

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (REC) OF  
NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE HELD ON MARCH 02, 2015, AT AJK  
MEDICAL COLLEGE, MUZAFFARABAD**

A meeting of the Research Ethics Committee of the National Bioethics Committee (NBC) was held on 02 March 2015 at PMRC AJK Medical College, Muzaffarabad. Professor Dr. Aasim Ahmad, Chaired the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review the status of the projects awaiting review.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Aasim Ahmad, Chief Nephrologist, the Kidney Centre, Karachi (Chairman)
2. Dr Huma Qureshi, Executive Director, PMRC, Member / Secretary NBC
3. Prof. Dr Munir A Saleemi, Member,
4. Dr Mahjabeen Khan, Member

The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments:

1. Dr Farah Qadar
2. Dr Asmatullah

After the recitation of Holy Quran, Dr Aasim Ahmad, Chairman REC, welcomed the participants of the meeting. He said that almost all projects received in 2014 have been reviewed and approval letters have been issued except 05 projects. He urged the members that review of these 05 pending projects need to be expedited. Dr Aasim however, categorically mentioned that very few members review the projects and send their comments timely. He urged all members to actively take part in the review process and send their comments on regular basis so that the

Dr Huma Qureshi apprized the REC members on the status of the pending projects requiring ethical review. He informed the Chair that out of a total 30 projects received in 2014, a total of 07 projects await review. Each of the 07 projects was then discussed and decisions taken as mentioned against each:

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>Project reference Number and Title</b>	<b>Type of Review</b>	<b>Decisions</b>
1.	NBC-166: Addressing barriers young women encounter in schools during menstruation	Expedited Review	Dr Saleemi and Dr Mahjabeen will send their comments in a week's time
2.	NBC-167: Financial and Social Feasibility of Active TB case finding Intervention	Routine Review	
3.	NBC-168: Establishment of Cancer Registry in Islamabad and major cities of Pakistan	Routine Review	
4.	NBC-171: An analysis of reproductive genetic technology and assisted reproduction with a focus on ethical, social, religious and legal challenges in Pakistan	Routine Review	
5.	NBC-172: Comprehensive Assessment of Sindh (CAS) Study	Expedited Review	

	through a multi-sectoral cross-sectional survey to assess health, nutrition, WASH, food security and livelihood (FSL) situation in seven district of Sindh, i.e. Tharparkar, Umerkot, Badin, Sanghar, Thatta, Jamshoro and Jacobabad.		
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Meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the Chair

Prof. Dr Aasim Ahmad  
Chairman  
Research Ethics Committee of  
National Bioethics Committee