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This certifies that this protocol does not involve human participants or with no or minimal risk to human participants. Hence, this is an exemption for research ethics review. The study may proceed with implementation.

Compliance on the standard conditions attached here is required. Any change in the protocol invalidates the certificate and will require a new application for review.

Issued this 12th day of January 2025 , at Research Ethics Oversight Committee Office, Western Mindanao State University, Zamboanga City, Philippines.

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