

Common issues in HREC applications

We discuss the most commonly encountered issues by the Human Research Ethics Committee and the research project. In this document, we follow the section headings as for the 2024 HREC application template.

General

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Section 3.1

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