		Northern Bukidnon State College Research Ethics Committee
REC Form No.	**E- 02**	**STUDY PROTOCOL ASSESSMENT FORM**
Version No.	**1**	
Date of Approval: December 09, 2025		
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Title of the Study				
REC Code:		Type of Review		
Project Leader		Institution		
Reviewer		Date Received	Primary Reviewer	Yes ☐ No ☐

A. Protocol Assessment

Please complete the ethical risk filter questions. These determine whether your application will undergo full review or expedited review by the Northern Bukidnon State College Research Ethics Committee (REC).

1. Does the study involve human participants or human subjects?
   ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Research protocols that do not involve human participants, identifiable human biological materials, or personal data are exempt from the review process under the National Ethical Guidelines for Research Involving Human Participants (NEGRIHP) 2022.

2. Does the research exclusively use pre-existing, non-sensitive, and anonymous data or records that cannot be linked back to individual participants?
   ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No

   **The National Ethical Guidelines for Research Involving Human Participants (NEGRIHP) 2022 identifies certain research as exemptible, provided that the data is protected by both anonymity and confidentiality to safeguard participants' privacy and prevent any potential harm to their professional or personal well-being.*

3. Are the procedures non-invasive and do not pose any physical, psychological, or social risks to participants involved? ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Does the research conducted solely for the purpose of program evaluation of program evaluation, quality improvement, or educational purposes within the organization or institution, without the intent of generalizing or publishing the findings?

☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No

The National Ethical Guidelines for Research Involving Human Participants (NEGRIHP 2022) recognizes certain categories of research protocols as generally low-risk and suitable for exemption from the standard review process. This exemption is granted as long as the research does not involve more than minimal risks to the participants.

5. Does the study have social value? ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comment: (e.g., scientific value, relevance to national /community needs).

6. Is the study background adequate? ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No Comment:

7. Are the research questions supported by the Review of Literature?

☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐

No Comment:

8. Are the study objectives Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time-bound?

☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐

No Comment:

9. Is the research design appropriate?

- Is the population identified and defined? ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the selection of study participants described? ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the sample size justified? ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the plan for data analysis described? ☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there dummy tables?

- Comment:

B. Risk Assessment	
1. Does the research need to be carried out participants? ● Comment:	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No with human
2. Does the study have a vulnerability issue? If yes,	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Are appropriate mechanisms/interventions in vulnerability issue/s? ● Comment:	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No place to address the
4. Are there risks/ probable harms to the the study, such as:	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No human participants in
4.1 Drug-related questions	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No
4.2 Invasive procedures such as blood sampling, pls specify	
4.3 Discussion of sensitive topics that may make participants feel uncomfortable *{i.e. illegal activities, sexual behavior, illegal substance use, STD's, reportable diseases (HIV, AIDS, Measles, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis A, B, and C, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and diseases caused by viruses spread by mosquitoes, ticks, etc.)}*	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No
4.4 Discussions of topics that may make ☐ No participants feel unease and trigger physical distress.	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes
4.5 Discussion of sensitive topics that may cause psychological distress. ● Comment:	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Are there measures to mitigate the risks? ● Comment:	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Are there direct benefits to the participants? ● Comment	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ No	☐ Yes
7. Is there a favorable benefits/ risk ratio? ● Comment:	☐ Unable to assess ☐ No	☐ Yes

8. Is the informed consent procedure / form made appropriate? ● Comment:	☐ Unable to Assess ☐ No and culturally	☐ Yes
9. Is there a disclosure of conflict of interest? ● Comment:	☐ Unable to assess ☐ No	☐ Yes
10. Are the research facilities inadequate? ● Comment:	☐ Unable to assess ☐ No	☐ Yes
11. Are there any other concerns in the study?	☐ Unable to assess ☐ No	☐ Yes
If you answered: _____"Yes" to ANY of the above, your application will undergo- EXPEDITED REVIEW _____"Yes" to ANY of the above, your application will undergo- full REC review. If you answered: "No" to ALL of the above, your application qualifies for a recommendation for EXEMPTED review.		

Recommendation:

☐ **Approved**

☐ **Minor revision/s required**

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☐ **Major revision/s required**

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☐ **Disapproved Reasons for disapproval**

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Name and signature of Reviewer