*[Evidence of peer review must be attached to this application including responses to any recommended changes. These responses will be expected to have been implemented in the project submitted. The application cannot be considered without this. The peer review template below can be used for this purpose.]*

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Recommendation: Approve / Revise minor / Revise major / Decline

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| **REVIEW GUIDELINE** | **GUIDELINE PROMPTS** | **COMMENTS** [Please note that the ethics committee greatly appreciates and carefully considers comments made by peer reviewers when assessing the scientific validity and consequentially the ethics of the applications.] | **Researcher response** |
| Relative merit of the research | * Important, worthwhile and justifiable.
* Addresses a health issue that is important for health and/or society.
* Aims, research questions and hypotheses build on and address gaps in existing knowledge.
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| Design and methods | * Quality of study design
* Robustness of the methods used.
* Includes a description of sample recruitment and characteristics (including number, gender and ethnicity where relevant) proposed methods of data analysis.
* Timelines for the research included
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| Feasibility of the research | * Overall strategy, methodology and analyses are well reasoned and appropriate to achieve the specific aims of the project.
* Likely to improve scientific knowledge, concepts, technical capacity or methods in the research field, or of contributing to better treatments, services, health outcomes or preventive interventions.
* Achievable within the specified timeframe
* Researcher/research team has the appropriate experience and expertise
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| Presentation of the application | * Appropriate overall presentation, including structure, ‘understandability’, clarity and readability
* In general the way in which the application reads and gets the message across reflects well planned and conceived research.
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| Other comments | Any reviewer observations that are not covered in the points above  |  |  |