

08 November 2021

Prof Matlagolo Mosa Moshabela (27896)  
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Dear Prof Moshabela and Dr George

Protocol reference number: BREC/00003505/2021

Project title: University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) students' and staff perspectives, preferences, and drivers of hesitancy regarding the COVID-19 vaccine: A multi-methods study

Non-Degree Purposes

**EXPEDITED APPLICATION: APPROVAL LETTER**

A sub-committee of the Biomedical Research Ethics Committee has considered and noted your application.

The conditions have been met and the study is given full ethics approval and may begin as from 08 November 2021. Please ensure that any outstanding site permissions are obtained and forwarded to BREC for approval before commencing research at a site.

This approval is subject to national and UKZN lockdown regulations, see ([http://research.ukzn.ac.za/Libraries/BREC/BREC\\_Amended\\_Lockdown\\_Level\\_1\\_Guidelines.sflb.ashx](http://research.ukzn.ac.za/Libraries/BREC/BREC_Amended_Lockdown_Level_1_Guidelines.sflb.ashx)). Based on feedback from some sites, we urge Pls to show sensitivity and exercise appropriate consideration at sites where personnel and service users appear stressed or overloaded.

This approval is valid for one year from 08 November 2021. To ensure uninterrupted approval of this study beyond the approval expiry date, an application for recertification must be submitted to BREC on the appropriate BREC form 2-3 months before the expiry date.

Any amendments to this study, unless urgently required to ensure safety of participants, must be approved by BREC prior to implementation.

Your acceptance of this approval denotes your compliance with South African National Research Ethics Guidelines (2015), South African National Good Clinical Practice Guidelines (2020) (if applicable) and with UKZN BREC ethics requirements as contained in the UKZN BREC Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures, all available at <http://research.ukzn.ac.za/Research-Ethics/Biomedical-Research-Ethics.aspx>.

BREC is registered with the South African National Health Research Ethics Council (REC-290408-009). BREC has US Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) Federal-wide Assurance (FWA 678).

The sub-committee's decision will be noted by a full Committee at its next meeting taking place on 14 December 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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