

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 7, 2020

**TO:** Sang Won Lee, Harsh Kamalesh Sanghavi, Molly Graham Hickman, Viral Shrikant Pasad, Jacob Thebault-Spieker

**FROM:** Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board (FWA00000572, expires October 29, 2024)

**PROTOCOL TITLE:** Conflict and collaboration between multilingual versions of the same Wikipedia articles

**IRB NUMBER:** 19-938

Effective April 6, 2020, the Virginia Tech Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) and Institutional Review Board (IRB) determined that this protocol meets the criteria for exemption from IRB review under 45 CFR 46.104(d) category(ies) 2(ii).

Ongoing IRB review and approval by this organization is not required. This determination applies only to the activities described in the IRB submission and does not apply should any changes be made. If changes are made and there are questions about whether these activities impact the exempt determination, please submit a new request to the IRB for a determination.

This exempt determination does not apply to any collaborating institution(s). The Virginia Tech HRPP and IRB cannot provide an exemption that overrides the jurisdiction of a local IRB or other institutional mechanism for determining exemptions.

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:**

Determined As: **Exempt, under 45 CFR 46.104(d) category(ies) 2(ii)**  
Protocol Determination Date: **March 2, 2020**

**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.

This amendment, submitted April 6, 2020, updates research protocol to allow for interviews to be conducted either over the phone or over chat, using the interview script attached. Also, included in the change is the addition of a transcription service.

| Date* | OSP Number | Sponsor | Grant Comparison Conducted? |
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\* 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.