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Dear Dr Bleasel

LNR Research Project: 'The EpiNet Project: an open ended, observational study of Epilepsy (continuation of previous study. An International Pilot Study of an Internet based platform to run Epilepsy trials)'

Thank you for your letter dated 18 July 2013 addressing the concerns raised by the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) in its letter dated 10 July 2013. Your request to undertake the above protocol as a Low and Negligible Risk (LNR) research project was re-reviewed by a subcommittee of members of the SAC and the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). We are satisfied that your protocol now meets the criteria for an LNR research project.

The WSLHD HREC has been accredited by the NSW Ministry of Health as a lead HREC to provide the single ethical and scientific review of proposals to conduct research within the NSW public health system. This lead HREC is constituted and operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* and the *CPMP/ICH Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice*.

I am pleased to advise that the HREC has granted ethical approval of this LNR research project to be conducted by you at Westmead Hospital.

The following documentation has been reviewed and approved by the HREC:

- LNR Application Form submission code AU/6/9BE214
- Study Protocol
- Revised Participant Information and Consent Form Version 3, dated 19 August 2013
- Information Security Requirements
- EpiNet Questionnaire

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