



Centre for Biomedical Ethics
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Dear Researcher/Research Support Staff Member,

Re: *Perspectives of Singaporean Biomedical Researchers and Research Support Staff on Actual and Ideal IRB Review Processes and Functions: A Quantitative Analysis* (NUS-IRB REFERENCE CODE: S-18-289E).

We wish to invite you to take part in a research project aiming to collect responses from researchers and research support staff regarding actual and ideal IRB processes and functions and to measure differences between the two. The questionnaire employed in this research project is a modified version of a validated tool known as the IRB-RAT. The tool has been used internationally and we will compare the Singapore outcomes with international studies.

The responses will be anonymous and IP addresses will not be collected to guarantee complete anonymity. In addition, we do not seek to collect any demographic data that will identify you. As a result, this research is of minimal risk.

There will be no direct benefit to you by participating. However, the research is hoped to benefit the Singaporean research community and assist IRBs in gaining an understanding of how current processes are perceived. The study results may ultimately lead to improvements in IRB review processes and functions. Findings will be published in peer review journals and will be presented at conferences which focus on pertinent topics. Findings will also be shared with bodies such as Singaporean IRBs, NMRC and the Ministry of Health.

The survey should take around 20 minutes to complete but withdrawal will not be possible, as the survey is anonymous.

If you have any queries about the research or would like additional information, please contact Dr Vicki Xafis at vicki.xafis@nus.edu.sg.

If you wish to take part in this research, please click on this link:

<https://nus.edu/2APiWeg>

Kind regards,

Dr Vicki Xafis