



NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH AUTHORITY

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The Principal Investigator,
Dr. Imukusi Mutanekelwa,
Roan Antelope General Hospital LUANSHYA,

Dear Dr. Imukusi Mutanekelwa,

Re: Request for Authority to Conduct Research

The National Health Research Authority Is in Receipt of Your Request for Authority to Conduct Research Titled “**Surgical site infections comparing two field versus three field antiseptic skin preparation for abdominal surgery: A multicentre prospective cohort study**”

I wish to inform you that following submission of your request to the Authority, our review of the same and in view of the ethical clearance, this study has been **approved** on condition that:

1. The relevant Provincial and District Medical Officers where the study is being conducted are fully appraised.
2. Progress updates are provided to NHRA bi-annually from the date of commencement of the study.
3. The final study report is cleared by the NHRA before any publication or dissemination within or outside the country.
4. After clearance for publication or dissemination by the NHRA, the final study report is shared with all relevant Provincial and District Directors of Health where the study was being conducted, University leadership, and all key respondents.

Yours sincerely,

National Health Research Authority

Prof Victor Chalwe,
Director and Chief Executive Officer