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The Principal Investigator  
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Dear Dr. Liyoka,

**Re: Request for Authority to Conduct Research**

The National Health Research Ethics Board (NHREB) is in receipt of your request for authority to conduct research titled “**Sickle Haemoglobinopathy research in Zimbabwe and Zambia (SHAZ).**”

I wish to inform you that following submission of your request to the Board, its review of the same and in view of the ethical clearance, this study has been **approved** on condition that:

1. **A Material Transfer Agreement is obtained and cleared by the National Health Research Ethics Board should there be any need for samples to be sent outside the country for analysis.**
2. The relevant Provincial and District Medical Officers where the study is being conducted are fully appraised;
3. Progress updates are provided to NHRA quarterly from the date of commencement of the study;
4. The final study report is cleared by the NHRA before any publication or dissemination within or outside the country;
5. After clearance for publication or dissemination by the NHRA, the final study report is shared with all relevant Provincial and District Directors of Health where the study was being conducted, and all key respondents.

Yours sincerely,

For Prof. Patrick Musonda  
Chairperson  
**National Health Research Ethics Board**