

**Memorandum – Not Human Subjects Research Determination**

**Date:** March 31, 2021

**To:** Neha Kennard, College of Information & Computer Sciences

**Project Title:** *Discourse in Scientific Peer Review Text*

**HRPO Determination Number: 21-81**

The Human Research Protection Office (HRPO) has evaluated the above named project and has made the following determination based on the information provided to our office:

- ☐ The proposed project does not involve research that obtains information about living individuals [45 CFR 46.102(f)].
- ☐ The proposed project does not involve intervention or interaction with individuals OR does not use identifiable private information [45 CFR 46.102(f)(1), (2)].
- ☒ The proposed project does not meet the definition of human subject research under federal regulations [45 CFR 46.102(d)].

**Submission of an Application to UMass Amherst IRB is not required.**

Note: This determination applies only to the activities described in the submission. If there are changes to the activities described in this submission, please submit a new determination form to the HRPO prior to initiating any changes. ***Researchers should NOT include contact information for the UMass Amherst IRB on any project materials.***

A project determined as “Not Human Subjects Research,” must still be conducted ethically. The UMass Amherst HRPO strongly expects project personnel to:

- treat participants with respect at all times
- ensure project participation is voluntary and confidentiality is maintained (when applicable)
- minimize any risks associated with participation in the project
- conduct the project in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations as well as UMass Amherst Policies and procedures which may include obtaining approval of your activities from other institutions or entities.

Please do not hesitate to call us at 413-545-3428 or email [humansubjects@ora.umass.edu](mailto:humansubjects@ora.umass.edu) if you have any questions.



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