**Study Number:**

**Study Name:**

**Local Review Name:**

**Local Review E-mail:**

Please address the following considerations for ethical research with human subjects, with the local culture and context of the research in mind. The purpose of this document is to aid the Appalachian State University IRB in its review of research for which it may not have knowledge of the local culture. Thank you for your help!

1. Are there any anticipated risks and benefits to the study subjects that are not mentioned in the IRB application?

**Local Reviewer Comments**:

1. Do the benefits of the research extend to the international population?

**Local Reviewer Comments**:

1. Do you believe the risks of the study are adequately balanced by the expected benefits from the study (either to the subject directly, or indirectly by knowledge gained from the study that can benefit others)?

**Local Reviewer Comments:**

1. Are the efforts of the researchers to minimize risks to the subjects acceptable or are there other important actions that must be taken to minimize risks?

**Local Reviewer Comments**:

1. Is the selection process for subjects fair and equitable, given the purpose and setting of the research? Is there any chance for coercion?

**Local Reviewer Comments**:

1. Is the informed consent form(s) appropriate for the subject group(s)? Is there a different way the researcher should go about obtaining consent for the research (e.g. asking for community permission, permission from elders, etc.)?

**Local Reviewer Comments**:

1. Will participants be aware that they may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty, and feel comfortable doing so?

**Local Reviewer Comments:**

1. Are the provisions to protect the privacy of subjects and to maintain the confidentiality of data sufficient?

**Local Reviewer Comments**:

1. Are any of the subject groups considered vulnerable, meaning that they may be vulnerable to coercion or undue influence, or at greater risk from the research? If so, are additional safeguards necessary, and have been they included in the study to protect the rights and welfare of these subjects?

**Local Reviewer Comments**:

1. Taking into account the protections that are put in place to minimize risk, are the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research greater in and of themselves than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests?

**Local Reviewer Comments**:

1. If you have any additional comments, please add them here: