**Ganeshan Attitudes of researchers towards ethics committees at a medical research institute in Coimbatore**

Internal review comments:

The paper is on an interesting topic, but the results and discussions are analysed in a very superficial manner. Some of the serious limitations of this study are:

1. The sample size is too small. The authors are definitely under-powered to make the kind of comparisons they are making. The sample size calculation is made based on estimation of a prevalence of about 97% of good attitude. However, this is not enough to make comparison between various subgroups.
2. The discussion is superficial. It does not generate substantial discussions such as:

–What elements of ethics committee function generates the negative attitude?

–How can these elements be changed?

–Why is it that students are more negative towards ethics committees than faculty? Is it because they have more at stake (their dissertations being reviewed)? How can students attitudes towards ethics committees be changed?

–What are the implications of this study findings on the operation of ethics committees? How should ethics committees function now that we know these things about the attitudes.

Due to these serious limitations, I recommend that we decline this paper.