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| From: | Dubai Scientific Research Ethics Committee (DSREC), Dubai Health Authority | Date : | 04 FEB 2021 |
| To : | Ms. Helen King, Senior Vice President: Nursing & Quality, Corporate Quality & Nursing, NMC Corporate Office- Abu Dhabi | Ref : | DSREC-09/2020_32 |
| Study Site | All NCM hospitals and Clinics under DHA | | |

Subject: Approval for the proposal: **"Risk profiling of the occupational exposure of COVID-19 to healthcare workers- A multicentric retrospective study"**

Dear Ms. Helen King,

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).

The request was initially discussed during a meeting held on **24 SEP 2020**. Upon review and discussion, committee sent some recommendation for your response and action.

The response to the recommendation received was discussed during a meeting held on **04 FEB 2021**. We are glad to inform you that the committee has provided an approval for your study and below mentioned documents:

| No. | Documents |
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| 1 | DHA Application form for Ethical Approval of Research study |
| 2 | Study Proposal along with the survey tool |
| 3 | Participant informed consent form-Final version received on 02 Feb 2021 |
| 4 | Resume and GCP Certificate of Principal Investigator _ Ms. Helen King |
| 5 | Resume and GCP certificate of Co-Investigators: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Dr Prashant Nasa, Specialist Critical care Medicine, Critical Care, NMC Speciality hospital Al-Nahda, Dubai, UAE✚ Dr Surjya Upadhyay, HOD Anesthesiology and Medical Director NMC Blue -DIP, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP- Dubai, UAE✚ Dr. Aanchal Singh, General Practitioner, Critical Care, NMC Speciality hospital Al-Nahda, Dubai, UAE✚ Mr. Alden Canlas, Senior Executive : Nursing & Quality, Corporate Office - Al Ain Tower- Abu Dhabi |



Dr Payal Modi, Specialist Microbiology, NMC Royal Hospital, DIP- Dubai, UAE

Please note that it is DSREC's policy that the principal investigator should report to the committee of the following:

1. Anything which might warrant review of ethical approval of the project in the specified format, including:
 - any serious or unexpected adverse events and
 - unforeseen events that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project
2. Any proposed changes to the research protocol, study team or to the conduct of research
3. Any new information that may affect adversely the safety of the subjects
4. If the project is discontinued before the expected date of completion (reason to be specified)
5. Annual report to the DSREC about the progress of the study
6. A final report of the finding on completion of the study

The DSREC approval validity for the study expires on **04 FEB 2022** 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 following Committee members were present at the meeting and voted for its approval.

| Designation | Role in Committee |
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| Consultant Neurologist, DHA | Chairperson |
| Head of Section & Consultant, Pathology & Genetics Department, DHA | Vice-chairperson |
| Consultant Family Medicine, DHA | Member |
| Consultant Hematologist | Member |
| Consultant, DHA-HQ | Member |
| Nursing Director, DHA | Member |
| Associate Professor, Public Health and Epidemiology | Member |
| Head Of Healthcare Fund Office-DHA | Member |

The DSREC wishes you every success for the mentioned study

Yours Faithfully,

Dr. Suhail Abdulla Mohd Alrukn
Chairman
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Dubai Health Authority

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