

CACHET Study Protocol Template

A template for describing and applying for approval
for CACHET studies

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About this template

This protocol template is designed to server three purposes:

1. To help outline a scientifically sound clinical protocol for executing feasibility and clinical studies in Copenhagen Center for Health Technology (CACHET).
2. To serve as a template for submitting a research protocol to a journal for archival purposes.
3. To help obtain Ethical approval for the Danish Ethical Committee.

For these three reasons, this template builds on the World Health Organization (WHO) research protocol¹, the Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR) Research Protocol guidelines for research protocol publication², which again builds on concept of “Registered Reports”³, and the guidelines from the Danish Ethical Committee⁴.

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¹http://www.who.int/rpc/research_ethics/format_rp/en/

²<https://jmir.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115002860428>

³<https://cos.io/rr/>

⁴<http://www.nvk.dk/forsker/forskertjeklister>

Preface

Abstract

Background:

Objective:

Methods:

Results:

Conclusions:

Trial Registration:

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CHAPTER 1

General Information

Title	
ID No.	
Date	
Funding	
Primary Investigator	
Secondary Investigator(s)	
Responsible Organization	

CHAPTER 2

Purpose

- 2.1 Problem Statement, Hypothesis, and Rationale
- 2.2 Literature and Prior Work
- 2.3 Research Objectives and Endpoints
- 2.4 Expected Outcomes

CHAPTER 3

Methodology

3.1 Type of Study

3.1.1 Design, Methods, Control Group, Randomization, Placebo

3.1.2 Practical Execution

3.1.3 Study Plan and Duration

3.1.4 Apparatus

3.1.4.1 Software

3.1.4.2 Hardware

3.1.4.3 Other Materials

3.1.5 Deviation from Standard Care

3.2 Statistical Considerations

3.3 Participants

3.3.1 Inclusion Criteria

3.3.2 Exclusion Criteria

3.4 Recruitment Strategy

3.4.1 Compensation

3.4.2 Informed Consent

See also Appendix C

3.5 Risks, Side Effects, and Safety Precautions

3.5.1 Safety Considerations

3.5.2 Damage Compensation and Insurance

See also Appendix F.

CHAPTER 4

Data Collection and Management

- 4.1 Use of Biological Material
- 4.2 Use of Electronic Patient Record Data
- 4.3 Processing of Personal Information

CHAPTER 5

Funding Support

5.1 Funding

5.2 Budget

5.3 Other Support for the Project

5.4 Collaboration

CHAPTER 6

Ethics

APPENDIX A

Email Template for Danish Ethical Committee

The Technical University of Denmark (DTU) has made the following template for making a short description of a project. This template is intended for the Danish Ethical Committee (Danish: Videnskabsetisk Komite (VEK)) as an initial enquiry as to whether a study is subject for ethical approval at all. The template has been provided by Philip Cash from DTU Management Engineering. The document should be ca. 2 pages and answer each of the following questions.

A.1 Project Description

A short project description (max. 1 page) describing:

- Project Name
- Responsible researcher
- Project Outline and Main Objectives

A.2 Subjects

A short description (max. 1/2 page) describing the impact and benefits for the study subjects / patients:

- Who are the subjects?
- What is the intervention (if any)?
- What will be measured?
- What are the expected benefits of the project?

A.3 Methods

A short description (max. 1 page) describing the methods:

- How will informed consent be ensured and documented?
- How will the intervention be delivered?
- How will data be collected and managed?
- What are the possible risks and side effects?

APPENDIX **B**

Participant
Information

APPENDIX C

Informed Consent Form

APPENDIX **D**

Questionnaires

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Recruitment Material

APPENDIX **F**

Documentation of Insurance

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Curriculum Vitae and Authorization of Investigators

APPENDIX **H**

Acronyms

DTU Technical University of Denmark

CACHET Copenhagen Center for Health Technology

WHO World Health Organization

EBM evidence-based medicine

RCT randomized controlled trial

JMIR Journal of Medical Internet Research

HCI human-computer interaction

CUMACF CACHET Unified Methodology for Assessment of Clinical Feasibility

