



IRB 360 NEWSLETTER

Connecting Research with Ethics

Research Must Do No Harm:

New guidance addresses all studies relating to people

Nature recently wrote about the lack of guidance on the benefits/harms of academic research whose conclusions could affect **groups of people** who did not participate in such studies. Of concern are research which could lead to stigmatization, discrimination, homophobia etc... might be used to justify undermining the rights of **specifics groups** (because of their social characteristics) and thereby causing '**group harm**'.

"All academic research requires ethical consideration to maximize benefits and reduce or eliminate harms."

For the full article, please click [here](#).



Guidance developed by Springer Nature editors aims to fill this gap. It encourages researchers, reviewers, and editors to respect the dignity & rights of groups of people; and calls for the research community to:

- * **Consider potentially harmful implications** of research as applied to groups;
- * **Minimize the potential for misuse** and the risks of harm to these groups; and
- * Use **respectful, non-stigmatizing language** in their manuscripts.



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