Institutional Ethical Committee for Human studies

A proposal entitled "The Influence of Farmers' Entrepreneurial Mindset and Intention on the Profit and Economic Efficiency: The Case of Paddy and Groundnut Farmers in Tamil Nadu" with application VIT/IECH/2025/16 IECH/ 8 February 2025/30 submitted by PI: Dr. Paul Mansingh J, Professor, VIT School of Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning, VIT, Vellore, and Co-PI: Mr. Ihou Atsu Frank Yayra (22PHD0457), Ph.D. scholar, VIT School of Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning, VIT, Vellore, to the Institutional Ethical Committee for Human studies was reviewed at the meeting held on 8 February, 2025 under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Sivakumar.

The following members were present at the review:

Name of the member	Affiliation
Dr. S. Sivakumar	Chairperson
Dr. Pragasam Viswanathan	Member Secretary
Dr. Rajesh N. G.	Member (Medical)
Dr. C. P. Girish Kumar	Member (Non-medical)
Dr. Kalaiselvi	Member (Non-medical)
Dr. N. Aravind Yuvaraj	Member (Medical)
Dr. Prasanna Samuel	Member (Biostatistics expert)
Dr. Nagaraju Gundemeda	Member (Sociology expert)
Mr. Venkatesan Kuppusamy	Member (Layperson)
Mr. M. R. Ravishankar	Member (Legal expert)
Dr. S. Sreeja	Member (Non-medical)

After deliberation, the Institutional Ethical Committee for Human Studies, VIT University, requested the applicant to revise the application with suggested changes. The revised application was reviewed on 3 March, 2025 and the committee has approved the proposal. Please note that the approval is subject to the following conditions. The failure to meet the following conditions may result in the termination of the study.

Terms of approval:

1. The study has been approved for a term of one year. If an extension is required, please apply for extension with justifications and summary of findings.
2. Any adverse event must be reported to IECH within 24 hours and a detailed report on the same should be submitted within 7 days.
3. IECH approval must be obtained for any change or amendment to the protocol.
4. IECH shall monitor the study at any time during the approved term.

Member Secretary, IECH

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