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This is to certify that the following protocol with related documents have been reviewed and is hereby granted **EXEMPTION FROM REVIEW** by the St. Paul University Philippines Research Ethics Committee (SPUP REC) for implementation.

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| Principal Investigator | <<PRINCIPAL\_INVESTIGATOR>> |
| Adviser | <<ADVISER>> |

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**Responsibilities of the Principal Investigator while the study is ongoing:**

1. To protect the rights and welfare of their subjects, adhere to SPUP REC policies, and conduct their research in accordance with the ethical principles of Justice, Beneficence, and Respect for Persons, as well as applicable local regulations, including the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173).
2. Continue to comply with the exemption criteria as stated in the National Ethical Guidelines for Health and Health-Related Research 2022.
3. Submit all major/substantial modifications for review as a new protocol submission and wait for reissuance of certificate of exemption prior to implementation.
4. Submit a Final Report together with **Form 8A: Final ReportForm** within 1 month after completion of protocol procedures at the study site.

**RITA B. DALIWAG, MST, LPT**

Chairperson, Research Ethics Committee

Date: <<DATE\_TODAY>>