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RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

30/12/2024

To: ELVIS TAMALE

Mbarara University of Science and Technology
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Type: Initial Review

Re: LACOR-2024-362: ASSESSING THE CAPACITY OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO HANDLE NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES IN A REFUGEE SETTLEMENT IN UGANDA

I am pleased to inform you that at the **68/12/2024** convened meeting on **23/12/2024**, the Lacor Hospital Institutional REC meeting voted to approve the above referenced application.

Approval of the research is for the period of **30/12/2024** to **30/12/2025**.

As Principal Investigator of the research, you are responsible for fulfilling the following requirements of approval:

1. All co-investigators must be kept informed of the status of the research.
2. Changes, amendments, and addenda to the protocol or the consent form must be submitted to the REC for review and approval **prior** to the activation of the changes.
3. Reports of unanticipated problems involving risks to participants or any new information which could change the risk benefit: ratio must be submitted to the REC.
4. Only approved consent forms are to be used in the enrollment of participants. All consent forms signed by participants and/or witnesses should be retained on file. The REC may conduct audits of all study records, and consent documentation may be part of such audits.
5. Continuing review application must be submitted to the REC **eight weeks** prior to the expiration date of **30/12/2025** in order to continue the study beyond the approved period. Failure to submit a continuing review application in a timely fashion may result in suspension or termination of the study.
6. The REC application number assigned to the research should be cited in any correspondence with the REC of record.
7. You are required to register the research protocol with the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST) for final clearance to undertake the study in Uganda.

The following is the list of all documents approved in this application by Lacor Hospital Institutional REC:

No.	Document Title	Language	Version Number	Version Date
1	Informed Consent forms	English	1	2025-02-01
2	Data collection tools	English	1	2024-11-13
3	Protocol	English	1	2024-11-13

Yours Sincerely



Emmanuel Ochola
For: Lacor Hospital Institutional REC