AUCKLAND HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (AHREC)

16/09/2021

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Pacific Health

Re: Application for Ethics Approval (Our Ref. AH22873): Approved with Comment

The Committee considered the application for ethics approval for your study entitled "**Pasifika intervention to increase uptake of urate lowering medication for gout**". We are pleased to inform you that ethics approval has been granted with the following comment(s) or required minor changes:

1. Please include the AHREC approval wording at the end of the email invitation to workshop attendees: "Approved by the Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee on [date] for three years. Reference number [xxxx]".

The expiry date for this approval is **16/09/2024**.

The current restriction of contact in person with participants due to the COVID-19 lockdown may make the proposed methodology impractical. The Committee would like to remind researchers that they should check guidance updates and submit an amendment request if any changes need to be made to an approved ethics application to enable you to continue with your study.The Committee would like to remind researchers that they should frequently check guidance updates, at the following sites:

https://covid19.govt.nz/

https://www.staff.auckland.ac.nz/en/research-gateway/research-support-gateway/manage-ethics-and-regulatory-obligations/human-ethics-approvals.html

Research continuity:

https://www.staff.auckland.ac.nz/en/human-resources/staff-support-services/covid-19-coronavirus-outbreak/researcher-support-and-information.html

If you have any questions about research continuity, not answered by the pages linked above, please contact your Faculty/Institute Research Service Team representative, your Faculty/Institute Business Continuity Lead, or mail researchcontinuity@auckland.ac.nz.

Research storage:

https://www.staff.auckland.ac.nz/en/news-events-and-notices/news/news-2020/covid-19/drop-in-virtual-help.html

If researchers are not members of the University of Auckland, please contact the research office at your DHB for advice.

Final report: In order that up-to-date records are maintained, you must notify the Committee once your project is completed and submit a final report.

Amendments to the approved project: Should you need to make any changes to the approved project, please follow the steps below:

- Send a request to the AHREC Administrators to unlock the application form (using the Notification tab in the Ethics RM form).
- Make all changes to the relevant sections of the application form and attach revised documents (as appropriate).
- Change the Application Type to "Amendment request" in Section L.
- Add a summary of the changes requested in the text box.
- Submit the amendment request (PI/Supervisors only to submit the form).

If the project changes significantly, you are required to submit a new application.

Funded projects: If you received funding for this project, please provide this approval letter to your local Faculty Research Project Coordinator (RPC) or Research Project Manager (RPM) so that the approval can be notified via a Service Request to the Research Operations Centre (ROC) for activation of the grant.

The Chair and the members of AHREC would be happy to discuss general matters relating to ethics approvals. If you wish to do so, please contact the AHREC Ethics Administrators at ahrec@auckland.ac.nz in the first instance.

Additional information:

- Do not forget to fill in the 'approval wording' on the PISs, CFs and/or advertisements, using the date of this approval and the reference number, before you use the documents or send them out to your participants.

All communications with the AHREC regarding this application should indicate this reference number: **AH22873**.

AHREC Administrators