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Dear Professor Bamini Gopinath,

Reference No: 520221126237803

Title: 11262 Hearing Impairment in Adults: a Longitudinal Outcomes Study (HALOS)

Thank you for submitting the above application for ethical and scientific review. Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee HREC EXEC Medical Sciences Committee considered your application.

I am pleased to advise that ethical and scientific approval has been granted for this project to be conducted by Professor Bamini Gopinath and other personnel: Dr Yvonne Tran, Dr Diana Tang, Professor Catherine McMahon, Professor Greg Leigh Mrs Jessica Turner, Ms Shermin Lim, Mr Mohammad Nure Alam.

Approval Date: 12/05/2022

This research meets the requirements set out in the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (2007, updated July 2018) (the *National Statement*).

Standard Conditions of Approval:

- 1. Continuing compliance with the requirements of the *National Statement*, which is available at the following website: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/book/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research
- 2. This approval is valid for five (5) years, subject to the submission of annual reports. Please submit your reports on the anniversary of the approval for this protocol.
- 3. All significant safety issues, that adversely affect the safety of participants or materially impact on the continued ethical and scientific acceptability of the project, must be reported to the HREC within 72 hours.
- 4. Proposed changes to the protocol and associated documents must be submitted to the Committee for approval before implementation.

It is the responsibility of the Chief investigator to retain a copy of all documentation related to this project and to forward a copy of this approval letter to all personnel listed on the project.

Should you have any queries regarding your project, please contact the Ethics Secretariat on 9850 4194 or by email ethics.secretariat@mq.edu.au

The HREC EXEC Medical Sciences Committee Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures are available from the Research Office website at: https://www.mq.edu.au/research/ethics-integrity-and-policies/ethics/human-ethics

The HREC EXEC Medical Sciences Committee wishes you every success in your research.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Anthony Eyers

Chair, HREC EXEC Medical Sciences Committee

This HREC is constituted and operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC)National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007, updated July 2018) and the CPMP/ICH Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice