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MELBOURNE HEALTH HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE

ETHICAL APPROVAL

Associate Professor Dominique Cadilhac
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28 October 2016

Dear Associate Professor Dominique Cadilhac,

HREC Reference Number: HREC/16/MH/273

Melbourne Health Site Reference Number: 2016.254

Project Title: Reducing disability from stroke by improving access to best practice stroke care in Victoria – The STELAR Project

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I am pleased to advise that the above project has **received ethical approval** from the Melbourne Health Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). The HREC confirms that your proposal meets the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). This HREC is organised and operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHRMC) National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007), and all subsequent updates, and in accordance with the Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice (CPMP/ICH/135/95), the Health Privacy Principles described in the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) and Section 95A of the Privacy Act 1988 (and subsequent Guidelines).

HREC Approval Date: 25 October 2016

Ethical approval for this project applies at the following sites:

Site
Albury Wadonga Health
Austin Health
Ballarat Health Services
Bendigo Health
Box Hill Hospital
Echuca Regional Health
Frankston Hospital
Goulburn Valley Health
Latrobe Regional Hospital

Maroondah Hospital
Mildura Base Hospital
Northern Hospital
Royal Melbourne Hospital
Swan Hill District Health
Warrnambool Base Hospital.

Approved Documents:

The following documents have been reviewed and approved:

Document	Version	Date
STELAR Project Protocol	1.0	12 October 2016

Governance Authorisation:

Governance Authorisation is required at each site participating in the study before the research project can commence at that site.

You are required to provide a copy of this HREC approval letter to the principal investigator for each site covered by this ethics approval for inclusion in the site specific assessment application.

Conditions of Ethics Approval:

- You are required to submit to the HREC:
  - An Annual Progress Report (that covers all sites listed on approval) for the duration of the project. This report is due on the anniversary of HREC approval. Continuation of ethics approval is contingent on submission of an annual report, due within one month of the approval anniversary. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in suspension of the project by the HREC.
  - A comprehensive Final Report upon completion of the project.
- Submit to the reviewing HREC for approval any proposed amendments to the project including any proposed changes to the Protocol, Participant Information and Consent Form/s and the Investigator Brochure.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of any adverse events that have a material impact on the conduct of the research in accordance with the NHMRC Position Statement: *Monitoring and reporting of safety for clinical trials involving therapeutic products May 2009*.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of your inability to continue as Coordinating Principal Investigator.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of the failure to commence the study within 12 months of the HREC approval date or if a decision is taken to end the study at any of the sites prior to the expected date of completion.
- Notify the reviewing HREC of any matters which may impact the conduct of the project.

If your project involves radiation, you are legally obliged to conduct your research in accordance with the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency Code of Practice 'Exposure of Humans to Ionizing Radiation for Research Purposes' Radiation Protection series Publication No.8 (May 2005)(ARPANSA Code).

Please note: Template forms for reporting Amendments, Adverse events, Annual/Final reports, etc. can be accessed from: https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/clinical-trials-and-research/clinical-trial-research/how-to-make-an-hrec-application-for-clinical-trials.

Waiver of consent wording, if applicable:
[Request for a Waiver of the Requirement for Consent- The request for a waiver of the requirement of consent is approved.]

If applicable, for sites in NSW only-NCAT approval wording:
[NSW sites]-As your trial anticipates recruiting participants in NSW who may be incapable of providing valid consent to participate for themselves, [we / the HREC] suggest that you make yourself aware of the provisions of the *Guardianship Act* 1987 (NSW). Prior to commencing your trial in NSW, you may need to make an application to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) for approval for your trial to proceed as well as to provide direction on the appropriate consent mechanism. Please note that the Act contains serious penalties for conducting clinical trial research on non-competent participants without proper authorisation.

The HREC may conduct an audit of the project at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Jessica Turner
Manager - Human Research Ethics Committee