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Nepal Veterinary Council

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Subject: Ethical Clearance for study on " Detection of AMR genes from poultry litter and soil of poultry farms of Kathmandu Valley"

To

Dr. Ajit Kumar Karna

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Dear Dr. Karna,

With reference to your letter dated October 8th, 2023 regarding the ethical approval of a research study on the area mentioned below, I have the pleasure to inform you that the Council has approved ethical clearance for the specified research study with the following terms and conditions.

1. Study detail:
 - a. Title: "Detection of AMR genes from poultry litter and soil of poultry farms of Kathmandu Valley"
 - b. Nature of study: Cross-sectional study with poultry litter and soil collection.
 - c. Principal researcher: Padma Shrestha
2. Supervisor / Co-supervisor: Dr. Ajit Kumar Karna, Deena Shrestha, Bijay Bajracharya, Pooja Shah, Center for Health and Disease Studies Nepal, Sankhamul, Kathmandu
3. Research laboratory: Center for Health and Disease Studies Nepal, Sankhamul, Kathmandu.
4. The study described above shall be carried out according to standard protocol in compliance with the Code of Conduct, 2058 prescribed by Nepal Veterinary Council (NVC)
5. Care must be taken to ensure animal welfare. Any activity posing threat or cruelty to animal shall be punishable in accordance with the prevailing law.
6. The NVC shall retain the right to
 - a. withdraw or amend this Ethical Approval, if
 - i. any unethical principal or practices are revealed or suspected
 - ii. relevant information has been withheld or misrepresented
 - iii. regulatory changes of whatsoever nature so require
 - iv. the conditions contained in the directive have not been adhered to
 - b. access to any information or data or experimentation site at any time during the course or after completion of the study.
7. NVC shall have the right to stop the study any time in case of:
 - a. violation of animal welfare or
 - b. detection of activities intended cruelty to animal.
 - c. any other matter related to animal welfare or cruelty shall be dealt in accordance with the decision of NVC.
8. The Principal Researcher shall report to NVC in the prescribed format, where applicable,
 - a. six-monthly progress report regarding the ethical compliance, status of animal and
 - b. the completion report at the end of the project
 - c. however, NVC must be informed immediately if
 - i. any material change in the conditions or undertakings mentioned in the document,
 - ii. any material breaches of ethical undertakings or events that impact upon the ethical conduct of the research.
 - iii. any change or revision in protocol during the course of the study, and
9. NVC may carry out monitoring of the study as and when required. However, it is the responsibility of researcher to organize periodic monitoring of study by NVC.
10. The validity of this ethical clearance is effective from the 9th November, 2023 to 9th May 2024. You will be required to apply for renewal of ethical clearance on an annual basis till the study is not completed.
11. Permission from NVC is mandatory before publication of the finding of study.

Wishing you well in your research


Dr. Manoj Kumar Shabi
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