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Promoting Awareness of Human Biomedical Research Act (HBRA)



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Background

- ❖ The HBRA was passed in Parliament in **August 2015** to regulate conduct of human biomedical research and handling of human tissues. The Act gives legal effect to two separate, but related, regulatory frameworks and will be operationalised through gradual regulatory implementation.
- ❖ On **21 September 2017**, MOH announced the conclusion to the public consultation on the draft subsidiary legislation for the HBRA and that the finalised subsidiary legislation and HBR framework will be activated on **1 November 2017**.
- ❖ As SingHealth is a large cluster with various institutions, the SingHealth Office of Research Integrity and Compliance (ORIC) worked together with the research stakeholders to organize the first series of HBRA outreach roadshow at the institutions in **October 2017** to promote awareness of the new regulatory requirements and communicate SingHealth implementation plans (including research governance, reporting process to MOH and shared responsibilities).

Methodology

Sep 2017 Pre Roadshows

- Institution research offices representatives from the SingHealth Research Regulatory Compliance Operation Committee (RRCC OPCO) were sought to plan for the roadshows within Institutions.
- RRCC OPCO representatives helped to publicise the roadshows at their respective institutions and SingHealth Office of Research (OOR) supported the publicity through the weekly research e-bulletin email.



Oct 2017 Roadshows

- Vital information on HBRA and SingHealth implementation plans were shared with the participants during roadshows.
- Questions raised were addressed and researchers were directed to ORIC mailbox for any further queries.



Nov 2017 Post Roadshows

- A newsletter was created after the roadshows to summarise key discussions and to share commonly asked questions.



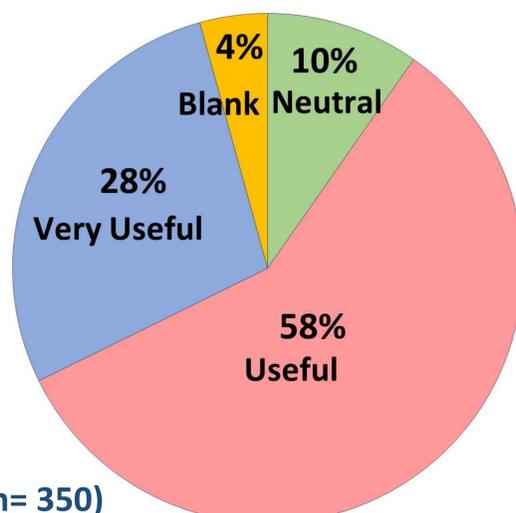
- The roadshow slides and newsletter were uploaded to SingHealth Docupedia and links added to ORIC website. These links were then publicised with the help of the RRCC OPCO and OOR.



Results

14 roadshows were conducted across **9 institutions** with a total of **564 attendees**

Overall Satisfaction (n= 350)



Conclusion & Future Plans

- ❖ Feedback from the first series of roadshows was encouraging. It was an effective tool to share information, align understanding of the HBRA requirements and solicit feedback with implementation across SingHealth
- ❖ With the progressive implementation of the HBRA, the team had subsequent roadshows in Jan, Apr 2018 and will be planning another in Jul 2018.