12th FERCAP
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Development, Ethnicity, Culture and Ethical Health Research

PROGRAMME BOOK

November 18 to 21, 2012
Waters Edge,
Colombo, Sri Lanka
12th FERCAP International Conference
Development, Ethnicity, Culture and Ethical Health Research

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Waters Edge Convention Center, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific

Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review

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Sri Lanka Medical Association

University of Colombo

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Linking 108 Institutions in the Asia Pacific Region
Introduction

Asia is known for the ethnic and cultural diversity of its populations and its diverse socio-economic environment. Such diversity is manifested in the variety of health research conducted in Asian research institutes and organizations that conduct traditional medicine, genetic, social science as well as modern, innovative biomedical research to meet the health needs of its population. Such environment requires recognition for mutual respect of persons, communities, and societies in the conduct of ethical health research. There is a need for culturally appropriate methodologies and approaches in the conduct of various types of protocols. Innovative techniques, new research methodologies together with traditional approaches from different cultures present greater challenges to ethics review committees that are mandated to provide safety nets to protect human participants in research. Geneticists, social scientists, epidemiologists, and public health experts continue to develop relevant tools and skills to address such diversities.

The 12th Annual FERCAP International Conference will provide a forum for various stakeholders to discuss state of the art practices within the framework of ethics in medicine and research. The goal is to inform various stakeholders such as ethics committee members, regulators, and researchers about good practices that address ethical challenges related to ethnic and cultural diversity. The conference will provide opportunities for dialogue among individuals and networks of ethically motivated, adequately informed, and responsible stakeholders who regularly communicate and interact with one another to assure the public about the protection of the rights and safety of human participants in the conduct of research.

Through plenary sessions and panel presentations, group discussions, and reports, the full range of partnership and alliance issues and best practices towards sustainability will be explored.

Objectives

- To describe good research ethics practices that promote development within the context of diversity in the Asia-Pacific region
- To describe research methodologies that are scientific and culturally relevant
- To identify gaps, facilitators, and barriers to ethical research practices
- To suggest options and future directions of national ethical research systems to maintain the highest ethical standards in health research
- To develop relevant models of good ethical review systems in the Asia Pacific region

Conference Participants

The conference participants come from the various sectors and disciplines involved in health research, mainly from Asia and the Western Pacific region. International representatives from international health authorities, ECs/IRBs, researchers, research participants, academic institutions, and the pharmaceutical industry will share their ideas and actual experiences to elucidate the conference theme.

Conference Outcome

The conference will contribute to better awareness, knowledge, and practice of culturally appropriate concepts and practices in the conduct of evidence-based research.
Welcome to the 12th FERCAP International Conference which we are holding here in Colombo, Sri Lanka. I am very happy to see all of you spend a nice time in Sri Lanka, one of the countries with a long tradition of history and culture. Colombo, Sri Lanka is a very appropriate place for our conference theme this year which is “Development, Ethnicity, Culture and Ethical Health Research”.

I hope that all of you as family members of FERCAP will enjoy discussing and exchanging ideas about how ethnicity and culture affect the conduct of research, and how new product development, can be done in a socially acceptable manner.

I would like to thank the Sri Lanka Medical Association, the University of Colombo and the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka for hosting the conference in Sri Lanka.

To our special guests, speakers and participants, thank you for being here. I really appreciate your presence.

Kenji Hiriyama
Chairman, Steering Committee, Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific
Message on Behalf of the Sri Lankan Hosts

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Sri Lanka Medical Association, the University of Colombo, and the National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka to welcome all the resource persons, delegates and invitees to the 12th International Conference of the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific.

The conference is being held in Sri Lanka at a very important time for Sri Lanka when the country is looking at rapid economic development through investment in Research and Development. In that background, developing the necessary human resources and infrastructure to conduct research in an ethical manner is very important. This conference will go a long way towards human resources development to build capacity for research ethics review in the country.

The foreign delegates for this conference have come from all corners of the Asia Pacific Region and from other parts of the world. I welcome all of you to Sri Lanka. I hope that you will build friendships with Sri Lankan colleagues, and have the time to visit our beautiful Island before you go back home with fond memories from this conference.

I would like to thank my colleagues from the FERCAP Steering Committee for having awarded this conference to Sri Lanka and for the support that they extended to the Sri Lankan team to organize this conference. On a personal note, ever since I became a member of FERCAP, I have always wanted to host FERCAP in Sri Lanka because of the enormous contribution FERCAP is making to protect human subjects taking part in research by developing capacity for research ethics review in the Asia Pacific Region including in Sri Lanka. This conference therefore has been a personal dream come true.

I wish everyone an enjoyable conference.

Prof. Vajira H. W. Dissanayake

Board Member, Steering Committee, Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific
President, Sri Lanka Medical Association
Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
Member, National Committee on Biotechnology, National Science Foundation
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**National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka**

**Chairperson, National Committee for Ethics in Science and Technology**  
Anoja Fernando  
Chairperson, National Committee on Ethics in Science and Technology
Conference Programme

November 18, 2012

10.00-12.00

Venue: The Golf Lounge, Waters Edge

SIDCER STAKEHOLDER’S MEETING

Welcome Remarks from SIDCER Chair Vichai Chokevivat

Welcome Remarks from FERCAP Chair Kenji Hirayama

SIDCER 2012 Progress Report  Juntra Karbwang-Laothavorn

FERCAP 2012 Activities and Challenges  Cristina Torres

PABIN 2012 Activities and Challenges  Abraham Aseffa

Future Collaboration Model for FERCAP and PABIN  Francis Crawley

The Way Forward in Developing Guidelines for Review of Social Research

Vichai Chokevivat, Meeting Chair
Francis Crawley, Meeting Rapporteur
Arthur Navarro, Meeting Assistant Rapporteur

Participants: Magdarina Agtini (Indonesia), Abraham Aseffa (Ethiopia), Chien-Jen Chen (Taiwan), Sottiporn Chittmitraprap (Thailand), Francis Crawley (Belgium), Vichai Chokevivat (Thailand), Vajira H. W. Dissanayake (Sri Lanka), Kenji Hirayama (Japan), Juntra Karbwang-Laothavorn (Thailand), Young-Mo Koo (South Korea), Greg Koski (USA), Sarath Samarage (WHO, Sri Lanka), Vasantha Muthuswamy (India), Kesara Na-Bangchang (Thailand), Arthur Navarro (Philippines), Marita Reyes (Philippines), Cristina Torres (Philippines), Hejian Zou (China).

13.00-15.00

Venue: Eagle Room, Waters Edge

PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING
APPLICATION OF THE GCP FRAMEWORK IN CASE ANALYSIS
For registered delegates

18.00-21.00

Venue: The Golf Lounge, Waters Edge

FERCAP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
For FERCAP Steering Committee Members and invitees
November 19, 2012

08:30-09:30

Venue: Grand Ball Room, Waters Edge

OPENING CEREMONY

Arrival of Guests

National Anthem of Sri Lanka

Traditional Lighting of the Oil Lamp

Welcome Remarks
Kenji Hirayama, Chairperson, FERCAP
Rohan Jayasekara, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
Kshanika Hirimburegama, Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo
Vajira H. W. Dissanayake, President, Sri Lanka Medical Association

Address by the Chief Guest
Anoja Fernando
President, Asian Bioethics Association
Chairperson, Ethics Review Committee, Sri Lanka Medical Association
Founder Chairperson, Forum for Ethics Review Committees in Sri Lanka
Chairperson, National Committee on Ethics in Science and Technology, Sri Lanka
Emeritus Professor of Pharmacology, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka

Introduction of Delegates

09:30-11:00

Venue: Grand Ball Room, Waters Edge

PLENARY SESSION 1

CONDUCTING ETHICAL HEALTH RESEARCH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES

