

## Minutes of the REC meeting held on 07-03-2023

The Research Ethics Committee (REC) zoom meeting was held on March 7, 2023. The following members of REC attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Dr. Saima Pervaiz Iqbal	Chairperson
2. Prof. Dr. Munir Saleemi	Member
3. Prof. Dr. Jamshed Akhtar	Member
4. Prof. Dr. Marie Andrades	Member
5. Prof. Dr. Saqib Mehmood	Member
6. Prof. Dr. Nazli Hossain	Member
7. Prof. Dr. Amjad Mehboob	Member
8. Mrs. Sualeha Siddiqui Shekhani	Member
9. Dr. Faiz Bashir	National Coordinator (NBC-R)
10. Mr. Waryal Ali Daheri	L.D.C (NBC-R-Secretariat)

The following projects reviewed / discussed:

### NBC-922:

Title: Occupational Participation and Quality of Life among Persons with Paraplegic Spinal Cord Injury in Pakistan.

Principal Investigator: Faizan Jameel Khanzada (Occupational therapist)  
House No: 3/964, Shah Faisal Colony No: 3 Karachi Pakistan..

### Final REC Comments:

1. The study site mentions Civil Hospital Karachi and other sites. Please specify which are these sites and attach their IRB approvals.
2. According to the Gant chart the study has already been conducted in March 2022.
3. Is the tool validated for the Pakistani population?
4. The study mentions physical assessment to be done on participants. How will the researcher achieve this?

### NBC-923:

Title: Country Case Studies Towards WHO Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) Summit -A case study of Pakistan.

Principal Investigator: Dr Lumaan Sheikh  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Obgyn),  
Aga Khan University Hospital  
Karachi.

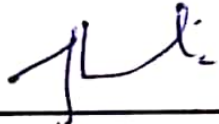
### Final REC Comments:

1. How have the sites been chosen? Do they adequately represent Pakistan? Only Sindh consent is attached so our concern for representation.
2. Was the PI and Co-PI involved in the project under study?
3. We would like to see the complete budget.
4. Are patients not included in the study as stakeholders?
5. Will the results be shared with a govt. body or Ministry of Health?

**Next meeting:**

The next zoom meeting will be held at 03:00 pm on March 14, 2023. The following projects will be reviewed:

1. NBC-924
2. NBC-926
3. NBC-927



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**Chairperson REC**





## Minutes of the REC meeting held on 21-03-2023

The Research Ethics Committee (REC) zoom meeting was held on March 21, 2023. The following members of REC attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Dr. Saima Pervaiz Iqbal	Chairperson
2. Prof. Dr. Munir Saleemi	Member
3. Prof. Dr. Jamshed Akhtar	Member
4. Prof. Dr. Amjad Mehboob	Member
5. Dr. Farkhanda Ghafoor	Member
6. Dr. Faiz Bashir	National Coordinator (NBC-R)
7. Mr. Waryal Ali Daheri	L.D.C (NBC-R-Secretariat)

The following projects reviewed / discussed:

### NBC-928:

Title: Diagnostic accuracy of lung ultrasonography in under-five children with pneumonia in resource-poor settings- a feasibility study.

**Principal Investigator:** Prof. Wasim Akhtar Mirza  
Associate Professor  
Department of Radiology, Aga Khan University,  
Karachi, Pakistan.

### Final REC Comments:

1. Why has Makli been chosen as a site whereas this study can be carried out anywhere within and around the parent institution? Pneumonia is a common illness and this pilot study can be carried out anywhere.
2. The ethical approval from other collaborators and its institutions is missing. We could not find ERC approval from AKUH.
3. What is the sustainability of the intervention? Will it be translated to providing some service to the community?
4. What is the role of the PI? Are any pediatricians on board this study? What about stakeholders from the govt. programs like IMCI?
5. A technician will be trained to carry out the LUS. Who is responsible for training the technician? Is this training certified?

### NBC-929:

Title: A mHealth intervention (mTB-Tobacco) for smoking cessation in people with tuberculosis: a two-stage adaptive design, randomized trial (Quit4TB).

**Principal Investigator:** Prof. Dr. Kamran Siddiqi  
(Overall lead, UK) University of Edinburgh UK,  
Ark Foundation, Bangladesh.

**Dr. Amina Khan (Pakistan lead)**  
The Initiative, Bani Gala, Islamabad, Pakistan.

### Final REC Comments:

1. There is no country specific protocol and it wasted the time of the reviewers when no essential information was provided.

**NBC-931:**

**Title: Viral surveillance and pathogen discovery' in Pakistan, Abbott Pandemic Defense Coalition Site in Pakistan.**

**Principal Investigator: Dr. Erum Khan**  
Section of Microbiology, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine,  
Aga Khan University, **Karachi.**

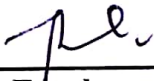
**Final REC Comments:**

1. We would like to know more about the Abbot Coalition. Is it linked with any government Organization of Pakistan? How will the country benefit? Who are the other stakeholders?

**Next meeting:**

The next zoom meeting will be held at 02:00 pm on April 4, 2023. The following projects will be reviewed:

1. NBC-932
2. NBC-934
3. COVID-136



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**Chairperson REC**