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To Whom It May Concern

Subject: Ethical Clearance Certificate

The research project entitled "Adherence to secondary prophylaxis among students with confirmed rheumatic heart disease following school-based screening in wolaita zone, south Ethiopia region" has been reviewed by IRB of Wolaita Sodo University in 03/09/2025 and found it ethically accepted. Thus, the committee has authorized the principal investigator Tsegaye Teklebirhan to commence and conduct the research accordingly.

Elements Approved:

1. Protocol /proposal
2. Informed consent
3. Information sheet

The investigator is expected to critically follow and fulfill the following obligations and responsibilities.

The investigator:

1. Should comply with the standards of national and international scientific and ethics guidelines,
2. All amendments and changes made in protocol and consent form after the ethical clearance approval is secured must be approved by the IRB of the University.
3. The principal investigator should submit follow-up report every three month until the research completion.
4. The final research paper/ work should be submitted to the IRB of the University.

N.B: This ethical clearance is not valid for materials (specimen) transfer unless approved by the NERC.

Secretary

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