuing review form received October 7, 2014

The IRB reviewed the Continuing Review and granted you approval to the study; for a period **ending December 20, 2015** inclusive.

Before **October 20, 2015** or within 30 days of study close, whichever is earlier, you are to submit a completed "FORM: Continuing Review Progress Report" and required attachments to request continuing approval or study closure.

If continuing review approval is not granted before the expiration date of **December 20, 2015** approval of this research expires on that date.

**This renewal is granted to complete Data analysis only. No further subject recruitment is allowed prior to IRB notification and approval.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the IRB if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

*The American University of Beirut and its Institutional Review Board, under the Institution's Federal Wide Assurance with OHRP, comply with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Code of Federal Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects ("The Common Rule") 45CFR46, subparts A, B, C, and D, with 21CFR56; and operate in a manner consistent with the Belmont report, FDA guidance, Good Clinical Practices under the ICH guidelines, and applicable national/local regulations.*

Sincerely,

Cc: Fuad Ziyadeh, MD, FACP, FRCP  
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