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Dr Simon Arunga
Principal Investigator
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Dear Dr Arunga

**Approval to upload anonymised patient data on LSHTM Digital Repository for Study
“Piloting Testing of Point of Care Diagnostics to Improve Diagnosis of Microbial Keratitis
in Uganda.” IRB No. MUST-2022-592**

The MUST Research Ethics Committee (MUST-REC) has reviewed your request regarding the above stated subject. It is understood that you seek permission to share anonymised data through a controlled digital repository. This request is premised on information that the informed consent form used for your study stated that participant information “will be kept confidential in a controlled place,” which in situations where there is a promise of full confidentiality, requires explicit REC authorisation before any controlled data sharing can occur.

Sharing fully anonymised datasets under controlled access is consistent with the ethical principle of scientific transparency and does not compromise participant confidentiality, provided that all identifiers are removed and access is restricted to qualified researchers.

This letter, therefore, grants permission specifically for controlled sharing of anonymised data upon request. The anonymised dataset generated from this study may be deposited in a secure digital repository and made available to qualified researchers upon reasonable request, provided that no identifying information is included and all confidentiality safeguards remain in place.

All other terms and conditions of the original ethics approval remain unchanged, including the requirement that no directly identifying information about participants be disclosed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Alele".

Dr. Paul Alele
Chair, MUST REC