Do I need a Local Context Advisor or approval from a Foreign IRB/Ethics Committee?

Is ethical/IRB review required for human subjects research in the country(ies) where the research will be conducted? (See OHRP International Compilation for guidance: https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/international/compilation-human-research-standards/index.html)

Yes

Is the research funded by the U.S. Federal government?

No / Not Sure

Is the research exempt according to 45 CFR 46.104(d)?

Yes

Is your research limited to online activities such as a survey, or games and tasks?

No

Provide copy of foreign IRB/Ethics approval to WU IRB at the time of your submission (unless the foreign IRB requires WU IRB approval first).

Note: Even if a country does not require ethical/IRB review, if non-exempt research is federally funded, you are required to obtain an IRB approval for any foreign site that is engaged in the conduct of the research.

Is the research available in all countries? (i.e., you are not targeting a specific country or countries)

Yes

Is the data completely anonymous? (i.e., it is not possible to link the responses to the participant and you are not collecting IP address or a geocode tied to locations)

No

Provide name of individual(s), at the time of your WU IRB submission, who can serve as the WU IRB’s local context advisor for each country.

Note: If the local context advisor indicates that foreign IRB review is needed, then it will need to be obtained in order for the WU IRB to approve your research (unless the foreign IRB requires our approval first).

Only US regulations will be applied.

Neither foreign IRB/Ethics committee approval nor a local context advisor will be required because it is not possible to identify the jurisdiction and the research is not federally funded.