

NOTICE OF IRB EXEMPT STATUS

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Date: March 1, 2021

RE: **Protocol Title:** *Intimate Hygiene Practices and Reproductive Tract Infections: A Systematic Review*

Greetings from the IRB office.

After review of your article titled “**Intimate Hygiene Practices and Reproductive Tract Infections: A Systematic Review**”, the Institutional Review board (IRB) has determined that this work is exempt from IRB review, as the article consists of a review of the available literature on the covered topic, and does not include new research.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the IRB office by email at irb@lau.edu.lb

The IRB operates in compliance with the national regulations pertaining to research under the Lebanese Minister of Public Health’s Decision No.141 dated 27/1/2016 under LAU IRB Authorization reference 2016/3708, the international guidelines for Good Clinical Practice, the US Office of Human Research Protection (45CFR46) and the Food and Drug Administration (21CFR56). LAU IRB U.S. Identifier as an international institution: FWA00014723 and IRB Registration # IRB00006954 LAUIRB#1

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DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED:

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