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Our Ref: UG 23/26

ERC meeting Date: 26th March 2026

Dr. Dilhani Samarasekara,
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Dear Dr. Samarasekara,

Application number: UG 23/26

Title: Knowledge regarding stroke risk factors and warning signs, and its associated factors, among adults attending medical clinics at a tertiary care hospital in Colombo district, Sri Lanka.

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I am pleased to inform you that the FMS/USJP ERC at its subcommittee meeting held on 26.03.2026 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	1.0	23/03/2026
Study instrument – English	1.0	23/03/2026
Study instrument – Sinhala	1.0	23/03/2026
Informed consent form - English	1.0	23/03/2026
Informed consent form - Sinhala	1.0	23/03/2026



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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.

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
Chairperson

Dr. Sithara Disanayaka
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