

SHRU Research Committee

Guidelines for Submission of all Proposals for Research Studies and Publication of Research

The Research Committee of SRHU will take into account the following considerations in reviewing for acceptance the Proposals for Research Studies and/or Publication that have been submitted to it. These considerations are based on the guidelines and checklists that are provided by the CONSORT and EQUATOR websites. Consistency with the full checklist items will be reviewed for each proposal, as appropriate.

Literature Review

The breadth and depth of the literature review, optimally in the format of a Systematic Review according to the PRISMA checklist, that itself could present a publishable research paper.

There should be a list of references in the available literature that have been reviewed in full text mode; a discussion of the content of the referenced studies; and the index of medical publications that was searched (such as PubMed and IndMed) with the search words/filters that were used.

Hypothesis and/or Purpose and Expected Outcome(s) and Practical Application(s) of the Proposed Study.

Methodology

The proposed Methodology that will be used for Data Collection; the relevant CONSORT/EQUATOR Checklist that is applicable to the proposed Methodology, along with the relevant Subject Flow Diagram; and an explanation of any change from the Checklist items that are in the proposed Methodology.

If the proposal involves a Randomized Clinical Treatment, the methods of Randomization and Concealment of Allocation should be described, along with mechanisms of blinding, if any, of subjects, investigators, and data collection and/or analysis.

Proposed Sample Size, with inclusion and exclusion criteria; supported by the anticipated Effect Size (drawn from results of Literature Review, if available); and a Power Analysis, if the proposal is for an RCT or other comparative outcome analysis.

Data Analysis

Discussion of the methods of Data Analysis, with Statistical Measures to be used, including an Intention to Treat Analysis if an RCT (“once randomized, always counted”), and whether the proposed Methodology and Statistical Analysis has been reviewed by the Biostatistics Department.

Results

A description of how the data will be presented, such as the use of Tables, Graphs and Images.

Discussion

Include principal findings; study limitations; potential sources of bias; practical significance, etc.

Authorship

Identification of who will be the First Author, the Corresponding Author, and the Last Named Author, with signatures of agreement, with listing of other co-authors and their signatures as per SRHU policy.

Publication

Anticipated Journals for submission of paper, with their associated Index (PubMed, IndMed, Scopus, Embase, ISI/Wok); appropriate wording of Abstract and Title, per Checklist guidelines. Acceptance for publication in one of the above Indexes will grant it the honor and listing as an “SRHU University Research Publication.”

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