

Review of: "How Well Are We Protecting Human Research Subjects?"

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Thank you very much for the interesting manuscript. I have listed my recommendations.

1-) Overall, it seems you have not mentioned the potential disadvantages of ethical committees. They can slow down the progress of academic research. It may also lead researchers to give up on certain ideas due to the necessity of ethical permission. You can discuss these in your manuscript.

2-) Also, you can discuss ethical permission and its impacts in the field of social sciences.

3-) You can also discuss the ethical rules in terms of the design of the study, such as longitudinal studies and cross-sectional studies.

4-) You can discuss the following sentence further to improve your manuscript:

At the end of 2023, Tsan and Puglisi proposed a set of 5 performance metrics for measuring human research subject protections and published data on these performance metrics collected from 107 Department of Veterans Affairs research facilities from 2010 through 2021.