Chairpersons:
Malik Fernando, Forum for Ethics Review Committees in Sri Lanka
Kenji Hirayama, FERCAP Chairperson

Ethical Research and Diseases of Poverty
Hemantha Senanayake, University of Colombo representing the World Health Organization Tropical Disease Research Programme (WHO-TDR)

Ethical Issues in Translational Research and Clinical Investigation
Greg Koski, Harvard University, Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Research Advisory Committee Chair
International Programs for Capacity Building in Clinical Trials
Leslie Ball, U.S. Food and Drug Authority

What’s Culture Got to Do with Biomedical Research?
Robert Simpson, Durham University, UK; BHESA Project Co-Principal Investigator

11:00-11:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:30
Venue: Grand Ball Room, Waters Edge

PLENARY SESSION 2

CULTURE, TRADITION, AND ETHICS IN RESEARCH

Chairpersons:
Young Mo Koo, Asan Medical Center, Korea, FERCAP Vice-Chair
Vasantha Muthuswamy, Forum for Ethical Review Committees in India

Contextual Lessons from Surgical Archaeology?
Arjuna Aluwihare, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

Ethics and Thai Buddhist Traditional Medicine
Vichai Chokevivat, Institute for Human Research Protection, Thailand

Confucianism and Ethics in Research
Chih-Cheng Chien, Sijih Cathay General Hospital, Taiwan

Relevance of Ayurvedic Traditions in Ethics in Modern Research
Subhas Dutta, J B Roy State Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital, India

Addressing Multi-Cultural Concerns through Community Research Boards
Phaik Yeong Cheah et al, Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit

13:30-14:15

LUNCH BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING
PARALLEL SESSION 1.A

ETHICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN GENETIC RESEARCH

Chairpersons:
Hemantha Senanayake, University of Colombo
Chien-Jen Chen, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Genomic Research: Sharing Data within Large-Scale Research Consortia and with the Wider Scientific Community
Susan Bull and Michael Parker, University of Oxford; Jantina de Vries, University of Capetown; and the MalariaGEN Consortium

Ethical Use of Stored Samples of “Ethnic Minorities”
Roli Mathur, Indian Council for Medical Research, India

Implications of Clinical Trials Related to Transplanting Restored Kidneys in Japan
Miyako Takagi, University Research Center, Nihon University, Japan

Role of Pharmacogenetics in the development of Herbal Medicine
Kenji Hiriyama, Department of Immunogenetics, Institute of Tropical Medicine (NEKKEN), Nagasaki University, Japan

PARALLEL SESSION 1.B

UNDERSTANDING VARIOUS APPROACHES IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE RESEARCH

Chairpersons:
Juntra Karbwang Laothavorn, Nagasaki University, Japan
Vathsala Jayasuriya, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka

The Syndrome Method in Traditional Chinese Medicine Research
Xiuqin Wang, Jiangsu Provincial Hospital, China

Thai Traditional Approaches in Medical Research
Somboon Kietinum, Thammasat University, Thailand

Reviewing Traditional Medicine Research in Sri Lanka
Chandanie Wanigatunge et al., University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka

Case Studies: Reviewing Traditional Medicine Protocols
Sopit Thamaree, National Research Council of Thailand

15:45-16:00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK
PARALLEL SESSION 2.A

ADDRESSING VULNERABILITY IN RESEARCH

Chairpersons:
Enoka Corea, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Subhash Chandra Yadav, Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, India

A Study on the Effect of Health Education on Hypertension in a Poor Urban Community
Patricia Agunod Cheng et al, Philippine Heart Center

Perceptions of School Teachers on Ethical Issues Related to Research on Adolescent Risk Behaviour in a Rural Setup in Sri Lanka
Suranga Dolamulla et al, Provincial Director of Health Office, Hambantota, Sri Lanka

Ensuring Full Disclosure in the Informed Consent Form for Cancer Patients in Oncology Clinical Trials
Sangeeta Desai, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, India

Conducting Comprehensive Review of the Informed Consent Process
Mingjie Zi and Jinbai Zhong, Xiyuan Hospital Ethics Committee, Beijing, China

Tailoring the Consent Process to the Research Context: Should Ethics Committees Look Beyond Consent Form?
Susan Bull, University of Oxford, UK

PARALLEL SESSION 2.B

USE OF IT FOR BETTER ETHICS PROGRAMS

Chairpersons:
Magdarina Agtini, National Institute for Health Research and Development, Indonesia
Chandanie Wanigatunge, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka

Educating Stakeholders through Global Health Trials Website
Susan Bull, Oxford University, UK

Improving Performance through eIRB Systems
Jong Woo Chung, Asan Medical Center, Korea

The Research for Health and Innovation Organiser (RHInnO) Platform
Boitumelo Mokgatla-Moipolai, COHRED

18:00 onwards

Venue: Lobby/Terrace, Waters Edge

WELCOME COCKTAILS AND SRI LANKAN CULTURAL SHOW
November 20, 2012

08:30-10:00

Venue: Grand Ball Room, Waters Edge

PLENARY SESSION 3

DEVELOPING REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, MODELS FOR ETHICAL HEALTH RESEARCH

Chairpersons:
Heijian Zou, Shanghai Huashan Hospital, China
Marita Reyes, Philippine Health Research Ethics Board

Avoiding Ethical Scandals: Improving Compliance with Indian Guidelines
Vasantha Muthuswamy, Forum for Ethical Review Committees in India

Improving the Environment for Clinical Trials in Sri Lanka
Asita De Silva, National Steering Committee for Clinical Trials in Sri Lanka

State Food and Drug Regulations of Ethics Committees Review of Clinical Trials in China
Jinhong Hu et al., Changhai Hospital Ethics Committee, Shanghai, China

Utilization of Clinical Trial Registry for Better Health Research
Manu Wimalachandra et al., University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

10:00-10:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12:00

Venue: Grand Ball Room, Waters Edge

PLENARY SESSION 4

PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY AND QUALITY STANDARDS FOR ETHICAL RESEARCH

Chairperson:
Vicente Belizario, University of the Philippines Manila
Im hee Shin, Daegu Catholic University, Korea

Strengthening National Drug Regulations through Ethics Committee Accreditation
Marita Reyes, Philippine Health Research Ethics Board

Research Councils and Ethics Committee Accreditation
Sottiporn Chittmitraprap, National Research Council of Thailand

Comparing IRB Performance through National Accreditation
Shui Ming-Neng, Department of Health, Taiwan
Promoting Good Review Practices in Africa
Abraham Aseffa, Pan African Bioethics Initiative

12:00-13:00

LUNCH BREAK

13:00-14:30

Venue: Grand Ball Room, Waters Edge

PARALLEL SESSION 3.A

Improving Performance of Research Ethics Committees

Chairpersons:
Anoja Fernando, SLMA, Forum for Ethics Review Committees in Sri Lanka
Aphornpirom Ketupanya, Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Thailand

Capacity Building of Physicians in Training: Factors Associated with Risk Determination in Ethics Review
Patricia Khu et al., University of the Philippines, Manila

Monitoring Compliance with Ethical Guidelines by a Research Ethics Committee
Savitree Teanchai, Institute for Human Research Protection, Bangkok, Thailand

Retrospective Analysis of Outcomes/Decisions Related to Revision of Proposals Submitted to an Institutional Review Board
Sunil Kuyare et al., Seth G. S. Medical College & K.E.M. Hospital Ethics Committee, Mumbai, India

Administrative Issues of Ethics Committees in the Asian Region based on the SIDCER Recognition Survey Reports
Lisa Hamadian, Roche, Australia

Venue: Eagle Room, Waters Edge

PARALLEL SESSION 3.B

Round Table Discussion: Developing FERCAP Guidelines for Review of Social Science Research

Chairpersons:
Francis Crawley, GCP Alliance, Belgium
Maithree Wickramasinghe, Ethics Review Committee, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Focal Persons:
Cristina Torres, FERCAP
Susan Bull, Global Health Trials
Miyako Takagi, Nihon University, Japan

