

Peer Review

Review of: "Does Accreditation Improve the Protection of Human Research Subjects and the Quality of Institutional Review Board Reviews?"

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The paper provides an interesting and clear history of AAHRPP. I have a few recommendations to improve upon it.

1. Focus on making the case for evaluating AAHRPP's effect on the safety of human research. The paper gives the history of AAHRPP but spends very little time explaining the importance of evaluating AAHRPP's effect on the safety of human research. I think the paper should try to answer a few questions:
1. Why study AAHRPP's effect on the safety of human research instead of some other organization's effect on the safety of human research?
2. What may people do differently based on the anticipated or potential results of the study?
3. Why do the potential benefits of conducting the research outweigh the costs of conducting it?
2. This abstract motivates the study without summarizing the findings. Instead, an abstract should briefly motivate a study and then summarize the findings. I recommend focusing on the potential benefits and changes that would come from conducting the research the author recommends conducting.
3. An introduction should be added that starts to answer the questions in my first recommendation.

Declarations

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