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**Students’ Research Assessment Committee**

**Protocol Format**[[1]](#footnote-2)

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| **Item** | **Description** |
| **Academic year** |  |
| **Students ‘names** |  |
| **Students’ numbers** |  |
| **Supervisor’s name** |  |
| **Supervisor’s phone no.** |  |
| **Supervisor’s e-mail address** |  |
| **Back stopper’s name** |  |
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| **Back stopper’s e-mail address** |  |
| **Title**  Indicate the study’s design in the title |  |
| **Introduction**  Explain the scientific background for the investigation being reported. Summarize what is known and outline research gaps in the literature |  |
| ***Rationale***  Explain the need for the investigation in the context of what is uncertain or unknown |  |
| ***Research question*** Provide an explicit statement of research question being addressed with reference to participants, exposure, comparison, outcomes, and study design (PECOS) |  |
| ***Objectives***  Provide an explicit statement of study objectives being addressed with reference to the research question |  |
| ***Study setting***  ***Study location***  Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment |  |
| ***Participants***  Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants |  |
| ***Sample size***  ***Sampling technique*** |  |
| ***Data collection methods*** |  |
| ***Data collection tools***  Describe the tools and provide them as appendixes |  |
| ***Variables***  Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable |  |
| ***Bias***  Describe any efforts to address potential sources of selection and information bias |  |
| ***Data analysis Plan***  Descriptive statistics  Analytical statistics |  |
| ***Ethical consideration***  Provide participant’s information sheet and consent form as appendixes |  |
| ***References***  Use Harvard style |  |

**I here agree to publish my protocol plan at the Students’ Research Assessment Unit (SRAU) website**

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Student Signature Date

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