

Designing a Computer Assisted Reviewer for Assessing the Quality of Clinical Trial Leaflets

Participant Information Sheet

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Hello,

We invite you to be part of creating a tool for making better Patient Information Leaflets. Currently, there is no standard assessment on the leaflets quality and many professionals believe that the leaflets have no impact on the patients' decision because they are not read.

What is our idea?

To create a computational system that employs the comments given to previous leaflets to pre-review the new leaflets. Also, we include several techniques employed in analysing text on the Web.

What will you do?

You will review and comment four leaflets that were previously employed on trials in the UK and answer an online survey to evaluate how well the leaflet explained the information.

Who do I need to be to participate?

We only ask you to be an adult resident of the UK.

How long will it take?

We expect the review of each leaflet will take you up-to 30 min. We will compensate you £20 for your time after you review the four leaflets

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Will my comments be anonymous?

Yes, we will not record any of your information that could be used to identify you.

Why are my comments important?

The leaflets are generally produced by researchers who are constantly immersed in a scientific setting. This could make it difficult for them to tell if the information present in the leaflets is clear to persons from other backgrounds.

How will my comments be used?

Your anonymous comments will be added to the system database. Then, the system will employ text analytics to recognize parts of new leaflets that are similar to the text that you commented.

Finally, the system will employ the comments in the database to give suggestions to the researcher so he can improve the new leaflet before sending it to the PPI group.

How can I join?

You can join by filling the application form in our Website at www.fercom2000.wixsite/carpi/. If you have any other questions please contact Principal Investigator Fernando Santos at fss1g15@soton.ac.uk