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Invitation for Experts to Participate on the Social Impact of Medical Research Utilization in the Fuzzy Delphi Panel

Dear Dr. [Last Name],

I would like to inform you that I, Najmeh Nazeri, PhD Candidate in Knowledge and Information Science at the Kish International Campus of the University of Tehran, am currently working on PhD thesis titled "***Developing a Model for the Social Impact of Medical Research Utilization.***"

The first step in implementing the thesis involved using the meta-synthesis¹ method to extract the conceptual framework of a model for the Social Impact of Medical Research Utilization from 37 verified sources. In the second step, we are seeking to validate the conceptual framework identified in the meta-synthesis stage using the Fuzzy Delphi technique.

The conceptual framework extracted from the meta-synthesis stage have been formulated into a questionnaire, which will be provided to you, esteemed scholar. Your valuable insights regarding the existence of each of the identified basic themes will be utilized to validate this framework.

In the first round of the Delphi method for this thesis, a set of basic themes derived from the meta-synthesis will be presented to the participants as an initial list. The responses collected in this round will be summarized and reviewed in subsequent rounds. It is anticipated that the number of rounds necessary to achieve consensus will be a maximum of three, with the time required to respond to the questionnaire for each round estimated at a maximum of 10 days. This includes 5 days for participants to respond to the questionnaire and an additional 5 days for data analysis and preparation of the subsequent round's questionnaire by the researcher. It is evident that the effectiveness and validity of the Delphi method depend on the full participation of the participants at all stages.

Thus, the complete execution of this task, which will begin after the identification and completion of the panel experts, is expected to take a maximum of one month. The questionnaires will be presented to the participants either in person (if desired) or via email, and they will be collected in the same manner after completion. The collected information will be used for research purposes and will be treated as confidential.

Considering that you, esteemed scholar, are recognized as an expert in this field, and that my acquaintance with you has been facilitated through the introduction of my supervisor, Dr [Supervisor's Name], a respected faculty member at [University Name], I would greatly appreciate your collaboration in this step of the thesis. Please indicate your willingness to participate by responding to this email.

Finally, I would like to thank you and kindly request that you recommend any other distinguished individuals you believe to be knowledgeable in this area.

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Best regards.

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