Participants: Ethics Committee Chairs and Interested Parties

14.30-15.00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK
15:00-17:00

Venue: Grand Ball Room, Waters Edge

PLENARY SESSION 5

COLLABORATION, ETHICS AND RESEARCH CULTURE

In Collaboration with the Biomedical and Health Experimentation in South Asia (BHESA) Project

Biomedical and Health Experimentation in South Asia: critical perspectives on collaboration, governance and competition is a research collaboration between the Universities of Edinburgh (UK), Durham (UK), and Colombo (Sri Lanka), Social Science Baha (Nepal), and the Anusandhan Trust (India). The project is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and The Department for International Development (DfID) research scheme. It is an "arms-length" funding scheme by the United Kingdom government. The collaborating teams are:

- University of Edinburgh, UK – Roger Jeffrey, Ian Harper
- Durham University, UK – Robert Simpson, Salla Sariola
- Anushan Trust, India – Amar Jesani, Naha Madhiwala, Anuj Kapilashrami, Deapica Ravindran
- Social Science Baha, Nepal – Rekha Khatri, Jeevan Raj Sharma
- University of Colombo, Sri Lanka – Vajira H. W. Dissanayake, Tharindi Udalagama

The project explored the relationships between experimental scientific enquiries in medicine and public health, the pharmaceutical industry, and developmental programmes, to assess their impact in South Asia. Using case studies of experimental projects in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka such as research collaborations that connect international researchers with local institutions, personnel and populations, the networks were analysed through ethical, socio-anthropological, political and economic frames. The website of the project is http://www.bhesa.org

Chairpersons:
Vajira H. W. Dissanayake, Sri Lanka Medical Association
Roli Mathur, Indian Council for Medical Research

Biomedical and Health Experimentation in South Asia: An Overview of the Project
Roger Jeffery, Co-Principal Investigator, BHESA Project

Situating Evidence in Public Health Interventions: Experiences From India, Nepal and Sri Lanka
Tharindi Udalagama, Rekha Khatri, Deapica Ravindran, Jeevan Raj Sharma, Salla Sariola, Ian Harper and Roger Jeffery

Collaboration or Brokerage? Local Assemblages in Global Clinical and Public Health Research
Anuj Kapilashrami, Rekha Khatri, Robert Simpson, and Deapica Ravindran

Themes and Issues in Bioethics, Regulation, and Governance
Robert Simpson, Rekha Khatri, Tharindi Udalagama, and Deapica Ravindran

17:00

Closing Remarks
Kenji Hirayama, FERCAP Chair
November 21, 2012

FERCAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Attendance Open to FERCAP members and Members of Recognised ECs/IRBs

8:30-9:00

Opening Remarks
Kenji Hirayama, FERCAP Chair

FERCAP Treasurer’s Report
Kesara Na-Bangchang

FERCAP Annual Report/Directions
Cristina E. Torres

9:00-11:00

SIDCER/FERCAP Recognition Ceremony

Members of the following committees to come on stage to receive their recognition plaques

CHINA
1. Shanghai First People’s Hospital Institutional Review Board [Shanghai]
2. Ethics Committee of Xuanwu Hospital of Capital Medical University [Beijing]
3. Institutional Review Board of Affiliated Hospital of Academy of Military Medical Sciences [Beijing]
4. Institutional Ethics Committee of First Affiliated Hospital of Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Tianjin]
5. Ethics Committee of the First Affiliated Hospital, Nanjing Medical University, Jiangsu Province Hospital [Nanjing, Jiangsu] - Renewal
6. Ethics Committee for Scientific Research and Clinical Trial of Medicine, Sichuan Academy of Medical Sciences, Sichuan Province People’s Hospital [Chengdu]
7. Ethics Committee of Hubei Province Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Wuhan]
8. Medical Ethics Committee of Peking University the Sixth Hospital [Beijing]
9. Beijing University of Chinese Medicine Dongzhimen Hospital Ethics Committee [Beijing]
10. Ethics Committee of First Affiliated Hospital of Hunan University of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Changsha]
11. Institutional Review Board of Longhua Hospital Affiliated with Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Shanghai]
12. Institutional Review Board of First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang Chinese Medicine University [Zhejiang]
13. Ethics Committee of Chinese PLA General Hospital [Beijing]
14. Medical Ethics Committee of First Affiliated Hospital of Anhui University of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Hefei]
15. Ethics Committee of Affiliated Hospital, College of Medicine, Zhejiang Univeristy [Hangzhou]

