

31 July 2014

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Dear Dr THAN

Re:	<b>HDEC ref:</b>	<b>14/NTB/107</b>
	Study title:	Improving Care Processes for Patients with Possible Acute Coronary Syndrome

Thank you for submitting your application for HDEC review on 30 July 2014. The Secretariat has assessed the information provided in your application and supporting documents against the Standard Operating Procedures.

This application has not been validated, as on the basis of the information you have submitted, it does not appear to be within the scope of HDEC review. This scope is described in section three of the *Standard Operating Procedures for Health and Disability Ethics Committees*.

An audit or related activity requires HDEC review only if it involves the use, collection or storage of human tissue without consent, other than in accordance with a statutory exception (set out at section 20(f) of the [Human Tissue Act 2008](#) and Right 7(10)(c) of the [Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights 1996](#)).

From the information provided you are reviewing retrospective information to assess the rollout of a new standard of care, which is occurring as standard practice.

The proposed work falls under programme evaluation, which is a type of audit where a whole programme is evaluated, rather than specific interventions, or an evaluation study which aims to determine the relevance, effectiveness and impact of activities in the light of their objectives. Several types of evaluation are distinguished, including evaluation of the structure, process and outcome of an activity.

If you consider that our decision not to validate this application is in error please contact us as soon as possible giving reasons for this.

This letter does not constitute ethical approval or endorsement for the activity described in your application, but may be used as evidence that HDEC review is not required for it.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nic Aagaard', written in a cursive style.

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Encl: appendix A: documents submitted

**Appendix A**  
**Documents submitted**

<i>Document</i>	<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>
CV for CI	10.13	01 October 2013
Protocol: Protocol ICARE-ACS v1.0 dated 140728	1.0	28 July 2014
CVs for other Investigators	-	28 July 2014
Evidence of scientific review: 19293	-	05 May 2014
Evidence of scientific review: 26752	-	05 May 2014
Evidence of scientific review: 28408	-	05 May 2014
Evidence of scientific review: 33866	-	05 May 2014
Application		