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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is regarding Alejandro Andreas Jaume Losa's study on the attitudes and linguistic uses of Palma de Mallorca's population towards the two official languages of the Balearic Islands: Catalan and Spanish. The first aim is to identify the values that the society of Palma attributes to each of the official languages and the second is to determine which social and demographic variables most significantly affect the formation of linguistic attitudes towards Catalan and Spanish in Palma.

As a PhD student at the time, I carried out a similar research project on linguistic perceptions and attitudes in Mallorca in 2011, the results of which were published in 2016. The data was equally collected through a questionnaire. The research, consent and recruitment procedures used complied with research ethical protocols. From my current perspective as a lecturer in Spanish at Columbia University, and based upon what I do know, I believe this is also the case for this study, considering that (1) participants only need to complete a questionnaire on linguistic attitudes and perceptions in which no personal information on sensitive subjects is disclosed; (2) their participation is entirely optional and anonymous; (3) there is no risk involved; and that (4) they will sign a consent form.

As per today, I am not aware of the need of an approval by a Spanish ethical research committee. My recent and current research takes place in the US. Therefore, I am ignorant of current required Spanish protocols for non-clinical studies like the one here presented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francisca Aguiló Mora', with a stylized, cursive script.

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