

MDC Ethics Issues Form

For all proposals, an MDC Ethics Issues Form must be completed. If at least one issue is answered with “yes,” the applicant must also hand in an Ethics Self-Assessment.

Name of researcher: _____

Title of research project: _____

	Ethical Issue	Y/N	Description
1.	Human Embryos/Foetuses		
	Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?		
	Does your research involve the use of human embryos?		
	Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells?		
2.	Humans		
	Does your research involve human participants?		
	Are they volunteers for social or human sciences research?		
	Are they persons unable to give informed consent?		
	Are they vulnerable individuals or groups?		
	Are they children/minors?		
	Are they patients?		
	Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?		
	Does your research involve human cells or tissues (other than from human embryos/foetuses)?		
3.	Personal Data		
	Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing?		
	Does it involve the collection and/or processing of sensitive personal data (e.g., health, sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, political opinions, religious or philosophical conviction)?		
	Does it involve tracking or observation of participants?		
	Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)?		
4.	Animals		
	Does your research involve animals?		
5.	Third Countries		
	In case non-EU countries are involved, do the research related activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?		
	Do you plan to use local resources (e.g., animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, endangered fauna or flora samples, materials of historical value, human remains, etc.)?		

	Do you plan to import any material – including personal data – from non-EU countries into the EU?		
	Specify material and countries involved:		
	Do you plan to export any material – including personal data – from the EU countries to non-EU countries?		
	Specify material and countries involved:		
	Does your research activity involve low and/or lower middle income countries? (if yes, please detail the benefit-sharing actions planned in your ethical self-assessment)		
	If your research involves low and/or middle income countries, are benefit-sharing measures planned?		
	Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the research at risk?		
6.	Environment Health and Safety		
	Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to the environment, to animals, or plants?		
	Does your research deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or protected areas?		
	Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to humans, including research staff?		
7.	Misuse and Other Ethical Issues		
	Does your research have the potential for malevolent/criminal/terrorist/... abuse?		
	Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?		
	Please specify:		

I confirm that I have taken into account all ethics issues described above and that, if any ethics issues apply, I will complete the ethics self-assessment and attach the required documents.

Date

Full Name

Signature

