

RESEARCH ETHICS BULLETIN

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
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NEWS & ARTICLES

Retractions are part of science, but misconduct isn't — lessons from a superconductivity lab

By Editorial // *Nature*

Explains research misconduct and how journals, funders and institutions can learn from such cases.

UK toddler has hearing restored in world first gene therapy trial

By Andrew Gregory // *The Guardian*

A pioneering gene therapy trial has successfully restored hearing to deaf children.

AI-assisted writing is quietly booming in academic journals. Here's why that's OK

By Julian Koplín // *The Conversation*

Argues that banning AI assisted writing in academic journals is impractical and an overreaction, and that the focus should instead be shifted to reducing all kinds of errors in the academic record.

How corporate involvement in psychedelic research could threaten public safety

By Elena Koning, Elisa Brietzke & Marco Solmi // *The Conversation*

Explains how negative impacts from corporate involvement in research can be mitigated.

Commentary: What prompts people to deliberately expose themselves to an infection?

By G Owen Schaefer, Jerry Menikoff, and Barnaby Young // *Channel News Asia*

Explains the use of challenge studies to advance scientific progress, such as in the development of vaccines.



PUBLICATIONS

Responsibility is not required for authorship

By Neil Levy // *Journal of Medical Ethics*

Argues that responsibility is not required for authorship, which if correct complicates the question of whether AI can author academic papers.

Weighing the moral status of brain organoids and research animals

By Julian Koplín // *Bioethics*

Considers the relative moral status of sentient human brain organoids and research animals.

Guidance needed for using artificial intelligence to screen journal submissions for misconduct

By Mohammad Hosseini & David B Resnik // *Research Ethics*

Argues best practice for journals who use AI to screen submissions for potential misconduct.

Project lightspeed: a case study in research ethics and accelerated vaccine development

By Klaus Leisinger & Doris Schroeder // *Research Ethics*

Uses the case study of COVID-19 to show how accelerated vaccine development can be achieved even with close adherence to research ethics principles.

Accessing third-party research databases for criminal investigations: Enhancing legal protections and safeguarding public interests

By Hui Yun Chan, Tamra Lysaght, Xin Xiang Lim, Hui Jin Toh, and Julian Savulescu // *Medical Law International*

Addresses the ethical and legal considerations around the widening of law enforcement agencies' powers to collect DNA information and potential access to DNA databases for criminal investigations.



BLOG POSTS

What is hidden behind the concept of research integrity?

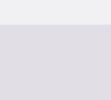
By Pär Segerdahl // *The Ethics Blog*

Explores the various interpretations of the concept of research integrity and claims the term may not be fit for purpose.

Would you survive brain twinning?

By Dominic Wilkinson // *Practical Ethics*

Considers the ethics of speculative brain uploading and its implications on life and death questions.



VIDEOS

The Ethics of Human Challenge Studies

Part - 1: Challenge Trials Generally

Workshop Recording

1. Shobana Balasingham "Overview of history, aims and methodology of challenge trials"
2. Professor Jerry Menikoff "Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Challenge Studies"
3. Professor Peter Singer "Further ethical challenges & approaches to overcome those challenges (Risk thresholds)"
4. Jake Eberts "Participant Perspectives"
5. Panel of speakers engaging with the audience

The Ethics of Human Challenge Studies

Part - 2: COVID-19 Challenge Trials

Workshop Recording

1. Dr Bridget Williams "Barriers and challenges specific to the COVID-19 context"
2. Associate Professor Barnaby Young, "COVID-19 challenge trials: context and ongoing projects"
3. Sam Xin Hui, "Public perspectives on challenge studies in Singapore"
4. Panel of speakers engaging with the audience



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Register Now.

Mode: Online

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Short Course on Ageing and Ethics - The Ethics of Communities and Cultures in Ageing

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Mode: Online

Date/Time: 24 June & 1 July 2024 / 6.30pm – 8.00pm

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