



# National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria (NHREC)

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Federal Ministry of Health

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## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that the Health Research Ethics Committee of the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, herein referred to as the "Ahmadu Bello University HREC" has been duly registered with the National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria in line with the provisions of the National Code for Health Research Ethics, Nigeria.

As part of the terms of this registration, the Committee has been re-registered as a **Category C** Committee; *Authorised to review Phases III and IV clinical trials, social and behavioural research, alternative and complementary medicines and epidemiological studies. Also authorised to review trials in vulnerable populations. NOT authorised to review Phase I and II clinical trials, vaccines and biological research, genetic research; as well as studies only permitted for higher category HRECs; these should be referred to NHREC.*

The registration is valid for 2 years from **18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023** to **17<sup>th</sup> July, 2025** after which the institution must apply for re-registration accordingly. According to the National Code of Health Research Ethics, Nigeria, the life span of any HREC shall be two years, after which the institution shall apply for re-registration. The application for re-registration must be submitted within the last 6 months of the expiry of the current registration.

You are to quote the above registration number in all your correspondences and approvals of reviews undertaken by your HREC please.

Signed

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## Approved Categories of Health Research Ethics Committees

Authorization	Category/Colour Code	Exclusions
Authorised to review all types of research	<b>A</b>	None
Authorised to review Phases II, III and IV clinical trials, vaccines and biological products trials, genetic, social and behavioural research, alternative and complementary medicines and epidemiological studies. Also authorised to review trials in vulnerable populations	<b>B</b>	Novel products with potential nation-wide religious, social and security implications and research including use of radioactive pharmaceuticals should be referred to NHREC
Authorised to review Phases III and IV clinical trials, social and behavioural research, alternative and complementary medicines and epidemiological studies. Also authorised to review trials in vulnerable populations	<b>C1</b>	In addition to exclusions for categories A and B, Phase I and II clinical trials, vaccines and biological research, genetic research
Authorized to review Phases III and IV clinical trials including those in vulnerable populations ONLY IF the studies have been reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committees at the Clinical Sites where the studies are to be conducted. Also authorised to review social and behavioural research, trials on alternative and complementary medicines trials as well as epidemiological studies	<b>C2</b>	In addition to exclusions for categories A and B, Phase I and II clinical trials, vaccines and biological research, genetic research. <i>(This category applies to organizations without clinical facilities but whose staff engage in clinical research in collaboration with clinical sites.)</i>
Authorised to review Phases III and IV clinical trials excluding those in vulnerable populations, social and behavioural research and epidemiological studies.	<b>D1</b>	In addition to exclusions for categories above, complementary and alternative medicines research and research among vulnerable populations
Authorized to review Phases III and IV clinical trials excluding those in vulnerable populations ONLY IF the studies have been reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committees at the Clinical Sites where the studies are to be conducted. Also authorised to review social and behavioural research and epidemiological studies	<b>D2</b>	In addition to exclusions for categories above, complementary and alternative medicines research and research among vulnerable populations. <i>(This category applies to organizations without clinical facilities but whose staff engage in clinical research in collaboration with clinical sites.)</i>
Authorised to review only epidemiological, social and behavioural studies. No clinical trials authorization	<b>E</b>	In addition to exclusions for categories above, this committee is not allowed to review ANY clinical trial