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Study Title: Persistence of Ebola Virus in body fluids of Ebola virus disease survivors in Sierra Leone.

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The Sierra Leone Ethics and Scientific Review Committee (SLESRC) having conducted an expedited review of the above study protocol and determined that it presents minimal risk to subjects, hereby grants ethical and scientific approval for the study to be conducted in Sierra Leone. The approval is valid for the period, 20th April, 2015 – 19th April, 2016. It is your responsibility to obtain re-approval for any on-going research prior to its expiration date. The request for re-approval must be supported by a progress report.

Review Comments:

- **Amendments:** Intended changes to the approved protocol such as the informed consent documents, study design, recruitment of participants and key study personnel, must be submitted for approval by the SLESRC prior to implementation.
- **Termination of the study:** When study procedures and data analyses are fully complete, please inform the SLESRC that you are terminating the study and submit a brief report covering the protocol activities. Individual identifying information should be destroyed unless there is sufficient justification to retain, approved by the SLESRC. All findings should be based on de-identified aggregate data and all published results in aggregate or group form.


Professor Hector G. Morgan
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