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The Administrator
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Dear Madam/Sir,

PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AT THE BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTRE

I write to request for permission to enable our team of researchers carry out a study on the "Snakebite Incidence, Treatment and Effects in Ghana" from your facility in the North East Region. The study is being conducted by the Global Health and Infectious Diseases Research Group of the Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine (KCCR) located in KNUST, Kumasi.

The aim of the study is to assess the presentation, clinical management and outcome of snakebite in the region. In our previous effort to collect this data at your facility, we only had access to those who were administered anti-snake venom (ASV) treatment. We however require the data of all patients who presented to the facility on account of a snakebite event irrespective of whether they were administer ASV or not.

This study has secured ethical approval from the Ghana Health Service Ethical Review Committee (GHS-ERC: 010/03/20) and will provide critical data required to assess true burden of snakebite, inform policy decision and contribute to the improvement of diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. John H. Amuasi Principal Investigator