

Table 1 Characteristics of respondents and committees

Characteristics	n
<i>Respondents' position in committee</i>	
Chairperson	8
Coordinator	8
Member	2
<i>Tenure of the respondents</i>	
2–6 years	9
≥6 years	6
≥10 years	1
<i>Duration of tenure of the committees</i>	
<4 years	4
4–6 years	4
≥6 years	10
<i>Guidelines reportedly followed by ethical review committees^a</i>	
Higher Education Commission guidelines (has no ethics guidelines)	1
International Committee of Medical Journal Editors guidelines (has no ethics guidelines)	1
International Conference of Harmonisation Good Clinical Practices guidelines	2
World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki	3
Belmont Report	1
Office for Human Research Protections guidelines	1
US Food and Drug Administration guidelines	1
National Bioethics Committee guidelines	1
World Health Organization documents	1
Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences	1

^aOut of 12 respondents who stated that their ERC followed guidelines, 1 mentioned following 2 guidelines.