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QResearch Scientific Committee

Minutes

(11am -12pm 13th January 2022 Teams)

Attending: Paul Aveyard, Madhurima Bhadra, Franco De Crescenzo, Jennifer Camaradou, Hui Guo, Koen Pouwels, Polly Kerr, Tom Ranger, Allison Hirst, Brian McMillan (deputy chair), Julia Hippisley-Cox, Claire Meadows (minutes)

Apologies: Rebecca Harmston, Stavros Petrou

Chair: Paula Dhiman

1	Welcome and apologies	
2	Minutes and actions from last meeting Minutes approved as true record of the last meeting	
3	Matters arising from last meeting None noted	
4	Declarations of conflict of interest None noted	
5	Applications for discussion OX141 – Chair had a meeting with the applicant to discuss, but she still feels that the sample size calculation needs work. Chair will go back to applicant to discuss again and ascertain the status of the application. OX46 - Reviewers felt this resubmission was better than the first, but sample size calculation still needs work. Two reviewers happy to approve with these changes mentioned to the applicant. One reviewer reported errors in sample size calculation, hazard ratio and other numerical factors. CM to send these reviews to Chair for consideration on how to proceed	

	<p>OX92 -</p> <p>Reviewer feels that there is still work to do on gender options. Lay summary is not in Plain English. The applicant is vague on sensitivity analysis. Cohorts need adjusting. Cardiovascular comorbidities need defining. Revise and Resubmit.</p>	
6	<p>Amendments submitted</p> <p>OX153 -</p> <p>Chair is reviewing and will contact a clinical reviewer if needed. Amendment is largely methodological.</p> <p>OX107 -</p> <p>Amendment approved – to include additional COVID-19 medications being approved.</p>	
7	<p>Feedback since last meeting</p> <p>OX129 – protocol accepted for publication by BMJ Open</p> <p>OX153 – protocol published in MedRxiv https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.12.22.21268161v1</p> <p>OX107 – risk of myocarditis after COVID-19 vaccination published in Nature Medicine. very wide coverage in media. Altmetric score 8216 https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-021-01630-0</p>	
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>The Committee approved a suggestion that guides and resources should be made available for applicants on issues that keep occurring in applications. In particular Chair mentioned information for sample size calculations but resources for handling missing data, involving PPI and writing lay summaries were also discussed.</p> <p>All members of the SC Committee agreed to input and help compile resources for various methodological and PPI components of research studies. Chair will discuss further with the QResearch team about how to proceed with this.</p> <p>Date of next meeting – 8th Feb, 11am – 12pm</p>	