



I am not sure where we are with the ethical approval for the I-MOVE-COVID-19 risk factor study. Would it be possible for you to clarify if the letter you have stating ethical approval is not needed is also valid for the risk factor study? If yes, then we will need either a protocol, or a document stating this (on official letterhead, signed by the principle investigator (I believe this is 5.1.2e). I can send you a template for this if useful, just let me know).

Additionally we will need from you some more deliverables:

Deliverables **5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3** are

- procedures for identifying participants
- procedures for informed consent
- templates for informed consent and patient information leaflets

In the protocol that we have received from you (dated 14th of July, 2020), these 3 deliverables are very nicely outlined. I believe we can use the protocol plus your sample form (annex 1) for these deliverables for the surveillance part. What is your advice for the risk factor study? Could we use the same parts of the protocol for it? An alternative is to write an official document stating that the data for the risk factor study have not been transmitted yet and therefore the ethical documents are not yet available, however they will be in line with the surveillance part of the project. Please let me know what you think will be best.

We will also need (see the details in yellow at the bottom of this email, this is just a summary):

Deliverables **5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, and 5.2.5** - they are

- 5.2.1: a declaration of compliance with respective national legal framework - **please see attached a template** for this (could you write this on a document with an official letterhead and have it signed by the principle investigator? It's very short.)
- 5.2.2: confirmation that you have a data protection officer (DPO), or if you do not have one, that the project has a data protection policy in place. Could you also write a letter to declare this? **Please see attached template**. Again, this needs to be on a document with an official letterhead.
- 5.2.3, 5.2.4 and 5.2.5: Information on data protection, data security and anonymisation procedures. Are you able to provide this? **Please let us know if you need an example**.

**Deliverables 5.4.1 and 5.4.2:** These are deliverables related to the lab, including security classification, GMO authorisation and declaration that health and safety procedures are being carried out according to national guidelines. **I attach two documents that Portugal sent that could be helpful examples**. 5.1.2e **would it be possible for you to send something similar?**

We really need these documents by Monday the 7th of September. Do you think this would be possible? Please let us know if there is any way we can assist you with this.

Apologies again for this burden to your already huge workload.

Wishing you all the best,

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**Subject:**[I-MOVE-COVID-19] Ethics work packages deliverables required SOON

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- **Declaration of compliance** with national legal framework(s), indicating any special exemptions pertaining to personal rights or processing of genetic, biometric and/or health data under the national legislation
- **Confirmation of appointment of a Data Protection Officer (DPO)** and that the DPO's contact details are available to all data subjects involved in the research. *[If your institution is not required to appoint a DPO under GDPR, you must submit instead a detailed data protection policy for the surveillance and the risk factor study]. It is very important for you to make a connection with your institute's/hospital's DPO as soon as possible, if this has not already been done*
- The next three deliverables may also be part of a study/surveillance protocol methodology:
  - **Description of technical and organisational measures** to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the data subjects/research participants
  - **Description of security measures** to prevent unauthorised access to personal data or the equipment used for processing data
  - **Description of the anonymisation/pseudonymisation techniques** implemented
- The **sixth deliverable** of D5.3 *only concerns Albania and the UK*: confirmation that **transfer of personal data to the EU complies with the laws** of each of those countries

**D5.3 and 5.4 – two deliverables each.** These are applicable to participating **laboratories** and refer to requirements to keep the following information on file:

- Details on **cell/tissue types** collected
- Copies of relevant documents for using, producing or collecting human cells or tissues (e.g. **ethics approval, import licence, accreditation/designation/authorisation/licensing**)
- Copies of **authorisations for relevant facilities** (e.g. security classification of laboratory, GMO authorisation)
- Evidence of **appropriate health and safety procedures** conforming to relevant local/national guidelines/legislation for project staff.

Please let us know if there is any way we can assist you in getting these deliverables together. For those who have sent your site-specific protocols, we can look through these to obtain the deliverables related to methodology, but will contact you if we are unable to locate them.

