

## **UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE**

### **The academic ethics committee of the Tampere region**

Statement 25/2017 pursuant to statement request 13/2017: "Haptic responses to emotional stimulation" (human technology, doctoral student Deepa Mathew, The Faculty of Communication Sciences)

Committee's resolution: The committee has checked your statement request. The committee states that ethical aspects have been taken into account very well. However the researcher in charge must answer and clarify the following points about the research:

- How many people take part in the study, there is no information about that in the statement request.
- There should be a mention in the information letter that the academic ethics committee of the Tampere region has submitted a positive answer for your statement request (after giving the requested clarifications to the committee).
- The information letter is only in English. We would need the information letter also in Finnish.
- Does the title of the bulletin and the beginning of the text immediately indicate what is being researched? The bulletin states quite a few facts about the nature of the study, which is supposed to be kept in secret at this point. The researchers are being asked to consider whether the purpose of the study is revealed, as the bulletin should be given out before the study begins, so that consent can be based on the information in this bulletin. Should the bulletin say less about the study?
- There are questions concerning the profession and the nationality as the background in the study. Students take part in the study. Would it be more important to ask about the field of the study or main subject of the study than occupation?
- There is no mention about the nationality and occupation (or field of the study?) in place 4 (contents of the data) in the scientific data plan. That information should be added

- There is mention in place 6 in the scientific data plan (mentioned above) that the research is carried out within EU area. The research is, however, carried out in Finland, so would it be more correct to mention that research is carried nationally?

Please submit the answers and clarifications by email to the committee's secretary (heikki.eilo@uta.fi)

Tampere 24.5.2017

Chair

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Kirsti Uusi-Rasi

Secretary

  
Heikki Eilo