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Dear Prof. Al Janahi,

This letter is in reference to the HMC's submission of the clinical trial titled "A Phase 2, Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of lulizumab pegol/BMS-931699 vs. Placebo on a Background of Limited Standard of Care in the Treatment of Subjects with Active Systemic Lupus Erythematosus". We acknowledge receipt of your submission dated May 31, 2016.

The study is sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb Research and Development.

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Upon review of the submitted documents, the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) supports the conduct of this clinical trial. This support is conditioned by governing the following responsibilities:

▪ **It is HMC-Medical Research Center to:**

1. Govern the MoPH-HMC assurance's terms of function.
2. Provide sufficient staff to support the IRB's review, recordkeeping, and trial monitoring.

▪ **It is HMC-IRB's responsibility to:**

1. Protect the safety and wellbeing of research participants.
2. Protect the privacy and confidentiality of participants.
3. Provide one to one training to involved research staff.
4. Ensure that informed consents are in place.
5. Conduct periodic reviews throughout the trial's duration.
6. Conduct continuous monitoring during the conduct of the trials
7. Report all unanticipated problems including adverse events to the MoPH and Bristol-Myers Squibb Research and Development.
8. Keep IRB meeting minutes, trial recordkeeping, etc. for inspection purposes.
9. Monitor the work conducted by the Independent Data Monitoring Committee.

▪ **It is the Independent Data Monitoring Committee's responsibility to:**

1. Periodically review and evaluate the accumulated study data for participant safety, study conduct and progress, and, when appropriate, efficacy.
2. Make recommendations concerning the continuation, modification, or termination of the trial.
3. Ensure that the timeliness, completeness, and accuracy of the data submitted to them for review are sufficient for evaluation of the safety and welfare of study participants.
4. Report adverse events to the IRB, Bristol-Myers Squibb Research and Development, and MoPH.

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▪ It is the HMC's Principal Investigator (PI), Dr. Samar Al Emadi's responsibility, to ensure that this Clinical Trial is conducted in compliance with MoPH regulations and the principles of International Conference of Harmonization (ICH) - Good Clinical Practice (GCP).

It is the PI's responsibility to:

1. Protect the safety and wellbeing of participants.
2. Obtain informed consent from subjects or their legally authorized representative prior to initiation of research procedures.
3. Report all unanticipated problems, including adverse event(s) in accordance with the HMC-IRB's policy on reporting unanticipated problems including adverse events.
4. Conduct the research in accordance with the trial's protocols and the principles of research ethics.
5. Submit the protocol's amendments (e.g., protocol, recruitment materials, consent form, status of the study, etc.) to HMC-IRB for review and approval prior to initiation of the change(s), except where necessary to eliminate hazards to the subject(s). Changes made to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to subjects must be reported to the HMC-IRB as unanticipated problem.
6. Record and maintain all drug logistic.
7. Inform all investigators and study staff listed on the project of changes and unanticipated problems, including adverse events, involving risks to subjects or others.

For any enquiries, please contact the Research Department via: irb@moph.gov.qa

Sincerely yours,

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