**(Title of the research project)**

**(Version number, date)**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

I am (state name of principal investigator), attached to the (state institute). My current designation is (state the designation). I would like to invite you to take part in the research study on (state the brief non-technical title of the project here) conducted by (state the name of the investigator/s) at (state the site of the study here and sponsor if relevant).

1. **Purpose of the study**

The purpose of this research is (state the expected purpose of the research in simple non-technical terms).

1. **Voluntary participation**

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to not participate at all or to withdraw from the study at any time despite consenting to take part earlier. There will be no loss of medical care or any other available treatment for your illness or condition to which you are otherwise entitled. If you decide not to participate or withdraw from the study you may do so at any time.

1. **Duration, procedures of the study and participant’s responsibilities**

This study will be conducted over a period of (state anticipated duration of study). If you volunteer to participate in this study, we will ask you to do the following:

1. We will ask you to (take part /visit the clinic) for (include duration of each visit and number of visits) over the course of a total of about (state expected duration of participation).
2. You will need to (state the procedure/s of the research including what happens at each visit in simple terms and how the participant has to take part in the study)

(If material is to be taken for study, such as blood or tissue samples for histology or DNA analysis etc. this must be stated explicitly, with quantities if relevant (e.g. ml of blood) >. < If tissue/DNA is to be stored for later study, this must be explicitly stated and consent must be taken (a) to store samples and (b) for their use in future studies: for research in similar conditions/diseases or for research in any studies).

1. **Potential benefits**

Participation in this study may benefit you/others by (state all the actual and potential benefits -to the participant, if any or to others).

1. **Risks, hazards and discomforts**

(Any potential or actual risks, hazards and discomforts should be clearly defined)

1. **Reimbursements**

You would be paid a sum of Rs. (state any payment to the participant indicating the amount, when it would be paid and any conditions attached to it) OR you will not be paid any sum of money for participating in this study

1. **Confidentiality**

Confidentiality of all records is guaranteed and no information by which you can be identified will be released or published. These data will never be used in such a way that you could be identified in any way in any public presentation or publication without your express permission.

1. **Termination of study participation**

You may stop participating in this study at any time (with no penalty or effect on medical care or loss of benefits). Please notify the investigator as soon as you decide to withdraw your consent.

1. **Clarifications**

If you have questions about any of the tests / procedures or information please feel free to ask any of the persons listed below. (State a list of person/s with contact details from whom the participant can ask questions and clarify any doubts and their contact details. Contact Details should be appropriate to the nature of the study).

For any questions/clarifications needed please feel free to contact me.

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**This project has been approved by the Ethics Review Committee, Faculty of Medicine, University of Moratuwa. You may contact the committee for any concerns or to make complaints about the study by calling 0112640352 or by sending an email to** fom-erc@uom.lk