



28 April 2014

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Dear Dr Fraser,

RE: *Retinal vascular complications in obstructive sleep apnea patients*

Thank you for submitting the above application for ethical and scientific review. Your application was first considered by the Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC (Medical Sciences)) at its meeting on 27 February 2014 at which further information was requested to be reviewed by the HREC (Medical Sciences) Executive.

The requested information was received with correspondence on 18 March, 15 and 22 April 2014.

I am pleased to advise that ethical and scientific approval has been granted for this project to be conducted at:

- Macquarie University

This research meets the requirements set out in the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (2007 – Updated March 2014) (the *National Statement*).

Details of this approval are as follows:

Reference No: 5201400103

Approval Date: 28 April 2014

This letter constitutes ethical and scientific approval only. This project cannot proceed until separate research governance authorisation has been obtained from the Institution. Please contact the Research Governance Manager on 9850 4446 for further information.

The following documentation has been reviewed and approved by the HREC (Medical Sciences):

Document	Version	Date
National Ethics Application Form	2.1	2013
Correspondence from Dr Golzan responding to the HREC's request for clarifications		18/03/2014, 15/04/2014, 22/04/2014
Research Protocol " <i>Retinal vascular complications in obstructive sleep apnea patients</i> "	2	15/04/2014

Macquarie University Participant Information and Consent Form " <i>Retinal vascular complications in obstructive sleep apnea patients</i> "	2	15/04/2014
Project Information Flyer " <i>Research Study- Retinal Vessels in Sleep Apnea</i> "	2	22/04/2014

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 of this protocol.
3. All adverse events, including events which might affect the continued ethical and scientific acceptability of the project, must be reported to the HREC within 72 hours.
4. Proposed changes to the protocol must be submitted to the Committee for approval before implementation.
5. 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 (Medical Sciences) Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures are available from the Research Office website at:

http://www.research.mq.edu.au/for/researchers/how_to_obtain_ethics_approval/human_research_ethics

The HREC (Medical Sciences) wishes you every success in your research.

Yours sincerely



Professor Tony Eyers

Chair, Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee (Medical Sciences)

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) and the *CPMP/ICH Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice*.