

EVALUATION OF THE EFFECT ON APPLICANTS OF RESPONSE OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE (IEC) TO THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Name: _____ Unique ID No. _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ years Sex: Male Female

Qualifications: _____

Experience in current position: _____ years

Number of proposals submitted to IEC so far: _____

Number of proposals under consideration by IEC at present: _____

Number of proposals passed by IEC so far: _____

Number of proposals rejected by IEC so far: _____

Number of proposals not pursued to the end (acceptance/rejection by IEC) by the applicant so far: _____

Number of letters exchanged with IEC for each proposal pursued to the end by the applicant: _____ (put arithmetic mean.)

Details of letters exchanged with IEC for each proposal pursued to the end by the applicant: _____

(attach annexure if the space provided is not adequate)

Duration for obtaining final answer from IEC for each proposal _____ months (put arithmetic mean.)

Details of duration for obtaining final answer from IEC for each proposal: _____

(attach annexure if the space provided is not adequate)

Deficiencies indicated by IEC for which a solution could be obtained that satisfied the IEC: (attach annexure)

Deficiencies indicated by IEC for which a solution could not be obtained that satisfied the IEC: (attach annexure)

Did you feel that the letters from the IEC were patronizing? Yes No

Did you feel that the letters from the IEC were polite? Yes No

Did you feel that the letters from the IEC were reasonable? Yes No

Did you feel that the IEC was trying to be helpful? Yes No

Did you feel that the IEC was trying to teach you your subject? Yes No

Did you feel that the IEC was trying to prove its superiority over you? Yes No

How did you feel after your interactions with the IEC? (Tick all correct options)

Ecstatic Happy Content Satisfied

Encouraged Supported Pleased Great

Disturbed Dissatisfied Frustrated Displeased

Criticized Suppressed Depressed Harassed

Discouraged Angry Violent Vengeful

Other : _____

(attach annexure if the space provided is not adequate)

What were you reasons for leaving proposals halfway? (Tick all correct options)

IEC asked for the impossible

Too much expense

Too much trouble

Too much wastage of time

Too much delay in getting answers

Loss of interest by sponsor due to any of the reasons above

Other: _____

(attach annexure if the space provided is not adequate)

What is your opinion about the charges of IEC?

Reasonable Less than reasonable Exorbitant Don't know

Do you think the IEC should charge for non-sponsored proposals?

Yes No Don't know

Will you submit any more proposals to IEC ever? Yes No Don't know

If the answer to the previous question is 'No', state the reason for the same:

(attach annexure if the space provided is not adequate)

How do you feel after having relived those moments of interaction with IEC (while answering these questions)?

Ecstatic

Happy

Content

Satisfied

Encouraged

Supported

Pleased

Great

Disturbed

Dissatisfied

Frustrated

Displeased

Criticized

Suppressed

Depressed

Harassed

Discouraged

Angry

Violent

Vengeful

Other : _____

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Variable

Before answering questions

After answering questions

Pulse rate (/min)

Blood pressure (mm Hg)

Flushing of face

Will you recommend your beloved friend/relative to submit a proposal to IEC?

Yes No

Will you recommend your hated enemy to submit a proposal to IEC? Yes No

SUBJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Ethics Committee of an institute (IEC) is a committee formed of assorted members from different walks of life, some scientific, some legal, some social, and some other. The role of the committee is to critically evaluate proposals for research on human beings.

The proposals have to be in a prescribed format as liked by the IEC. After scrutinizing a proposal, the IEC sends a letter to the investigator, asking explanations for some points, and making suggestions for changes in some parts of the proposal. The investigator answers the questions to the best of his/her abilities, and rectifies the deficiencies as much as possible. The IEC then re-scrutinizes the amended proposal, finds further faults and writes to the investigator again. This cycle continues until the IEC gets satisfied and grants permission to conduct the proposed study, gets convinced that it cannot be done and rejects the study, or the investigator drops the idea and stops answering the letters from the IEC.

Some investigators go through more than one proposal to the IEC in their professional lifetime. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effect (on the investigators) of the interactions of the investigators with their IEC. You being an investigator are eligible to participate in this study. You will be given a questionnaire to fill up truthfully. You may not fill in your name in order to maintain your anonymity. Even if you fill in your name, your identity will not be revealed to anyone, including your IEC, so that there is no fear of jeopardizing your relations with the IEC members, if your answers are unlikely to be liked by them. You may leave any questions unanswered, if you so wish. You have the liberty to do any of the following during the study period, without any fear of disturbing your relations with the investigator.

1. Withdraw from the study at any point.
2. Tear up the questionnaire due to whatever feelings generated by reading it.
3. Crumple up the questionnaire due to whatever feelings generated by reading it.
4. Throw the questionnaire on the ground and jump on it repeatedly due to whatever feelings generated by reading it.
5. Burn the questionnaire due to whatever feelings generated by reading it.
6. Put the questionnaire in a gold frame and hang it in your study for worship every day.

Dropping out of the study will not result in any harm coming to you, and you will continue to receive the same treatment you used to receive from the investigator before participating in the study.

You do not have to spend any money for participating in this study. The investigator will lend you his pen so that you do not spend your money for the ink. You will not get any incentive for participating in this study.

It is possible that you may suffer from some adverse effects of the study. These include feeling disturbed, dissatisfied, frustrated, displeased, criticized, suppressed, depressed, harassed, discouraged, angry, violent or vengeful. There may be somatic manifestations of these psychological feelings, the nature of which can be varied, involving different organs and systems in your body. The investigator will arrange for psychiatric and/or medical treatment of these adverse effects, but does not guarantee cure, because these are rooted deeply in your past and be difficult to eradicate.

Consent

I, _____, son/daughter of _____
 Hereby give my voluntary, “uncoerced” consent for participation in the study
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 the details of which have been explained to me in _____ language, which I
 understand well. I understand that I can opt out of the study at any time if I so wish. The
 possible adverse effects of participation in the study have been explained to me.

 (Signature/left thumb impression of
 subject)

 (Signature/left thumb impression of
 investigator)

 (Name and signature/left thumb impression
 of witness for the subject)

 (Name and signature/left thumb impression
 of witness for the investigator, in case of
 left thumb impression of investigator)

 (Name and signature/left thumb impression
 of witness for witness for the subject in
 case of left thumb impression of the
 witness)

 (Name and signature/left thumb impression
 of witness for witness for the investigator,
 in case of left thumb impression of the
 witness)