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**Subject:** IRAS 168706. Confirmation of Amendment Categorisation as Category C

Dear Simon,

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| **IRAS Project ID:** | 168706 |
| **REC Reference:** | 15/NE/0023 |
| **Short Study Title:** | Identification of Novel Psychoactive Substances (IONA) |
| **Date complete amendment submission received:** | 02/06/2016 |
| **Amendment No./ Sponsor Ref:** | Minor amendment to PIS |
| **Amendment Date:** | 02/06/2016 |
| **Amendment Type:** | Non-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 C** - An amendment that has no implications that require management or oversight by the participating NHS organisations

As such, the sponsor may implement this amendment **as soon as any relevant regulatory approvals are in place** (for participating organisations in England, please see ‘Confirmation of Assessment Arrangements’ below).

As Chief Investigator/Sponsor, it remains your responsibility to ensure that the research management offices and local research teams (if applicable) at each of your participating organisations are informed of this amendment.

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

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

Further to the details above, I can confirm that no HRA assessment of this amendment is needed and HRA Approval is hereby extended to cover this amendment. Therefore, this amendment may be implemented at participating NHS organisations in England once 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

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