



KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening date: March 10, 2023

Vacancy No. CVDC/010/03/23

Project description

BOHEMIA (Broad One-Health Endectocide-based Malaria Intervention in Africa) is a UNTAID funded project affiliated to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) conducting a cluster randomized controlled trial (cRCT) to evaluate ivermectin mass drug administration (MDA) to humans and cattle for malaria prevention trial in Kwale county. The project's local implementing partner is KEMRI, through Kwale and Kilifi KEMRI Centers.

The project is seeking to appoint pharmacy technicians to support the team in implementing a robust, multi-faceted cluster randomised controlled trial based in Kwale country.

POSITION: Pharmacy Technicians (2 positions)

Job Grade: KMR 8

LOCATION: Kwale,

REPORTING TO: Study PI and study Pharmacist

Position summary

The candidate will be expected to assist the BOHEMIA trial study pharmacist in all investigational medical product (IMP) related duties from storage, handling, dispensing and disposal as well as ensure proper handling and management of study documentation throughout. The pharmacist technician will report to the study pharmacist.

Job Specification

- i. Develop an in-depth understanding of the study protocols, goals and logistics required to conduct the clinical trial;
- ii. Assist the pharmacist in IMP management including reception, storage and dispensing to clinical trial staff;
- iii. Ensure IMP is dispensed to study participants and prepare prescriptions and accountability logs for all dispensed medicines;
- iv. Update the dispensing and inventory logs under the supervision of the pharmacist;
- v. Support and promote the safe and ethical use of investigational drugs;
- vi. Adhere to the standard operating procedures for the IMP management as per study protocol;
- vii. Working professionally and ethically with competence, accountability, and integrity;
- viii. Perform any other relevant duties as assigned by the study pharmacist.

Person specification

- i. Diploma in pharmacy from PPB accredited institution
- ii. Must be enrolled with the Pharmacy & Poisons Board
- iii. Experience working in clinical research setting is an added advantage
- iv. Experience working in Kwale
- v. At least two years' experience working in a clinical trial or research setting or equivalent
- vi. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- vii. Effective written communication skills, including project reporting, including using MS Word, Power point, and MS Excel

Terms of Employment

Six (6) months renewable contract as per KEMRI scheme of service. Probation period for the first 3 months. Salary is payable within the stated job grade.

Applications MUST include the following:

- Letter of Application (INDICATE VACANCY NUMBER)
- Current Curriculum Vitae with telephone number and e-mail address
- Contacts of three referees including telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses
- Copies of Certificates.
- Contact telephone number

All the applications to be done through KEMRI Website [www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment portal](http://www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment-portal)- on or before March 24, 2023, latest 5.00 p.m. Please visit the KEMRI web site www.kemri.go.ke for more details on the advertisement.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted