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**Institutional Review Board of the University of Hong Kong/
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Prof. YL Kwong
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29-Aug-14



Dear Prof. Kwong,

IRB Reference Number: **UW 11-400**

The HKU/HA HKW IRB is authorized by a joint agreement of the University of Hong Kong and Hospital Authority Hong Kong West Cluster to review and monitor clinical research. It serves to ensure that research complies with the Declaration of Helsinki and acts in accordance to ICH GCP guidelines, local regulations and Hospital Authority and the University policies.

In accordance with our standard operating procedures, we have duly performed ethics and scientific review of your application/submission. We hereby write to inform you that your application/submission has been approved by an expedited process with details shown below.

Protocol title : A multi-center international hospital-based case-control study of lymphoma in Asia (AsiaLymph)
Study site(s) : Queen Mary Hospital
IRB reviewer : Dr. Brian Lang, Deputy Chairman of the HKU/HA HKW IRB
Document(s) approved : 01. Protocol Amendment Application Form dated 7 August 2014
: 02. Supplementary Document - Extension of AsiaLymph to include cases with myeloid neoplasms
Regular Progress Report(s) Required : Every 12 months from the date of initial approval and during the the period of the study

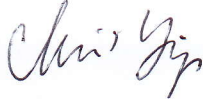
You, being the principal investigator of the study at your study site, are reminded to comply with our requirements and to maintain communication with us during the period of the study by undertaking the principal investigator's responsibilities including (but not limited to):

- if the study is an industry-sponsored clinical study, submitting to us a copy of the fully executed indemnity agreement satisfying the Hospital Authority's requirement prior to commencement of the study (if it has not been submitted yet);
- observing and complying with all applicable requirements under our standard operating procedure ("HKU/HA HKW IRB SOP"), the Declaration of Helsinki and the ICH GCP (if applicable)
- submitting regular progress report(s) at the required intervals (as specified above) in accordance with the requirements in the IRB SOP;
- not implementing any amendment/change to any approved study document/material without our written approval, except where necessary to eliminate any immediate hazard to the subjects or if an amendment/change is only of an administrative or logistical nature;
- notifying us of any new information that may adversely affect the rights, safety or well-being of the subjects or the proper conduct of the study;
- reporting any deviation from the study protocol or compliance incident that has occurred during the study and may adversely affect the rights, safety or well-being of any subject in accordance with the requirements in the IRB SOP;
- submitting safety reports on all SAEs observed at your study site or SUSARs reported from outside your study site in accordance with the requirements in the IRB SOP; and
- submitting a final report in accordance with the requirements in the IRB SOP upon completion or termination of the study at your study site.

In addition to the above, you are also reminded to observe and comply with other applicable regulatory and management requirements including (but not limited to):

- if required by Hong Kong laws or regulations, obtaining a certificate for clinical trial through the Hong Kong Department of Health and complying with the associated requirements; and
- obtaining the necessary consent from the management of your institution/department in accordance with the requirements of your institution/department; and
- obtaining prior approval before commencing the study from the appropriate head(s) of the study site (e.g. Head / COS / Nurse Manager / Department Manager etc) with regards to the use of facilities and subject recruitment logistics/arrangement.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Chris Yip
HKU/HA HKW IRB Secretary