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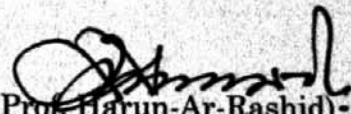
## Ethical Review Committee

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### Subject: Ethical Clearance

With reference to your application on the above subject, this is to inform you that your Research Proposal entitled "A Placebo-Controlled, Randomized, Double Blind Phase-III Clinical Trial to Assess the Efficacy of Selenium Dietary Supplements in Countering Signs of Arsenic Toxicity in the Context of the Bangladesh Arsenic Crisis" has been reviewed and approved by the Ethical Review Committee of Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC).

You are requested to please note the following ethical guidelines as mentioned at page 2 (overleaf) of this memo.

  
(Prof. Harun-Ar-Rashid)-  
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Director

**THE ETHICAL GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED  
BY THE PRINCIPAL/ CO-INVESTIGATORS**

- The rights and welfare of individual volunteers are adequately protected.
- The methods to secure informed consent are fully appropriate and adequately safeguard the rights of the subjects (in the case of minors, consent is obtained from parents or guardians).
- The Investigator(s) assume the responsibility of notifying the Ethical Review Committee if there is any change in the methodology of the protocol involving a risk to the individual volunteers.
- To immediately report to the Ethical Review Committee if any evidence of unexpected or adverse reaction is noted in the subjects under study.
- This approval is subject to P.I.'s reading and accepting the BMRC ethical principles and guidelines currently in operation.