

Kinshasa, February 05, 2020

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Principal Investigator

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University of Kinshasa

Concerned: Approval of the protocol of the study entitled; “**Effect of the response to Ebola outbreak on the performance of routine health services in hospitals in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo**”.

Mr Principal Investigator,

The office of the Ethics Committee of the Kinshasa School of Public Health (Université de Kinshasa) has carefully examined your research project, as outlined above. Our conclusion is that the study you intend to undertake is relevant and can contribute to improving the communities health status by strengthening health systems.

Therefore, considering that the ethical principle relating to respect for the person is fully taken into account, the Committee office approves the project and approves the implementation of the study for the period from February 10, 2020 to February 9, 2021.

Please note that any changes to the present project must first be approved by the Ethics Committee. Moreover, any incident must be notified to him without delay.

Please accept, Mr. Principal Investigator, the expression of our highest consideration.

Professor Dr. Patrick Kayembe Kalambayi

Chairman of the Ethics Committee