**Essay question:** *Select one or two key concept/topic in clinical research ethics, and critically analyse it with reference to a case study of your choice.*

**Guidance**

• Select one or two of key concepts/topics discussed in class, and apply it to a case study/example of your choice.

• The choice of your case study will vary depending on your interests.

• What is a case study? When thinking about a case study, ask yourself: Who are we talking about? Who is this for? What is being tested, on whom? Who is trying to access, what? Who are these criteria, for? Who is consenting to what? (and other similar questions)

• For example, you could consider a particular clinical trial or study (e.g. covid-19 challenge trials; Phase 1 trials; COMPAS trial; Surfaxin trial), or a particular experimental treatment, or a particular area of research. e.g. access to remdesivir or another covid-19 experimental treatment; epilepsy research with pregnant women; ADHD research with children;);

**Example of key concepts/topics in clinical research ethics:**

• Clinical equipoise

• informed consent

• dual-use consent

• therapeutic misconception

• triaging

• pandemic research exceptionalism

• duty to participate in research

• right to try

• undue inducement

• vulnerability

• exploitation

• clinical labour

• outsourcing and offshoring

**Some of these concepts/topics can be explored together (in pairs), for example:**

• Vulnerability and exploitation

• Duty to participate and pandemic exceptionalism

• Risks and benefits and undue inducement

• Informed consent and therapeutic misconception

…. but feel free explore others!

I would not encourage you to discuss more than two topics or the essay risks becoming superficial.

**Your essay will be evaluated on the basis of your ability to demonstrate:**

1. Critical analysis of a key concept/topic in clinical research ethic

2. Critical engagement with the ethics scholarship

3. Ability to critically apply your arguments to a case study of your choice.