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TO: DR. ZACHARY KWENA,

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR.

THROUGH: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CMR,

> Forwarded 11th July, 2025 NAIROBI.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR Dear Sir, RE FOR MICROBIOLOGY RESEARCH KEMR P.O. Box 19464 - 00202

RE: PROTOCOL NO. SERU 4206 (REQUEST FOR ANNUAL RENEWAL): IMPACT OF

COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON HIV RESEARCH STUDY STAFF AND RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS AT PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IN SOUTHWESTERN KENYA

(JAMII BORA COVID SUB-STUDY)

Thank you for the continuing review report for the period, August 07, 2024 to June 20, 2025.

This is to inform you that the expedited review team of the KEMRI Scientific and Ethics Review Unit (SERU) conducted the annual review of the above referenced application and was of the informed opinion that the progress made during the reported period is satisfactory. The study has therefore been granted approval.

This approval is valid from August 08, 2025 through to August 07, 2026. Please note that authorization to conduct this study will automatically expire August 07, 2026. If you plan to continue with data collection or analysis beyond this date, please submit an application for continuing approval to **SERU** by **June 26, 2026.**

You are required to submit any amendments to this protocol and any other information pertinent to human participation in this study to SERU for review prior to initiation.

You may continue with the study.

Yours faithfully,

ENOCK KEBENEI, THE ACTING HEAD,

KEMRI SCIENTIFIC AND ETHICS REVIEW UNIT