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NHG DSRB Ref: **2023/00561**

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Dr Yew Kuo Chao
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Dear Dr Yew

NHG DOMAIN SPECIFIC REVIEW BOARD (DSRB) APPROVAL OF EXEMPTION

STUDY TITLE: Exploring the Asian Perspective: An Anonymous Questionnaire Study on the 2023 Multi-Society Delphi Consensus-Supported Fatty Liver Disease Nomenclature

The NHG Domain Specific Review Board has determined that the application as titled above qualifies for exemption according to its policies because of the following reason(s):

1. Your declaration that the research involves survey without identifiers.

The NHG DSRB reference number for this study is **2023/00561**. Please use this reference number for all future correspondence.

The documents reviewed are:

- a) NHG DSRB Application Form: **Version No. 1**
- b) Proposed email blast for participation in survey: Version 1 dated 17 October 2023
- c) Participant Information Sheet: Version Final dated 17 October 2023
- d) Supplementary Survey: Provision of contact details for future independent studies: Version 1 dated 14 November 2023
- e) Exploring the Asian Perspective: A Questionnaire Study on the 2023 Multi-Society Delphi Consensus-Supported Fatty Liver Disease Nomenclature: Version 1 dated 14 November 2023

1. Please note that an exempted study should be conducted in compliance with all applicable institutional policies, regulations and guidelines. Where necessary, approvals from the relevant authorities within your institutions should be sought before the conduct of the study.

2. Changes to the protocol that may affect the exempt status should not be initiated without prior approval by the NHG DSRB, except where necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazard(s) to the study subjects.

3. Study completion – this is to be submitted using the NHG DSRB Study Status Report Form within 4 to 6 weeks of study completion.

4. Principal Investigators and study team members are responsible for adhering to institutional guidelines, where applicable.

5. Translated Informed Consent Forms (fully translated and short consent forms) and other translated documents are not required to be submitted to DSRB. It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to ensure that the translations for any document are an accurate reflection of the original approved content and to maintain the certification/documentation of the translations.

With the enactment of the Human Biomedical Research Act, Health Products Act, Medicines Act and their subsidiary legislations, Principal Investigators are reminded to ensure that their research complies with the regulatory requirements stipulated in the applicable Acts. Contraventions under any of these Acts are criminal offences and would result in fines or imprisonment or both, subject to the nature of the offence.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

Dr Patricia Yap

Chairperson

NHG Domain Specific Review Board F2

Cc: Institutional Representative, TTSH

c/o Clinical Research & Innovation Office, TTSH

Departmental Representative of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, TTSH

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