



# Fiji National Health Research and Ethics Review Committee

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

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**Project Title: "Does mass Drug Administration for Scabies Result in Control of Serious Bacterial Complications? A Proof of Concept towards Global Elimination".**

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Dear Andrew,

This is to inform you that the Fiji National Health Research Ethics Review Committee (FNHRERC) has granted scientific, technical and ethical **approval** to your amendment application submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, on "Does mass Drug Administration for Scabies Result in Control of Serious Bacterial Complications? A Proof of Concept towards Global Elimination".

As the Principle Investigator, it is **your responsibility to ensure that all the people associated with this particular project area aware of the conditions of this approval and copy of the final report is also submitted to the Ministry of Health and Medical Services at the conclusion of your project for our records.**

**The following conditions apply to your approval. Failure to abide by these conditions may result in suspension or discontinuation of approval and/or disciplinary action.**

1. **Variation to the project:** Any subsequent variations or modifications you may wish to make to your project must be notified formally to the Chair, FNHRERC for further considerations and approval. If the Chair considers that the proposed changes are significant, you may be required to submit a new application for approval of the revised project.
2. **Incidence or adverse events:** Researchers must report immediately to the Chair FNHRERC anything which may affect the ethical acceptance of the protocol including adverse effects on subjects or unforeseen events that may affect continued ethical acceptability of the project. Failure to do so may result in suspension or cancellation of approval.
3. **Monitoring:** Projects are subject to monitoring at any time by the Committee.
4. **Annual/Final Report:** You must submit a progress report at 6 months of your study and an annual/final report at the end of the year or at the conclusion of the project if it continues for less than or more than a year. Also you are to present the evidence back to the participating institutions.

Please quote the FNHRERC number and the name of the project in any future correspondence.

If you have any further queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat on telephone: (679) 3306177 ext. 340170 or email: [anjana.deo@govnet.gov.fj](mailto:anjana.deo@govnet.gov.fj).

We wish you all the best in your study.



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