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27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Dr Nerys Astbury  
University of Oxford

Dear Dr Astbury,

Reference	OX85
Title	The effect of obesity on incidence and severity of COVID-19
Chief Investigator(s)	Dr Nerys Astbury
Date Scientific Committee	Reviewed by the vice-chair of the QResearch Scientific Committee, decision given via email
Outcome	Approval
Date of approval	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Duration of approval	Until 11 <sup>th</sup> 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>

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### 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	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020

### **Membership of the Committee**

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

### **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](mailto: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*

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

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