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**Subject:** FW: IRAS ID: 172425; REC ref no: 15/SS/0047; IONA(S) 15/SS/0047 Substantial amendment 2, 12th January 2017 - Category A amendment

Dear Professor Simon Thomas,

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| **IRAS Project ID:** | 172425 |
| **Short Study Title:** | Identification of Novel Psychoactive Substances (IONA) |
| **Date complete amendment submission received:** | 25/01/2017 |
| **Amendment No./ Sponsor Ref:** | Amendment 2, 12th January 2017 |
| **Amendment Date:** | 12/01/2017 |
| **Amendment Type:** | **Substantial** |

Thank you for submitting the above referenced amendment. In line with the [UK Process for Handling UK Study Amendments](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/documents/2014/11/guide-researchers-uk-process-handling-uk-study-amendments.pdf) I can confirm that this amendment has been categorised as:

* **Category A** - An amendment that has implications for, or affects, ALL participating NHS organisations

You should now provide this email, together with the amended documentation, to the research management support offices **and** local research teams at your participating NHS organisations in England.

If you have participating NHS organisations in Northern Ireland, Scotland and/or Wales, you should communicate directly with the relevant research teams to prepare them for implementing the amendment, as per the instructions below. You do not need to provide this email or your amended documentation to their research management support offices, as we will pass these to the relevant national coordinating functions who will do this on your behalf.

Subject to the three conditions below, you will be able to implement the amendment at your participating NHS organisations in England **35 days after you notify them of the amendment**. A template email to notify participating NHS organisations in England is provided [here](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-the-hra/our-plans-and-projects/assessment-approval/amendments-nhs-england-studies/).

Subject to the same three conditions, you will be able to implement your amendment at participating NHS organisations in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales on **28th February 2017**.

* You may not implement this amendment until and unless you receive all required regulatory approvals, including REC favourable opinion where applicable, (for participating organisations in England, please see ‘Confirmation of Assessment Arrangements’ below).  You should provide regulatory approvals to the research management support offices and local research teams at your participating NHS organisations in England, plus to local research teams at any participating NHS organisations in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales\*.
* You may not implement this amendment at any participating NHS organisations which inform you within the 35 day period that they require additional time to consider the amendment, until they notify you that the considerations have been satisfactorily completed.
* You may not implement this amendment at any participating NHS organisation that informs you that it is no longer able to undertake this study.

**Note**: you may only implement changes described in the amendment notice or letter.

If you receive required regulatory approvals (for participating organisations in England, please see ‘Confirmation of Assessment Arrangements’ below) after the 35 days have passed, you may then immediately implement this amendment at all participating NHS organisations that have not requested additional review time, or are no longer able to undertake this study.

There is no need for you to receive a letter of confirmation from the participating organisation that the amendment can be implemented, as the intended date of implementation is communicated through the above process. However, you may be able to implement this amendment ahead of the 35 day deadline, if all necessary regulatory approvals are in place and the participating organisation has confirmed that the amendment may be implemented ahead of the 35 day date.

\* Where the study involves NHS organisations in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales, the HRA will forward regulatory approvals to the relevant national coordinating function to distribute to their research management support offices.

**Participating NHS Organisations in England – Confirmation of Assessment Arrangements**

**Further to the details above, I can confirm that this amendment will be assessed by the HRA** to confirm that it meets the expected criteria and standards. An Assessor from the HRA will contact you and you will receive separate notification that the HRA Assessment is complete. You should not implement this amendment at participating NHS organisations in England until the outcome of the HRA assessment is confirmed and the conditions detailed in the categorisation section above have been met.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Kind regards

Alka Bhayani

HRA Approvals - Amendments Coordinator

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