

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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Strengths

- Comprehensive historical overview of accreditation in the U.S.
- Highlights a major accountability gap in research ethics oversight.
- Provides actionable recommendations for future evaluations.

Weaknesses

- Commentary format; lacks original data or empirical analysis.
- Heavy reliance on historical and policy review without presenting new findings.
- Limited discussion on global implications beyond the U.S. context.

Overall Assessment

The article is **thought-provoking and timely**, emphasizing the need for evidence-based evaluation of accreditation programs. It challenges assumptions that accreditation inherently improves protections and calls for rigorous, data-driven assessments.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.