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Dear Professor Thomas

Improving Chronic Wound Healing with Intelligent Dressings – Collection of clinical samples

I confirm that Cardiff University agrees in principle to act as Sponsor for the above project, as required by the Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care.

Final acceptance of Sponsorship responsibilities is dependent on the project receiving approval from:

- the joint Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust / University Peer and Risk Review Committee (JTUPeRR)¹;
- the appropriate Research Ethics Committee(s);

A Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) will need to be signed between the University and each collaborating site. Please contact Teresa Bowen (x70113) or Lindsey Holley (x79275), Research and Commercial Division to discuss provisions for effecting MTAs. You are also strongly advised to ensure that a framework contract for collaboration and exploitation of Intellectual Property is signed prior to commencing the project.

This letter does not constitute approval to commence. You will be issued with a separate approval letter once you have obtained the above approvals and the appropriate MTAs are in place.

Prior to submitting your COREC application form for review by an NHS Research Ethics Committee, you will be required to contact RACD to arrange signature of the 'Declaration by the Sponsor Representative' (Part B, section 7 of the COREC application form).

May I take this opportunity to remind you that, as Chief Investigator, you are required to:

- ensure you are familiar with your responsibilities under the Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care;
- undertake the Trial in accordance with Cardiff University's Research Governance Framework and the principles of Good Clinical Practice;
- ensure the Research complies with the Data Protection Act 1998;
- inform the Research and Commercial Division (RACD) of any amendments to the protocol or Trial design, including changes to start / end dates;
- co-operate with any audit inspection of the project files or any requests from RACD for further information.

¹ JTUPeRR is responsible for reviewing projects submitted to Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust R&D Office via a completed Project Registration Form. JTUPeRR will also give R&D approval for Cardiff & Vale NHS Trust.

You should quote the following unique reference number in any correspondence relating to sponsorship for the above project:

SPON 371-07

This reference number should be quoted on all documentation associated with this project.

Yours sincerely



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