

Ethics Review Committee
Faculty of Graduate Studies
Sample Information Sheet



<Title of the project>

I/We <name of principal investigator/s>, a <Designation> attached to <institute/s of affiliation> would like to invite you to take part in a research project titled <Non-technical Title> conducted by <Names of Investigators> at <Study Site>

1. Purpose

The objective/s of the study in non-technical terms

2. Voluntary participation

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to not participate at all or to withdraw from the study at any time despite consenting to take part earlier. There will be no impact on the rights/services which you are otherwise entitled. If you decide not to participate or withdraw from the study you may do so at any time.

3. Duration, procedures of the study and participant's responsibilities

This study will be conducted over a period of < anticipated duration of study>. If you volunteer to participate in this study, we will ask you to do the following:

- a. We will ask you to take part in the study. It will take approximately <time duration> to complete the task.

4. Potential benefits

Participation in this study may benefit you/others by <all the actual and potential benefits>

5. Risks, hazards and discomforts

<Any potential or actual risks, hazards and discomforts should be clearly defined>

6. Reimbursements

You would be paid a sum of Rs. < if any payment to the participant indicating the amount, when it would be paid and any conditions attached to it> OR you will not be paid any sum of money for participating in this study

7. Termination of study participation

You may stop participating in this study at any time with no penalty. Please notify the investigator as soon as you decide to withdraw your consent.

8. Confidentiality

Confidentiality of all records is guaranteed and no information by which you can be identified will be released or published. These data will never be used in such a way that you could be

identified in any way in any public presentation or publication without your express permission.

9. Clarifications

If you have questions about any of the tests / procedures or information please feel free to ask any of the persons listed below.

<The names and contact information of investigator/s>

<postal address, email address, telephone numbers>

If you have any clarification, concerns, or complaints related to this research project, you may contact the Ethics Review Committee, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo.

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