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27th October, 2020

Dr Nicola Lindson
University of Oxford

Dear Dr Lindson,

Reference	OX86
Title	Associations between COVID-19 infection, tobacco smoking and nicotine use, common respiratory conditions and inhaled corticosteroids: a prospective QResearch-Case Mix Programme data linkage study
Chief Investigator(s)	Dr Nicola Lindson
Date Scientific Committee	Reviewed by the vice-chair of the QResearch Scientific Committee, decision given via email
Outcome	Approval
Date of approval	10 th June 2020
Duration of approval	Until 9 th June 2021
Special conditions of approval	None
Amendment number	1

Thank you for submitting your application to QResearch.

Scientific Opinion

The members of the committee taking part in the review gave a favourable scientific opinion of the application on the basis of the application form submitted to QResearch. The committee is satisfied that the research is appropriately designed in relation to its objectives and is likely to add something useful to existing knowledge in accordance with section 4.1.2 of the ethical conditions for QResearch.

<https://www.qresearch.org/media/1155/257790-18em0400-qresearch-conditions-of-ethical-approval-27122018.pdf>

QResearch is a Research Ethics Approved Research Database and therefore this also constitutes research ethics approval. Please quote REC reference (18/EM/0400) in any publication arising from this work.

Data Access

Subject to funding and relevant Data Sharing Agreements, the dataset requested will be provided to you.

Approved documents

The documents reviewed via email were

Document	version	Date
Notice of substantive amendment	1	27 th October 2020

Membership of the Committee

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

Annual Review and research outputs

We will contact you in 12 months for an update on progress with your research.

Amendments and changes in responsibility

Any changes to the protocol or responsibility of the applicants for the conduct of the research should be notified to QResearch@phc.ox.ac.uk



Prof. Rafael Perera
Chair of QResearch Scientific Committee

Enclosures:

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

Notice of substantive amendment

Copy to: Prof Julia Hippisley-Cox, Chief Investigator of QResearch.

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Name	Profession	Notes (including any COI declared where member left discussions)
Professor Stavros Petrou	Professor of Health Economics	Deputy Chair