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Re: Sickle Cell Disease (SDC) Collaborative Consortium (SPARCO) in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)

Health Research Ethics Committee (HREC) assigned number: NHREC/01/01/2007

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Date when final determination of research was made: 24-11-2021

Notice of Continuing Review and Approval

This is to inform you that the research described in the submitted protocol the consent forms, advertisements and other participant information materials have been reviewed and given *expedited committee approval by the National Health Research Ethics Committee for the study to continue for another one year.*

The approval for this study is from 24/11/2021 to 23/11/2022. If there is delay in starting the research, please inform the HREC so that the dates of approval can be adjusted accordingly. Note that no participant accrual or activity related to this research may be conducted outside of these dates. *All informed consent forms used in this study must carry the HREC assigned number and duration of HREC approval of the study.* In multiyear research, endeavour to submit your annual report to the HREC early in order to obtain renewal of your approval and avoid disruption of your research.

The National Code for Health Research Ethics requires you to comply with all institutional guidelines, rules and regulations and with the tenets of the Code including ensuring that all adverse events are reported promptly to the HREC. No changes are permitted in the research without prior approval by the HREC except in circumstances outlined in the Code. The HREC reserves the right to conduct compliance visit to your research site without previous notification.

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