



Exempt Research Certificate

Dear Applicant,

The Research Division at Supreme Council of Health (SCH) has reviewed *Hepatitis C Quality Improvement in the Middle East: Landscape Evaluation Survey* provided by the Principle Investigator. The Principle Investigator, Dr. Samar Aboulsoud, confirmed that there will be no collection of identifiable information. Upon review, the survey has been categorized as exempt research.

However, please note that in accordance with SCH policy, the regulations state that “research involving...interview procedures...{is exempt from this policy} unless (1) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subject can be identified directly or through identifiers linked to the subject and (2) disclosure of the human subject” responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability, or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, or reputation”. Under conditions mentioned in (1) and (2), the proposal must be reviewed by an Institutional Review Board Committee.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact us at 974-4407-0363 or via email at IRB@sch.gov.qa

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Sincerely,

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