

Institutional Review Board (IRB) and consent form statements

This study was approved by the institutional review boards (IRB) of the Medical College of Georgia (MCG), Augusta, GA, and Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, GA, USA. A signed consent was taken from each patient or his/her immediate family member before withdrawing blood. I performed this study in the laboratory of Dr. S. P. Mahadik at the MCG, GA. I contacted Dr. Mahadik through his email to get a copy of the above documents; however, they could not be retrieved due to long gap as all the records have been destroyed long back. In this regard, email responses of Dr. Mahadik are attached below.

From: Mahadik, Sahebarao SMAHADIK@augusta.edu
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Leptin-Fatty acid paper
Date: 16 March 2022 at 8:05 PM
To: mohd m khan mmkhan0@gmail.com



Hi Khan,

Nice to hear from you. About copy of the letter of IRB approval, it is not possible send to you. It is long time. All the records are destroyed by Research office 5 years after researchers have left.

I am retired over 7 years now.

You may have to try to assure the publication that all US Institutions have policy to do research on projects that are approved by IRB. This study was no exception.

Take care and Good luck,

Sahebarao P. Mahadik
Emeritus Professor
Augusta University. Augusta 30912.

From: mohd m khan <mmkhan0@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 9:03 PM
To: Mahadik, Sahebarao <SMAHADIK@augusta.edu>
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Dear Dr. Mahadik,

I hope all is well at your end.

I just wanted to check with you one more time regarding the Institutional Review Board approval, if it is available.

The above paper has been provisionally accepted, it requires IRB approval letter.

I hope I am not bothering you too much.

Sincerely,

Khan

From: Mahadik, Sahebarao SMAHADIK@augusta.edu
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Leptin-Fatty acid paper
Date: 23 April 2022 at 1:19 AM
To: mohd m khan mmkhan0@gmail.com

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Hi Khan,

This request is also unreasonable since every patient enrolled in the study mandatory signs sch document before he/she enters in the study and PI also signs it.

But all the paperwork is no longer maintained. After study is completed, Institution can keeps for 5 years and disposes.

Sorry for the convenience.

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Dear Dr. Mahadik,

I hope all is well at your end.
The journal editor has requested this document, please let me know if it is available.

Please upload the primary version (PDF) of the Informed Consent Form that has been signed by all subjects and investigators of the study

I apology for any inconvenience in this regard.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Khan

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