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Dear Dr Eggar

Research Protocol: MREC/00/6/30

A study to evaluate the most cost effective way to screen for Chlamydia trachomatis genital tract infection and reduce its prevalence and associated burden of disease.

The South & West MREC reviewed your application on 13 April 2000.

The Committee approved the application subject to the following amendments:

- The committee acknowledged that subjects under 18 years were to be recruited but regarded the study results of 16 - 18 year olds to be of especial value to this age group
- Some of the documentation requires review since there are obvious inconsistencies as between the conduct of trials for male and female subjects, and in enclosure 23 a question 3b appears to be omitted

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- The committee is concerned about the possibility of damaging consequences resulting from the initial test and wishes the first information sheet to include the fullest possible exposure of the consequences of a positive test in order that for whatever reason a potential subject may elect not to participate
- The suggestion that the subject cannot be substituted borders on inducement and it would be more accurate for an explanation to be incorporated to the effect that a substitute *from the same household* is not possible
- Reference to the payment of travelling expenses is required
- Greater emphasis should be placed on the option of interviews being conducted outside the home

The Committee has delegated authority to the Chairman to approve these amendments once they have been received. Subject to the Chairman's approval a formal approval letter will then be issued. Please note that responses should be submitted in a form which is easily photocopied. Staples should not be used.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R B Behenna". The letters are cursive and connected.

Barrie Behenna Chairman South and West Multicentre Research Ethics Committee