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Dear Charlie,

UTS HREC ETH17-1350 – Professor Charlie Benrimoj, Professor Kylie Williams, Dr Victoria Garcia Cardenas (for Ms Sarah Dineen-Griffin, PhD student) – “A model of collaborative primary health care: Integrating consumer self-care, community pharmacy and general practice in the management of minor ailments and usage of non-prescription medications (Second Phase: Pilot and Cluster-Randomised Controlled Trial)”

Thank you for your response to the Committee's comments for the above-titled project. Your response satisfactorily addresses the concerns and questions raised by the Committee who agreed that the application now meets the requirements of the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). I am pleased to inform you that ethics approval is now granted.

Your approval number is UTS HREC REF NO. ETH17-1350
Approval will be for a period of five (5) years from the date of this correspondence subject to the provision of annual reports.

Please note that the ethical conduct of research is an on-going process. The *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans* requires us to obtain a report about the progress of the research, and in particular about any changes to the research which may have ethical implications. This report form must be completed at least annually, and at the end of the project (if it takes more than a year). The Ethics Secretariat will contact you when it is time to complete your first report.

I also refer you to the AVCC guidelines relating to the storage of data, which require that data be kept for a minimum of 5 years after publication of research. However, in NSW, longer retention requirements are required for research on human subjects with potential long-term effects, research with long-term environmental effects, or research considered of national or international significance, importance, or controversy. If the data from this research project falls into one of these categories, contact University Records for advice on long-term retention.

If you have any queries about your ethics clearance, or require any amendments to your research in the future, please do not hesitate to contact the Ethics Secretariat at the Research and Innovation Office, on 02 9514 9772.

Yours sincerely,



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