

LETTER OF EXEMPT DETERMINATION

Date: June 16, 2023

To: Professor Mohit Iyer, College of Information & Computer Sciences

From: Professor Lynnette Leidy Sievert, Chair, University of Massachusetts Amherst IRB

Protocol Title: *Reviewing the Peer Review System: challenges and outlook*

Protocol ID: 4513

Review Type: EXEMPT -NEW

Category: 2 (i)

Review Date: 06/16/2023

No Continuing Review Required

UM Award #:

The Human Research Protection Office (HRPO) has reviewed the above named submission and has determined it to be EXEMPT from the federal regulations that govern human subject research (45 CFR 46.104)

Note: This determination applies only to the activities described in this submission. All changes to the submission (e.g. protocol, recruitment materials, consent form, additional personnel), must be reviewed by HRPO prior to implementation.

A project determined as EXEMPT, must still be conducted in accordance with the ethical principles outlined in the Belmont Report: respect for persons, beneficence, and justice. Researchers must also comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations as well as UMass Amherst Policies and procedures which may include obtaining approval of your activities from other institutions or entities. All personnel must complete CITI training.

Consent forms and study materials (e.g., questionnaires, letters, advertisements, flyers, scripts, etc.) - Only use the consent form and study materials that were reviewed by the HRPO.

Final Reports - Notify the IRB when your study is complete by submitting a Close Request Form in the electronic protocol system.

Serious Adverse Events and Unanticipated problems involving risks to participants or others - All such events must be reported in the electronic system as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) working days.

Annual Check In - HRPO will conduct an annual check in to determine the study status.

Please contact the Human Research Protection Office if you have any further questions. Best wishes for a successful project.



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Research Ethics Board 1
Certificate of Ethical Acceptability of Research Involving Humans

REB File #: 23-04-066 (University of Massachusetts #4513)

Project Title: Reviewing the Peer Review System: challenges and outlook

Principal Investigator: Professor Jackie Cheung

Dept: School of Computer Science

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Approval Period: August 1, 2023 to June 15, 2024

The REB-1 acknowledges the external review of this project and accepts that approval for the involvement of the McGill University researcher (graduate trainee) involved.

Deanna Collin
Research Ethics Officer

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- * Approval is granted only for the research and purposes described.
 - * Research cannot be conducted without a current ethics approval. Submit renewal approval from the lead institution before the end of the approval period indicated above.
 - * Unanticipated issues that may increase the risk level to participants or that may have other ethical implications must be promptly reported to the REB. Serious adverse events experienced by a participant in conjunction with the research must be reported to the REB without delay.
 - * The REB must be promptly notified of any new information that may affect the welfare or consent of participants.
 - * The REB must be notified of any findings that may have ethical implications or may affect the decision of the REB.