INDIA
1. Institutional Human Ethics Committee, PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research [Coimbatore]
2. Tata Memorial Centre Human Ethics Committee (TMC-HEC) [Mumbai] - Renewal
INDONESIA
1. Ethics Committee of National Institute of Health Research and Development (EC-NIHRD) [Jakarta] - Renewal
2. Ethics Committee of Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia [Jakarta]
3. Medical and Health Ethics Committee, Faculty of Medicine, Gadjah Mada University [Yogyakarta]

PHILIPPINES
1. Philippine Heart Center Institutional Review Board (PHC-IRB) [Quezon City, Metro Manila]
2. The Medical City Institutional Review Board (TMC-IRB) [Pasig City, Metro Manila]
3. St. Luke's Medical Center Institutional Ethics Review Committee [Quezon City, Metro Manila]

SOUTH KOREA
1. Inha University Hospital Institutional Review Board [Incheon] - Renewal
2. Chungnam National University Hospital Institutional Review Board (CNUH-IRB) [Daedeon] - Renewal
4. Seoul National University Hospital (SNUH) Institutional Review Board [Seoul] - Renewal
6. Daegu Haany University Medical Center Institutional Review Board [Daegu]
7. Asan Medical Centre Institutional Review Board [Seoul] - Renewal
8. Dankook University Hospital Institutional Review Board [Cheonan]

SRI LANKA
1. Ethics Review Committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo [Colombo] - Renewal
2. Ethics Review Committee, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura [Nugegoda]

TAIWAN
1. Institutional Review Board on Biomedical Research/IRB-BM Academia Sinica [Taipei] - Renewal
2. Shin Kong Wu Ho-Su Memorial Hospital (SKH) Institutional Review Board [Taipei] - Renewal
3. China Medical University & Hospital Research Ethics Committee [Taichung] - Renewal

THAILAND
1. Royal Thai Army Medical Department Institutional Review Board [Bangkok] - Renewal
2. Joint Research Ethics Committees (JREC) [Bangkok] - Renewal
3. Vajira Institutional Review Board (VIRB), Faculty of Medicine, Vajira Hospital [Bangkok]
4. Siriraj Institutional Review Board (SIRB), Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University [Bangkok] - Renewal
5. Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University Institutional Review Board [Bangkok] - Renewal

11:00

TEA/COFFEE AND CLOSE
11:15-12:45

COUNTRY/AREA MEETINGS: STRENGTHENING THE FERCAP/NAREC NETWORKS

Members of the above mentioned committees (renewal/new) and the following committees to participate

BHUTAN
1. Research Ethics Board of Health (REBH), Ministry of Health (MOH) - Bhutan [Thimphu]

CHINA
1. Shanghai Shanghai Hospital Ethics Committee, Second Military Medical University (SMMU) [Shanghai]
2. Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine Institutional Review Board [Nanjing, Jiangsu]
3. Huashan Hospital Institutional Review Board (HIRB), Fudan University [Shanghai]
4. Southwest Hospital Institutional Review Board [Chongqing]
5. Ethics Committee of Xi Yuan Hospital of China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences [Beijing]
6. Ethics Committee of Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Guangzhou]
7. Beijing Tiantan Hospital Institutional Review Board, Capital Medical University [Beijing]
8. Ethics Committee of the Second Affiliated Hospital of Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Tianjin]
9. Shanghai Cancer Center Institutional Review Board (SCCIRB), Fudan University [Shanghai]
10. Renji Hospital Ethics Committee for Clinical Trial Review [Shanghai]
11. Institutional Review Board of Shuguang Hospital Affiliated to Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Shanghai]
12. Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Center Institutional Review Board [Guangzhou]
13. Institutional Review Board of Shanghai Mental Health Center [Shanghai]
14. Peking University First Hospital National Unit of Clinical Trial Ethics Committee [Beijing]
15. Institutional Review Board of The First Affiliated Hospital of Henan College of Traditional Chinese Medicine [Zhengzhou]
16. Clinical Trial Ethics Committee of Zhong Shan Hospital, Fudan University [Shanghai]

