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4 May, 2015

Dear Dr SUEN,

KWC-REC Reference: KW/EX-15-078(86-14)

Title: Commencement of systemic corticosteroids in emergency department versus in ward in management of acute asthma requiring hospitalization. A retrospective cohort study

The Kowloon West Cluster Research Ethics Committee (KWC-REC) is authorized by the Cluster Chief Executive to review and monitor clinical research. It serves to ensure that research complies with the Declaration of Helsinki, ICH GCP Guidelines, local regulations and HA policy. It has the authority to approve, require modifications in (to secure approval), or disapprove research. This Committee has power to terminate / suspend a research at any time if there is evidence to indicate that the above principles and requirements have been violated.

KWC-REC has approved your research application on 4 May, 2015 by expedited review process, and reached the following decision on the documents submitted as shown below. You are required to adhere to the attached conditions.

Study site(s)	Yan Chai Hospital
Document(s) approved	I. Clinical Research Ethics Review Application Form (revised on 30 March, 2015) II. Research Protocol (revised on 30 March, 2015)
Document(s) reviewed	I. CV of Principal Investigator
Conditions	1. Do not deviate from, or make changes to the study protocol without prior written REC approval, except when it is necessary to eliminate immediate hazards to research subjects or when the change involves only logistical or administrative issues. 2. Apply a clinical trial certificate from Department of Health if indicated. 3. Report the followings to KWC-REC* : (i) study protocol or consent document changes, (ii) serious adverse event, (iii) study progress (iv) new information that may be relevant to a subject's willingness to continue participation in the study. 4. Report first study progress to KWC-REC at 12-monthly intervals until study closure. [*Forms are available from KWC-REC intranet webpage]


Please quote the REC Reference **KW/EX-15-078(86-14)** in all your future correspondence with the KWC-REC, including submission of progress reports and requesting for amendments to the research protocol.

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Yours sincerely,



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