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Review Form of the Application for Ethical Review of Research Proposal

Application No. (To be Assigned by ERC):	
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Instructions for Applicant:

- Complete Sections "A" through "H".
- For each issue, indicate the corresponding page number in the column labeled "Page number of the proposal/protocol." If an issue is not relevant to your research, mark it as 'N/A'.
- Leave the columns labeled "Reviewer Evaluation" blank, as these are for review purposes.
- Submit this Review Form in both MS Word and PDF formats.

Instructions for Reviewer:

- For each issue in Sections "A" through "H", refer to the corresponding page number(s) and provide the evaluation in the columns labeled "Reviewer Evaluation."
- Complete Section "I" for additional comments (if any) and provide your decision.

A	Preliminary Information:	
A.1	Title of the research	
A.2	Requested review type	Expedite/ Regular

B	Social Value:					
	Issue	Page Number/s in Proposal/protocol	Reviewer Evaluation			Comments
			Acceptable			
			Yes	No	N/A	
B.1	Benefits of the study to the community/ society					
B.2	Scientific importance of the study					
B.3	Plan for dissemination of study findings					



C Scientific Validity:						
	Issue	Page Number/s in Proposal/protocol	Reviewer Evaluation			
			Acceptable			Comments
			Yes	No	N/A	
C.1	Research problem					
C.2	Research questions/ hypothesis					
C.3	Objectives					
C.4	Study setting					
C.5	Study design and interventions					
C.6	Study population (giving inclusion exclusion criteria)					
C.7	Sample size					
C.8	Sampling method					
C.9	Measurements / variables					
C.10	Study instruments					
C.11	Procedures to ensure quality of data					
C.12	Plan for analysis					
C.13	Ethical considerations					
C.14	Budget (if relevant)					
C.15	Work plan and time frame					

D Risk and Benefit Assessment:						
	Issue	Page Number/s in Proposal/protocol	Reviewer Evaluation			
			Acceptable			Comments
			Yes	No	N/A	
D.1	Potential risks to the participants/ society					
D.2	Potential benefits to the participants/ society					
D.3	Potential risks to the environment					
D.4	Potential benefits to the environment					
D.5	Justification for risks against benefits					
D.6	Preventive measures to minimize risks					
D.7	Remedial measures provided to participants					
D.8	Periodic monitoring and reporting to the ERC (if applicable)					

E						
Participants Rights and Consent:						
	Issue	Page Number/s in Proposal/protocol	Reviewer Evaluation			
			Acceptable			Comments
			Yes	No	N/A	
E.1	Procedure for recruiting the participants					
E.2	Information provided to the participants					
E.3	Procedure for obtaining informed consent					
E.4	Procedure for obtaining proxy consent					
E.5	Procedure for obtaining assent					
E.6	Procedure for withdrawing consent					
E.7	Incentives provided to participants					
E.8	Procedure for participants to ask questions / register complaints					
E.9	Participants right to decline consent without losing entitled benefits					

F						
Confidentiality and Privacy:						
	Issue	Page Number/s in Proposal/protocol	Reviewer Evaluation			
			Acceptable			Comments
			Yes	No	N/A	
F.1	Steps to ensure confidentiality of data					
F.2	Justification for collecting personal identification data					
F.3	Steps taken to ensure privacy during data collection					
F.4	How long data and samples will be kept with investigators					
F.5	Who will have access to the data					
F.6	Procedure for storage of data and samples					
F.7	Reporting and dissemination of data					
F.8	Procedure for disposal of data/samples					

G Fair participant selection and vulnerability:						
	Issue	Page Number/s in Proposal/protocol	Reviewer Evaluation			Comments
			Acceptable			
			Yes	No	N/A	
G.1	Justification for selection of study population					
G.2	Justification for conducting the study in a vulnerable population					

H Responsibilities of the Researcher:						
	Issue	Page Number/s in Proposal/protocol	Reviewer Evaluation			Comments
			Acceptable			
			Yes	No	N/A	
H.1	Ethical, legal, financial issues related to the study					
H.2	Any conflicts of interest and how the researcher plans to manage them					
H.3	Permissions from relevant institutions / authorities					

I Additional Comments and Decision of the Reviewer:			
I.1	Additional Comments (if any):		
I.2	Decision	Approved	
		Conditional Approval (Please mention the conditions below)	
		Resubmit	
		Reject	

Name of the Reviewer	
Signature	
Date	