Warm regards

5.1.2e on behalf of the WP2 and WP3 I-MOVE-COVID-19 teams

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Here is the table listing the details, with yellow highlight for those applicable to participating sites:

D5.1	<p>1. The procedures and criteria that will be used to identify/recruit research participants must be submitted as a deliverable.</p> <p>2. The informed consent procedures that will be implemented for the participation of humans must be submitted as a deliverable.</p> <p>3. Templates of the informed consent/assent forms and information sheets (in language and terms intelligible to the participants) must be kept on file.</p> <p>4. Copies of opinions/approvals by ethics committees and/or competent authorities for the research with humans must be submitted as a deliverable.</p>	Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services)	<b>15 Sep 2020</b>	Please, send copies of each document to Epiconcept before 1st September 2020
D5.2	<p>1. The beneficiary must check if special derogations pertaining to the rights of data subjects or the processing of genetic, biometric and/or health data have been established under the national legislation of the country where the research takes place and submit a declaration of compliance with respective national legal framework(s).</p>	Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services)	<b>15 Sep 2020</b>	Please, send copies of the documents required to Epiconcept before 1st September 2020

	<p>2. The host institution (ALL PARTNERS collecting data) must confirm that it has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) and the contact details of the DPO are made available to all data subjects involved in the research. For host institutions not required to appoint a DPO under the GDPR a detailed data protection policy for the project must be submitted as a deliverable.</p> <p>3. A description of the technical and organisational measures that will be implemented to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the data subjects/research participants must be submitted as a deliverable.</p> <p>4. A description of the security measures that will be implemented to prevent unauthorised access to personal data or the equipment used for processing must be submitted as a deliverable.</p> <p>5. Description of the anonymisation/pseudonymisation techniques that will be implemented must be submitted as a deliverable.</p> <p>6. In case personal data are transferred from a non-EU country to the EU (or another third state), confirmation that such transfers comply with the laws of the country in which the data was collected must be submitted as a deliverable.</p> <p>7. In case of further processing of previously collected personal data, an explicit confirmation that the beneficiary has lawful basis for the data processing and that the appropriate technical and organisational measures are in place to safeguard the rights of the data subjects must be submitted as a deliverable.</p> <p>8. The beneficiary must evaluate the ethics risks related to the data processing activities of the project. This includes also an opinion if data protection impact assessment should be conducted under art.35 General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679. The risk evaluation and the opinion must be submitted as a deliverable.</p>			
D5.3	<p>1. In case human cells/tissues are obtained within the project, details on cell/tissue types must be kept on file.</p> <p>2. Copies of relevant documents for using, producing or collecting human cells or tissues (e.g., ethics approval, import licence, accreditation/designation/authorisation/licensing) must be kept on file.</p> <p>3. In case human cells/tissues are obtained from a biobank, details on the cell/tissue types and on the biobank and access to it must be kept on file.</p>	Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services)	15 Sep 2020	Please keep the relevant documents archived
D5.4	<p>1. Copies of authorisations for relevant facilities (e.g., security classification of laboratory, GMO authorisation) must be kept on file.</p> <p>2. The applicant must demonstrate that appropriate health and safety procedures conforming to relevant local/national guidelines/legislation are followed for staff involved in this project. This must be kept on file.</p>	Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services)	15 Sep 2020	Please keep relevant documents and send to Epiconcept





One of the requirements is to appoint an independent Ethics Advisor by 15 June 2020 to monitor the ethics issues of the project and how they are addressed. There will be an evaluation of the ethics risks related to the data processing activities of the project. This includes also an opinion on the need for a data protection impact assessment under art.35 General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679.

The risk evaluation and the opinion will be submitted as deliverable. The Ethics Advisor must submit a report as a deliverable at the end of the 1st reporting period and at the end of the project.

We are pleased to welcome 5.1.2e who will be our Ethics Advisor.

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5.1.2e will work directly with Epiconcept to carry out her mission, however if necessary, she may need to ask you questions directly.

With very many thanks for your time and for your participation in WP5.

Best wishes,

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