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Opinion on the Ethical and Safety Standards of Research Involving Human Participants

Having thoroughly reviewed the research protocol for the study entitled "Long-Term Effects of Political Persecution and Migration: A Case-Control Study of Belarusian Refugees and Migrants" and following detailed consultations with the research team, the Centre for Migration Studies at Adam Mickiewicz University hereby issues a positive opinion regarding the ethical standards and safety of the aforementioned research.

The Centre has conducted a comprehensive risk assessment, evaluating the methodological approach, data collection procedures, anonymization processes, and measures for the protection of personal data and psychological safety of participants. The assessment confirms that the research design incorporates robust safeguards for ensuring participant anonymity and confidentiality. Additionally, adequate mechanisms have been established to minimize psychological risks and to provide participants with necessary support during their involvement.

Therefore, we affirm that the proposed research adheres to all relevant ethical guidelines for conducting studies involving human participants, and effectively ensures the safety, privacy, and well-being of all respondents.

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