

<b>From :</b>	Dubai Scientific Research Ethics Committee (DSREC), Dubai Health Authority	<b>Date :</b>	26 APR 2020
<b>To :</b>	Dr. Habiba Alsafar, Associate professor and Director of Biotechnology center Khalifa University	<b>Ref :</b>	DSREC-04/2020_09
<b>Study Site</b>	Emirates of Dubai		

**Subject:** Approval for the proposal: **"Characterization of factors that contribute to the pathogenesis of SARS-CoV-2 infection in the UAE"**

**Short title:** **"COVID-19 in the UAE"**

Dear Dr. Habiba Alsafar,

Thank you for submitting the above mentioned proposal to Dubai Scientific Research Ethics Committee, DHA. The Dubai Scientific Research Ethics Committee has been organized and operates in accordance with the ICH/GCP guidelines and the committee is registered with the Office for Human Research Protection (OHRP).

Given the global pandemic situation and the pattern of spread of the disease in the UAE, the committee has expedited the review of the mentioned proposal.

The request was discussed during an expedited review meeting held on 19 APR 2020. Upon review and discussion few queries were sent for your response.

The response received (on 24 APR 2020) was reviewed during an expedited review meeting held on 26 APR 2020. Since the response received is satisfactory, we are glad to inform you that the committee has granted an ethical approval for the above mentioned request and following documents:

No.	Documents/Information
1	DHA Application form for Ethical Approval of research study-Amendment received on 24 Apr 2020
2	Response to committee's queries along with Appendix 1_Received on 24 Apr 2020
3	Study Proposal
4	COVID-19 Patient information sheet –ENG and ARB
5	COVID19 assent form-ENG and ARB
6	COVID19 consent -ENG and ARB



7	<p>List of Co-Investigator and study team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Bassam Mahboub, Sharjah University</li><li>• Dr. Abdulmajeed Alkhajeh, Dubai Health Authority</li><li>• Dr. Rifat Hamoudi, Sharjah University</li><li>• Dr. Andreas Henschel, Khalifa University</li><li>• Dr. Abdulrahim Sajini, Khalifa University</li><li>• Dr. Ahmed Yousef, Khalifa University</li><li>• Dr. Farah Mustafa, UAE University</li><li>• Dr. Tahir A. Rizvi, UAE University</li><li>• Dr. Bassam Ali, UAE University</li><li>• Mr Hussein Kannout</li><li>• Ms Khayce Jume</li><li>• Fathimathuz Zehra Waasia</li></ul>
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Any changes made to the above-mentioned proposal or any other information provided to the committee, it must be notified to the committee before implementation.

The DSREC approval validity for the study expires on **26 APR 2021** and continuing approval of the research will be subject to the principal investigator submitting an annual report. If you wish to continue, please submit an application for renewal together with the Annual Study site progress report no later than 30 days prior to the expiry date.

The DSREC wishes you every success for the mentioned study

Yours Faithfully,



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