

**North East - Newcastle & North Tyneside 2 Research Ethics Committee**

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Dear Dr Hill

<b>Study title:</b>	<b>Identification and characterization of the clinical toxicology of novel psychoactive substances (NPS) by laboratory analysis of biological samples from recreational drug users.</b>
<b>REC reference:</b>	<b>15/NE/0023</b>
<b>EudraCT number:</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Amendment number:</b>	<b>Substantial amendment 09</b>
<b>Amendment date:</b>	<b>31 January 2022</b>
<b>IRAS project ID:</b>	<b>168706</b>

The above amendment was reviewed by the Sub-Committee in correspondence.

**Ethical opinion**

The members of the Committee taking part in the review gave a favourable ethical opinion of the amendment on the basis described in the notice of amendment form and supporting documentation.

**Approved documents**

The documents reviewed and approved at the meeting were:

<i>Document</i>	<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>
Completed Amendment Tool [Substantial amendment 09]	1	31 January 2022
Other [Updated REC Form]	NA	
Other [GCP certificate ]	Nov 2020	06 December 2021
Summary CV for Chief Investigator (CI) [Chief investigator CV]	1	07 February 2022

### **Membership of the Committee**

The members of the Committee who took part in the review are listed on the attached sheet.

### **Working with NHS Care Organisations**

Sponsors should ensure that they notify the R&D office for the relevant NHS care organisation of this amendment in line with the terms detailed in the categorisation email issued by the lead nation for the study.

### **Amendments related to COVID-19**

We will update your research summary for the above study on the research summaries section of our website. During this public health emergency, it is vital that everyone can promptly identify all relevant research related to COVID-19 that is taking place globally. If you have not already done so, please register your study on a public registry as soon as possible and provide the HRA with the registration detail, which will be posted alongside other information relating to your project.

### **Statement of compliance**

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Yours sincerely



**On Behalf Of  
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*Enclosures:*

*List of names and professions of members who took part in the review*

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**Attendance at Sub-Committee of the REC meeting on 07 March 2022**

**Also in attendance:**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position (or reason for attending)</i>
Professor Barry Hirst	Professor of Cellular Physiology
Dr Meiyi Pu	Consultant