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Nowadays most scientific journals, particularly in the field of biomedical research, have made ERC or IRB approval a mandatory requirement before they consider a manuscript suitable for publications. It has been seen that many investigators submit ERC approval issued by the head of an academic body or even a post-facto ERC approval. Are these journals acting too harshly in rejecting such submissions?

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