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RE: IRB Protocol 26-050

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Aswathy Anakkathil Pradeep
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Dear Aswathy,

Thank you for submitting the research protocol titled, “The Impact of Aphasia on Caregivers and Their Perception: A Cross-Cultural Survey Study Comparing Caregivers in India and the USA” for review by the Eastern Illinois University Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB has reviewed this research protocol and effective 8/4/2026, has certified this protocol meets the federal regulations exemption criteria for human subjects research. The protocol has been given the IRB number 26-050. You are approved to proceed with your study.

The classification of this protocol as exempt is valid only for the research activities and subjects described in the above named protocol. IRB policy requires that any proposed changes to this protocol must be reported to, and approved by, the IRB before being implemented. You are also required to inform the IRB immediately of any problems encountered that could adversely affect the health or welfare of the subjects in this study. Please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 581-2125, in the event of an emergency. All correspondence should be sent to the Institutional Research Board, care of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Thank you for your cooperation, and the best of success with your research.

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Reviewer Comments: A voluntary online survey asking caregivers about their experiences caring for a family member with aphasia poses no more than minimal risk to participants. Good luck with your research!