

# When IRBs Say No to Participating in Research about Single IRBs

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**Table S1.**  
Response Rates by Type of Single IRB<sup>1</sup>

	<i>Total</i>		<i>Commercial<sup>2</sup></i>		<i>Noncommercial</i>					
	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Academic</i>		<i>Government</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
Totals for nonparticipation	29	59.2%	23	76.7%	2	18.2%	4	50.0%	6	31.6%
Totals for participation	20	40.8%	7	23.3%	9	81.8%	4	50.0%	13	68.4%
interview and observation of board	10	20.4%	5	16.7%	4	36.4%	1	12.5%	5	26.3%
interview only	10	20.4%	2	6.6%	5	45.4%	3	37.5%	8	42.1%
Total	49	100%	30	100%	11	100%	8	100%	19	100%

1. In comparing rates of any participation, the three types of single IRB (commercial, academic, and government) differed ( $p < 0.003$ ), as did noncommercial (i.e., academic and government) and commercial single IRBs ( $p < 0.003$ ). Academic and government single IRBs did not differ statistically, but the sample sizes were relatively small.

2. Among the commercial single IRBs, none of the largest four agreed to participate in any way.