

20th August 2008

Dr Sophie Moore
Head of Station
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Dear Dr. Moore

Re: SCC 1126v2. 21st July 2008. A randomized trial to investigate the effects of prenatal and infancy nutritional supplementation on infant immune development.

Thank you for your response to the concerns raised by the Ethics Committee on your study to investigate the effects of prenatal and infancy nutritional supplementation on infant immune development.

We have noted your confirmation that as part of the Trial Monitoring/GCP requirements for such a trial, you will set up a Data and Safety Monitoring Committee for whom un-blinded results on outcomes will be made available. We are also pleased to note that you have already consulted Dr Jenny Mueller, Clinical Trials Support Manager, MRC Fajara, regarding the study design and that she is providing helpful input into the monitoring aspects required.

This proposal now has our Committee's full approval to proceed.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely


Mr. Malcolm Clarke
Chairman, Gambia Government/MRC Joint Ethics Committee

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