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Date: 16.04.2026

Our Ref: UG 20/26

Dr. Nethmini Thenuwara
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Dear Dr.Thenuwara,

Application number: UG 20/26

Title: Knowledge, practices and factors associated with knowledge on related steps of Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative among postnatal mothers in a selected teaching hospital in Colombo district.

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I am pleased to inform you that the FMS/USJP ERC at its subcommittee meeting held on 16.04.2026 has granted ethical approval for your project subject to methodology being approved by the **Department of Community Medicine** as per details given below.

Document	Version No	Date of submission
Project proposal	2.0	15/04/2026
Study instrument – English	2.0	15/04/2026
Study instrument – Sinhala	2.0	15/04/2026
Informed consent form - English	2.0	15/04/2026
Informed consent form - Sinhala	2.0	15/04/2026

The ethical approval is effective from the above-mentioned REC meeting date. Please note that ethical approval would be revoked if any alteration is made to the project without obtaining prior written consent from the ethics review committee.



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Please note that as the supervisor of this project, it is your responsibility to ensure that procedures performed under the project will be conducted in accordance with all relevant national and international policies and regulations that govern research involving human participants.

Thank you,
Yours sincerely,

Senior Prof. Shamini Prathapan
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Dr. Sithara Disanayaka
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