

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 8, 2020  
**TO:** Saul Halfon, Seungmi Chung  
**FROM:** Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board (FWA00000572, expires October 29, 2024)  
**PROTOCOL TITLE:** An Expert? Or One of Us?: The Positioning of the Korean Astronaut in the Transitional Period between Catch-up and Post Catch-up  
**IRB NUMBER:** 16-524

Effective May 8, 2020, the Virginia Tech Institution Review Board (IRB) approved the Continuing Review request for the above-mentioned research protocol.

This approval provides permission to begin the human subject activities outlined in the IRB-approved protocol and supporting documents.

Plans to deviate from the approved protocol and/or supporting documents must be submitted to the IRB as an amendment request and approved by the IRB prior to the implementation of any changes, regardless of how minor, except where necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the subjects. Report within 5 business days to the IRB any injuries or other unanticipated or adverse events involving risks or harms to human research subjects or others.

All investigators (listed above) are required to comply with the researcher requirements outlined at:

<https://secure.research.vt.edu/external/irb/responsibilities.htm>

(Please review responsibilities before beginning your research.)

## PROTOCOL INFORMATION:

Approved As: **Expedited, under 45 CFR 46.110 category(ies) 5,6,7**  
Protocol Approval Date: **June 6, 2020**  
Protocol Expiration Date: **June 5, 2021**  
Continuing Review Due Date\*: **May 15, 2021**

\*Date a Continuing Review application is due to the IRB office if human subject activities covered under this protocol, including data analysis, are to continue beyond the Protocol Expiration Date.

## ASSOCIATED FUNDING:

The table on the following page indicates whether grant proposals are related to this protocol, and which of the listed proposals, if any, have been compared to this protocol, if required.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

\*\*\* The Virginia Tech IRB/HRPP has requested that research involving person-to-person contact or gatherings of human research participants be paused as soon as possible. The duration of the pause is unknown, but to reduce disruption to the extent possible, we will be reassessing daily. Although we continue to issue approval notices, Virginia Tech guidance should be followed. Please visit <https://www.research.vt.edu/covid-19-updates-impacts.html> for updates.

Date*	OSP Number	Sponsor	Grant Comparison Conducted?

\* Date this proposal number was compared, assessed as not requiring comparison, or comparison information was revised.

If this protocol is to cover any other grant proposals, please contact the HRPP office ([irb@vt.edu](mailto:irb@vt.edu)) immediately.