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Dr Richard John Lessells (12434) KRISP Howard College

Dear Dr Lessells,

Protocol reference number: BREC/00001510/2020 Project title: Spatial and genomic monitoring of COVID-19 cases in South Africa Non-Degree Purposes

We wish to advise you that your application for amendments received on 07 December 2020 requesting approval to urgently conduct laboratory experiments for the above study has been **noted and approved** by a subcommittee of the Biomedical Research Ethics Committee. Your response to BREC letter dated 09 December 2020 has been noted by BREC.

This approval will be noted at the next BREC meeting to be held on 09 February 2021.

Yours sincerely

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