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15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

Dr Imukusi Mutanekelwa  
Roan Antelope General Hospital  
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Dear Dr. Mutanekelwa,

**RE: ETHICAL APPROVAL OF STUDY PROTOCOL**

Reference is made to the protocol entitled "**Surgical site infections comparing two field versus three field antiseptic skin preparation for abdominal surgery: A multicentre prospective cohort study**" **NHRTREC/217/10/25** which was submitted for ethics review.

On behalf of the Chairperson of the NHRTI Research Ethics Committee (REC), I wish to inform you that the Committee considered your application and reviewed the protocol.

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee noted that the protocol is well-organized and meets the required ethical and scientific standards. Therefore, ethical approval was granted based on the following conditions:

- Ensure that all informed consent procedures are conducted as approved.
- You are required to submit progress reports twice a year. Note that the Committee shall not provide renewal of ethical approval without progress reports.
- Submit your protocol to the National Health Research Authority (NHRA) for final approval following the link: <https://www.nhra.org.zm>.

This approval is valid for the period from **15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 to 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2026**

The Committee wishes you success in the execution of the study.

Yours faithfully,

**National Health Research and Training Institute**



Edna Mwale Simbayi  
**SECRETARY – NHRTI Ethics Review Committee**

