



**Australian Government**  
**National Health and Medical Research Council**



Dr Masha Somi  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 Health and Medical Research Office  
 Australian Government Department of Health

Dear Masha,

I am writing to you in your capacity as delegate under sections 15A, 26 and 27 of the *Medical Research Future Fund Act 2015* (the Act) with authority to debit amounts from the MRFF Special Account and set out and enter into written agreements with grant recipients.

The Grant Assessment Committee (GAC) for Expressions of Interest (Eols) submitted to the *MRFF Coronavirus Research Response - 2020 COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate Research Grant Opportunity* met **s 47E**

**s 47E** All Eols were assessed in accordance with grant guidelines.

Please now find attached the outcomes of NHMRC's assessment of Eols submitted to this grant opportunity. The attachment includes the assessment outcomes for Eols that met the minimum threshold specified in the grant guidelines for Eols to be invited to submit a full application (i.e. Eols must receiving a rating of 'Met' or Strongly Met' against each of the three merit criterion).

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Thank you again for the opportunity to assist the Department with this grant opportunity.

Yours sincerely

*[Authorised for electronic distribution]*

Alan Singh  
 Executive Director, Research Translation Branch  
 12 August 2020

Enclosed:

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