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To

The Chief Editor,

Indian Journal of Medical Ethics

Respected sir/madam,

We would like to submit our work titled "Evolution of ICMR ethical guidelines from 1980 to 2017" for consideration of publication in your esteemed journal as Review article. We, the authors have done this work under the directions of Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy, Former Senior Deputy DG,ICMR, during our Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics course at PSG Medical college Coimbatore.

We got an excellent opportunity to go through the most treasured documents of ICMR ethical guidelines released on 1980, 2000, 2006 and 2017 and have done a detailed analysis of the changes made in the guidelines from time to time, probable reasons for doing so and application of the ethical principles underlying these changes vis-a-vis global scenario during this period. We were also awarded as the best analysis work by Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy and Dr. Nandini kumar for our quality of the work.

This is also to confirm that the article "Evolution of ICMR ethical guidelines from 1980 to 2017" submitted to the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics is original and has been co-authored by the undersigned. All authors have participated in the work sufficiently to meet the ICMJE guidelines for authorship. All have read and approved the manuscript. The submission is not under consideration for publication in any other journal. We give consent to Dr. Anandabaskar Nishanthi to act as the author for correspondence.

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We have read the terms and conditions of authorship of IJME and accept them.

We request you to consider our work for publishing in your esteemed journal to reach wider readers. Kindly do the needful.

With best regards,

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