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**Dr. Syed Ather Enam**  
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**Karachi,**

Subject: **PakSurg 1: Determining the Epidemiology and Risk Factors of Surgical Site Infections in Pakistan - A Prospective, Multicenter Cohort Study (NBC-862).**

*Dear Dr. Syed AtherEnam*

I am pleased to inform you that the above mentioned project has been approved by the "Research Ethics Committee" of "National Bioethics Committee" **for a period of one year.**

For the continuation of project in the next years, you have to send a progress report and a formal request asking for continuation of projects (however, you do not need to submit REC application or pay any processing fee again).

Kindly keep the National Bioethics Committee, Secretariat updated about the progress of the project and submit the formal final report on completion

Yours sincerely

**(Prof. Dr. Saima Perwaiz Iqbal)**

*Chairperson*  
NBC-Research Ethics Committee