INDIA
1. Institutional Ethics Committee of Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences [Lucknow]

INDONESIA
1. National Institutes of Health Research and Development (NIHRD) Ethics Committee [Jakarta]
2. Komisi Etik Penelitian Kesehatan Fakultas Kedokteran Universitas Hasanuddin (Faculty of Medicine, University Hasanuddin Ethics Committee) [Makassar]

PHILIPPINES
2. Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) Institutional Review Board, Department of Health (DOH) - Philippines [Muntinlupa, Metro Manila]

SOUTH KOREA
1. Chonnam National University Hospital Institutional Review Board [Gwangju]
2. Inje University Busan Paik Hospital (IJUBPH) Institutional Review Board [Busan]
3. Hallym University Sacred Heart Hospital Institutional Review Board [Gyeonggi-do]
4. Daegu Catholic University Medical Center (DCUMC) Institutional Review Board [Daegu]
5. Ajou University Hospital Institutional Review Board [Gyeonggi-do]
6. Keimyung University Dongsan Hospital Institutional Review Board [Daegu]
7. Kyungpook National University Hospital Institutional Review Board [Daegu]
8. Yeungnam University Medical Center Institutional Review Board [Daegu]
9. Kangdong Sacred Heart Hospital Institutional Review Board [Seoul]
10. National Cancer Center Hospital Institutional Review Board [Seoul]
11. CHA Bundang Medical Center Institutional Review Board, CHA University [Gyeonggi-do]
12. Busan Dong-A University Hospital Institutional Review Board [Busan]
13. Anam Hospital Institutional Review Board, Korea University Medical Center [Seoul]
14. Soon Chun Hyang University Bucheon Hospital Institutional Review Board [Gyeonggi-do]
15. Korea University Guro Hospital Institutional Review Board [Seoul]
16. Gachon University Gil Hospital Institutional Review Board [Incheon]

TAIWAN
1. Joint Institutional Review Board (JIRB) [Taipei]
2. Changhua Christian Hospital Institutional Review Board [Changhua]
3. National Taiwan University Hospital Research Ethics Committee (NTUH REC) [Taipei]
4. Chang Gung Memorial Hospital (CGMH) Institutional Review Board [Taoyuan]
5. Taipei Veterans General Hospital (VGHTPE) Institutional Review Board [Taipei]
6. Tri-Service General Hospital Institutional Review Board (TSGHIRB), National Defense Medical Center [Taipei]
7. Chi-Mei Medical Center Institutional Review Board of Human Study Committee [Tainan]
8. National Cheng Kung University Hospital (NCKUH) Human Experiment and Ethics Committee [Tainan]
9. Kaohsiung Medical University, Chung-Ho Memorial Hospital Institutional Review Board [Kaohsiung]
10. Taichung Veterans General Hospital (TCVGH) Institutional Review Board [Taichung]
11. Taipei Medical University Municipal Wanfang Hospital Institutional Review Board [Taipei]
12. Cathay General Hospital Institutional Review Board [Taipei]
15. Mackay Memorial Hospital Institutional Review Board [Taipei]
16. Faculty of Medicine Research Ethics Committee, Chiang Mai University [Chiang Mai]
17. Research Institute for Health Sciences (RIHES) Human Experimentation Committee, Chiang Mai University [Chiang Mai]
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