

Supplementary file 3: Inclusion criteria for identification of eligible studies

Setting	India (other South Asian countries included in search, but not in any further steps reported)
Population	Any stakeholder groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lay – patients/patients' guardians, public, CT/cohort study participants;• Professional – healthcare/research faculty, students or practitioners, members/staff of ethics committees or regulatory/governmental agencies• Other – relevant documents
Phenomenon of interest	Any ethical aspects of conducting clinical trials/research in India (e.g. informed consent, scientific misconduct, research governance, ethics committees and approvals, good clinical practice)
Study design	Primary/secondary research of any design conducted on human participants (including observational, experimental, quasi-experimental, randomised controlled trials, qualitative, mixed methods)