

Tuesday, 3 September 2019

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Dear Kirrie,

The University of Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has considered your application.

I am pleased to inform you that after consideration of your response, your project has been approved.

Details of the approval are as follows:

**Project No.:** 2019/619  
**Project Title:** A survey of self-reported language difficulties in persons with multiple sclerosis and their impact on quality of life  
**Authorised Personnel:** Ballard Kirrie; Bogaardt Hans (Henri); El-Wahsh Sarah; Kumfor Fiona;  
**Approval Period:** 03 September 2019 to 03 September 2023  
**First Annual Report Due:** 03 September 2020

**Documents Approved:**

Date Uploaded	Version Number	Document Name
05/08/2019	Version 2	Questionnaire - final clean copy
05/08/2019	Version 2	Social media announcement - final clean copy
05/08/2019	Version 2	E-mail announcement - final clean copy
05/08/2019	Version 2	PIS - final clean copy
05/08/2019	Version 1	Twitter announcement
13/07/2019	Version 1	Study protocol
13/07/2019	Version 1	Flyer
13/07/2019	Version 1	List of organisations
13/07/2019	Version 1	Guide to questionnaire completion

**Condition/s of Approval**

- Research must be conducted according to the approved proposal.
- An annual progress report must be submitted to the Ethics Office on or before the anniversary of approval and on completion of the project.
- You must report as soon as practicable anything that might warrant review of ethical approval of the project including:
  - Serious or unexpected adverse events (which should be reported within 72 hours).
  - Unforeseen events that might affect continued ethical acceptability of the project.
- Any changes to the proposal must be approved prior to their implementation (except where an amendment is undertaken to eliminate *immediate* risk to participants).
- Personnel working on this project must be sufficiently qualified by education, training and experience for their role, or adequately supervised. Changes to personnel must be reported and approved.
- Personnel must disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest, including any financial or other interest or affiliation, as relevant to this project.



- Data and primary materials must be retained and stored in accordance with the relevant legislation and University guidelines.
- Ethics approval is dependent upon ongoing compliance of the research with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*, the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research*, applicable legal requirements, and with University policies, procedures and governance requirements.
- The Ethics Office may conduct audits on approved projects.
- The Chief Investigator has ultimate responsibility for the conduct of the research and is responsible for ensuring all others involved will conduct the research in accordance with the above.

This letter constitutes ethical approval only.

Please contact the Ethics Office should you require further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

**Dr Catherina Gelissen**  
**Acting Chair**  
**Health Review Committee (Low Risk)**

The University of Sydney of Sydney HRECs are constituted and operate in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research \(2007\)](#) and the NHMRC's [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research \(2007\)](#)