



Our Ref: RESETHICS/05

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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO RESUME RESEARCH USING MY CURRENT LABORATORY INFRASTRUCTURE

Reference is made to your letter dated 29th June 2021 in connection with the above subject.

The Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST) Act (Cap 209), Section 4 (d) mandates it to "act as a clearing house for information on research and experimental development taking place in scientific institutions, centres and other enterprises and on the potential applications of their results; and to work in close co-operation with and co-ordinate all scientific and technological activities of persons, institutions, sectors and organization".

In view of the above, you are therefore, requested to register your research as stipulated in the National Guidelines for Research involving Humans as Research Participants, edition 2014. You will be required to first submit your research protocol to a Research Ethics Committee (REC) whose primary function is to conduct initial and continuing review and approval of research projects, with the aim of protecting rights and welfare of human research participants. The list of accredited RECs in Uganda can be accessed at <https://www.uncst.go.ug/research-ethics-committee-accreditation/>. Once approval is obtained from the REC, then final registration can be done at the UNCST using the online research registration system at <https://research.uncst.go.ug/>.

The minimum requirements for submission of a research protocol to a REC are stipulated in Section 4.8 of the National Guidelines. An additional requirement with regard to clinical Trials is for you to obtain a certificate from the National Drug Authority (NDA) prior to review of the research protocol by a REC and registration with UNCST.

UNCST will be available to provide more information and guidance about the research regulatory procedures. For any further assistance or clarification, please do not hesitate to send us an email at info@uncst.go.ug or contact us on telephone: 0414 705 508.

We look forward to continued collaboration in advancing research and development in Uganda.

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- c.c. The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister
- c.c. The Hon. Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation
- c.c. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health
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