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URGENT FILE NOTE

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**TO BE FILED WITH
APPROVED PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEETS AND INFORMED CONSENT FORMS**

We hereby notify you that Dr Clement Penny's term as the Chair of the University of the Witwatersrand, Human Research Ethics Committee: (Medical) ended on the 17th of July, and Prof Paul Ruff has been appointed as the new Chair from the 1st of August 2023.

The details of the chairperson, in the already approved informed consent forms, should therefore be changed to:

"If you want any information regarding your **rights as a research participant, or complaints regarding this research study**, you may contact Prof Paul Ruff, Chairperson of the University of the Witwatersrand, Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC), which is an independent committee established to help protect the rights of research participants at (011) 717 2301."

APPROVAL:

This file note **constitutes as an approval** and we would not require any further documentation to be submitted for approval to update the relevant information on record.

Your urgent attention to the above would be appreciated.

Regards,

Prof Paul Ruff
For and on behalf of the Wits Human Research Ethics Committee

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Ruff', written over the typed name and affiliation.