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Dear Dr Kang,

NHMRC Statement of Support for the National Benchmarking Project for Ethics Review of Secondary Data Research Proposals

The NHMRC is pleased to express its support for the Australian Research Data Commons/CT:IQ project on [Clinical Research Data Sharing Frameworks](#). This project will develop practical guidance to support trustworthy sharing of clinical research data in Australia.

An important component of the project comprises benchmarking the review practices of Human Research Ethics Committees (HRECs) and other ethics review bodies when considering research using secondary data. This benchmarking will provide valuable information about the way ethics review bodies are interpreting key principles and guidelines set out in the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2023)*. An understanding of the range of current practices also will provide a useful educational opportunity for participating ethics review bodies.

The NHMRC is supportive of ethics review bodies' participation in this project and the potential impact that information gathered from this process will have for the research sector.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Singh'.

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