

Table: Study Institutional Review Boards (IRB) and consent features across WMH Survey Initiative

Survey	IRB/ Ethics approval	Type of consent obtained*	Incentives
Argentina	Bioethics Committee, School of Medicine, University of Buenos Aires	Written	None
Australia	The survey was conducted under the authority of the <i>Census and Statistics Act</i> , 1905. All aspects of the survey's implementation were designed to conform to the <i>Information Privacy Principles</i> set out in the <i>Privacy Act</i> , 1988. Interviews were carried out by trained interviewers from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, a statutory body responsible for conducting such surveys using ethical protocols that include written consent.	Written	None
Belgium	Ethics Committee of the Institute of Public Health (Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety, and Environment)	Verbal	None
Brazil (Sao Paulo metropolitan area)	Research and Ethics Committee of the School of Medicine, University of Sao Paulo	Written	None
Bulgaria -2002-6	Deputy Minister and head of the Executive Committee of the National Psychiatric Program	Verbal	None
Bulgaria -2016-17	Ethical committee of the National Center of Public Health and Analyses	Verbal	None
Colombia	Ethics Committee for the FES Social Foundation	Verbal	Alarm clock

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Colombia-Medellín	Comité Institucional de Ética Universidad CES	Written	None
France	Committee of the CNIL -Commission Nationale Informatique et Libertés	Written	Gift certificate - 24 EURO
Germany	Ethics Committee of the University of Leipzig	Verbal	None
Iraq	Ethics Scientific Committee of the Ministry of Health Iraq	Verbal	None
Israel	Human Subjects Committee for survey and field procedures in Eitanim-Kfar Shaul Hospital	Verbal	None
Italy	Italian National Institute of Health	Written	Gasoline coupon - 15 EURO
Japan	National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry; Okayama University School of Medicine; Nagasaki University School of Medicine; Keio University School of Medicine; Jichi University School of Medicine; Juntendo University School of Medicine; Yamagata University School of Medicine	Written	Gift certificate – 3000 YEN
Lebanon	University of Balamand Faculty of Medicine Institutional Review Board	Verbal	Free psychiatric consultation

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Mexico	Ethics committee in research of the National Institute of Psychiatry Ramon de la Fuente Muñiz	Verbal	None
Netherlands	Ethics Committee of the Netherlands Institute of Mental Health and Addiction	Written	Gift certificate – 5 & 20 EURO
New Zealand	New Zealand Health Ethics Committees (approval from 14 separate committees)	Written	Free family meal (only for potential respondents who were reluctant to take part)
Nigeria	University of Ibadan/ University College Hospital Joint Ethics Committee	Verbal	Bath towel
Northern Ireland	University of Ulster Ethics Committee	Written	10 GBP
Peru	National Institute of Health Peru	Verbal	None
People's Republic of China-Shenzhen	Ethics Committee, Shenzhen Kangning Hospital	Verbal	Small radio (1-2 USD)
Poland	Komisja Bioetyczna (Bioethical Committee) of Instytut Psychiatrii i Neurologii	Written	Wall calendar promoting mental health
Portugal	Ethics Committee, Faculdade de Ciências Médicas, Universidade Nova	Verbal	Gift certificate – 15 & 30 EURO
Romania	Ethics Commission, Scientific Board of National Institute for Research and Development in Health	Verbal	Thermometers or desk clocks
Saudi Arabia	Office of Research Affairs at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center	Written	Supermarket voucher - 100 SR

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South Africa	Human Subjects committees of the University of Michigan, Harvard Medical School, and the Medical University of South Africa	Written	None
Spain	Ethical Committee of Sant Joan de Deu Serveis de Salut Menta and Ethical Committee of IMIM-Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute	Written	Gift certificate – 12 & 25 EURO
Spain-Murcia	The Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the University Hospital Virgen de la Arrixaca of Murcia (Spain)	Written	None
Ukraine	Kiev International Institute of Sociology, and Ukrainian Psychiatric Association	Written	Cash - 25 UAH
United States of America	Human Subjects Committees of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan and of Harvard Medical School	Verbal	Cash/Check – 50 & 100 USD
*Informed consent was obtained before beginning interviews, using procedures approved by the institutional review board of the organization coordinating the survey in each country.			