

29th July, 2014

Dr. Afif El-Khuffash, on behalf of the HANDLE Group,
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Our ref: REC-2013-017 *(please quote this reference number on all correspondence)*
Re: **The HANDLE Study: Haemodynamic assessment in pregnancy and neonatal echocardiography assessment**

Dear Afif,

Many thanks for your correspondence in relation to the above study, in which you apply for an amendment to the protocol of the study, to include a blood test to be taken in conjunction with the booking bloods of mothers enrolled in the study. Having reviewed the correspondence, we note that there are no ethical issues with the proposed amendment and it has therefore been approved by the Committee.

You are requested to submit a progress report to the Committee in twelve months, and annually thereafter as applicable. We would also like to know when and where you publish or present your results. Please be aware of your responsibilities with respect to the Hospital's good research practice policies and guidelines.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Peter McKenna,
Chairman,
Research Ethics Committee