

Table 2 Review process of ethical review committees

Review process	n
Type of submissions	
Hard copy submissions with or without soft copies	13
Email submissions	13
Online submissions	5
Frequency of meetings (pre-COVID-19 pandemic)	
Monthly	9
Once every 2 months	2
Fortnightly	1
Quarterly	1
Whenever required	3
Type of meeting	
Physical meetings	16
Virtual meetings	1
Reviews through emails (no physical meetings)	1
No. of proposals reviewed in a meeting	
4-6	8
7-10	3
>11	6
Turnaround time	
<4 weeks	4
4-6 weeks	12
>6 weeks	1
Outcome of proposals	
Provision of exemption	12
Rejected	15
Did not know	2