**MSc Protocol Example**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Summary of project.**

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**1.         INTRODUCTION**

(Maximum 5 pages, last paragraph must state the purpose of this research study)

**2.         AIM**

 The aim of this study is… (single concise sentence – similar to title)

**3.         OBJECTIVES**

 The objectives of this research study are (in point form – ideally max 6):



**4.         HYPOTHESIS (if necessary for study)**

**5.         MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**5.1       Study design**

**5.2       Sample size and collection**

**(Add a flow diagram of the planned research methodology)**

**5.3       Sub headings for all procedures described in detail**

**6.         ETHICAL CONSENT**

**7.         DATA MANAGEMENT**

**8.         STATISTICS**

**9.         BUDGET**

The budget for this dissertation outlined in the table below (Table 9.1). Indicate who will be responsible for the funding of the research and which Grants are obtained.

**Table 9.1:       The projected expenditures for the MSc project**

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**10.       TIMELINE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

 The time assigned to each part of this dissertation is indicated in Table 10.1 below.

**Table 10.1:     Time allocated to different aspects of the MSc dissertation**

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**11.       AUTHORS’ LIST OF AGREEMENT FOR PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

 Results obtained in this research study will be submitted for possible publication in international and local accredited journals. The agreement among the authors, regarding the order of appearance if the findings are published or presented, can be viewed in Table 11.1.

**Table 11.1:     The contribution and order of author’s appearance, if results are published, in this research study**

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**Table 1.1:       Data capturing sheet for the …..**

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