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**National Agency for Food & Drug Administration & Control (NAFDAC)
Drug Evaluation & Research (DER) Directorate**

GUIDELINES FOR CLINICAL TRIAL APPLICATION IN NIGERIA

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These guidelines are for the interest of the general public and in particular individuals and organizations intending to conduct clinical trials in Nigeria.
- 1.2 It is necessary to emphasize that, no person shall commence a clinical trial or cause a clinical trial to be commenced or conduct a clinical trial, unless the Agency has given a written authorization in relation to the clinical trial.
- 1.3 It is necessary to emphasize that no person shall import, procure or manufacture a drug product, cosmetic or medical device for the purpose of a clinical test in Nigeria unless he is a holder of a valid Clinical Trial Approval, and the trial is to be conducted in accordance with the terms of the approval and the provisions of any Regulations in force.
- 1.4 Clinical trial is mandatory for the following;
 - 1.4.1 New or relatively new chemical entities or herbal formulations for which safety/efficacy profile has not been determined.
 - 1.4.2 Drugs for new indications.
 - 1.4.3 Drugs for new patient population group e.g. Age group and race.
 - 1.4.4 New combination drug products.
 - 1.4.5 New dosage schedule/regimen.
 - 1.4.6 New drug delivery system
 - 1.4.7 Academic clinical trials.
- 1.5 These guidelines also apply to Bioavailability/Bioequivalence (BA/BE) for generic medicines.

2. CLINICAL TRIAL APPLICATION

- 2.1 Applicants should download and fill a clinical trial application form (CTAF) obtainable at www.nafdac.gov.ng
- 2.2 The below-listed steps should be followed to make payment for the inspection:
 - 2.2.1 Collect a payment advice for the inspection from the Drug Evaluation & Research Directorate; 1st Floor, NAFDAC Office Complex, Isolo Industrial Estate, Apapa-Oshodi Express Way Isolo, Lagos or the nearest NAFDAC office (for applicants outside Lagos).
 - 2.2.2 Visit www.remita.net to generate a Remita invoice and print out a copy of the invoice.
 - 2.2.3 Visit the nearest commercial bank to make the payment.
- 2.3 Collect an official receipt of payment from the Finance & Accounts Section; 3rd Floor, NAFDAC Office Complex, Isolo, Lagos or the nearest NAFDAC office (for applicants outside Lagos).
- 2.4 Submit both electronic and hard copies of the filled CTAF to the Director, Drug Evaluation & Research Directorate; 1st Floor, NAFDAC Office Complex, Isolo, Lagos or the nearest NAFDAC office (for applicants outside Lagos)

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2.5 The application form should be accompanied by the following documents:

- 2.5.1 Evidence of payment for the form.
- 2.5.2 Study Protocol.
- 2.5.3 Informed Consent Form (ICF).
- 2.5.4 Patient Information Leaflet (PIL).
- 2.5.5 Investigator's Brochure (IB).
- 2.5.6 Evidence of agreement between the Sponsor and the Investigator.
- 2.5.7 Evidence of Accreditation of Ethics Committee (EC) by the National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC).
- 2.5.8 Ethics Committee (EC) Approval from participating centers
- 2.5.9 List of members of the Ethics Committee (EC)
- 2.5.10 Minutes of meeting held to approve the protocol and Informed Consent Form (ICF) Ethics Committee (EC)
- 2.5.11 Evidence to show that the Investigator(s) have undergone basic GCP trainings in the last two years.
- 2.5.12 Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Investigator(s).
- 2.5.13 Sample of all Case Report Forms (CRFs) or Electronic Case Report Forms (e-CRFs) for the study.
- 2.5.14 Evidence of insurance cover for the trial participants.
- 2.5.15 Name and qualification of the trial monitor.
- 2.5.16 List and Charter of the Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB).
- 2.5.17 Declaration of Conflict of Interest, Financial Disclosure by the investigator.

2.6 An Authorization shall be issued upon satisfactory review of the submitted application package.

3. PRE-CLINICAL TRIAL APPLICATION (CTA) MEETING

3.1 The meeting, which is optional, creates an opportunity for the Sponsor and the Regulator to deliberate on the potential study plan, to address some gray areas, prior to submission of the clinical trial application.

3.2 An application for a pre-CTA consultation meeting should be made by the sponsor and submitted to the Director; Drug Evaluation and Research Directorate (DER), NAFDAC.

3.2.1 The application should include proposed date and time for the meeting and a brief synopsis (hard and electronic copies) of the proposed study listing questions (if any) to be addressed by the Directorate, during the meeting.

3.2.2 A confirmation of the date and time of meeting shall be duly conveyed to the applicant.

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4. TARIFF

4.1 Academic Trials:

4.1.1 Please to refer to the appropriate section in the NAFDAC Approved Tariff (available at www.nafdac.gov.ng)

4.1.2 All fees attract 5% VAT.

4.2 Industry-Sponsored Trials and Bioavailability/Bioequivalence (BA/BE) Studies:

4.2.1 Please to refer to the appropriate section in the NAFDAC Approved Tariff

4.2.2 All fees attract 5% VAT.

5. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

5.1 The study is to be conducted strictly in accordance with the approved protocol and Regulatory requirements. Any amendment to the protocol shall be subject to the approval of the Agency in line with the Regulatory requirements.

5.2 NAFDAC (the Agency) shall carry out inspection of the approved trial site(s). Please refer to the Good Clinical Practice Guidelines.

5.3 The Agency shall be notified of any Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) within seven calendar days from the date of receipt of the information.

5.4 A progress report shall be submitted to the Agency during the conduct of the trial.

5.5 Final Report of the Clinical Trial shall be submitted to the Agency at the end of the study.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Director-General (NAFDAC)

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