



EXEMPT DETERMINATION

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Dear Hanlin Li:

On 4/11/2024, the IRB reviewed the following submission:

Type of Review:	Initial Study
Special Determinations:	None
Title:	Understanding Stack Exchange Moderators and User's Concerns about the Disruptions of Generative AI
Investigator:	Hanlin Li
IRB ID:	STUDY00005846
Funding:	Name: School of Information (1680-000)
Grant ID:	None
Approval Date:	4/11/2024
Documents Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent Form.pdf, Category: Consent Form;</li> <li>• Interview Protocol.docx, Category: Other;</li> <li>• IRB Protocol, Category: IRB Protocol;</li> <li>• Recruitment Plan.pdf, Category: Recruitment Materials;</li> </ul>

The IRB determined that this protocol meets the criteria for exemption from IRB review under 45 CFR 46.104 (2)(ii) Tests, surveys, interviews, or observation (low risk).

In conducting this protocol, you are required to follow the requirements listed in the Investigator Manual (HRP-103) and UT IRB Policies and Procedures (HRP-UT1000), which can be found by navigating to the IRB Library, General tab, within UTRMS-IRB.



Ongoing IRB review and approval by this organization is not required. This determination applies only to the activities described in the IRB submission and does not apply should any changes be made. Modifications that involve a change in PI, increase risk, or otherwise affect the exempt category or the criteria for exempt determination must be submitted as a modification. Investigators are strongly encouraged to contact the IRB staff to describe any changes prior to submitting an amendment/modification.

Please note, SB17 specifically states that the bill's restrictions do not apply to scholarly research or a creative work by an institution's students, faculty, or other research personnel or the dissemination of that research or work. The IRB does not review submissions for compliance with SB17. For additional information regarding SB17, please see [SB17 Research FAQs](#) or contact your departmental leadership for guidance.

If you have any questions, contact the RSC by phone at 512 -232-1543 or via e-mail at [irb@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:irb@austin.utexas.edu).

Sincerely,

Institutional Review Board

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cc:

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