

Problematic Ethic Statements on Two Articles by WU Ran et. al.

The article [1] and [2] by WU Ran (East China Normal University and Second Military Medical University) share the same ethical approval from the Second Military Medical University with the approval number of 20170305, however the recruitment described in these two articles are inconsistent with each other.

DOI	10.3390/ijerph19148493	10.1186/s12888-021-03480-z
Title	Childhood Trauma and Suicide: The Mediating Effect of Stress and Sleep	A Large Sample Survey of Suicide Risk among University Students in China
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Recruitment	The study was conducted in April and May 2018, during which 806 Chinese undergraduate and graduate students aged 18–30 were invited through online advertisements to participate in the online questionnaires. These students were recruited from three schools of different levels, including a key university, a general university, and a vocational college, to make our sample cover students from different schools.	This study was conducted in November and December 2016 at a public comprehensive university located in Shanghai, China, a university enrolling approximately 30,000 students from all over China. Using cluster sampling, all 7603 full-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in 2016 were initially recruited through oral advertisement by their class instructors.
Ethical Statement	This study was approved by the Committee on Ethics of Biomedicine Research, Second Military Medical University (20170305).	Ethical approval for the study was obtained from the Committee on Ethics of Biomedicine Research, Second Military Medical University (20170305).

In article [1], authors state that the participants were recruited from three universities, including a key university, a general university, and a vocational college in 2018. While in article [2], the authors state that the participants were recruited from a public comprehensive university in 2016.

Furthermore, based on the approval number, the ethical approval was likely to be granted in 2017, latter than the recruitment of the participants in the study [2].

It remains unclear why such error occurred.

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