**Statement on ethical issues to be addressed (max. 2 pages)**

This document serves to describe any ethical aspects of the proposed work. It must be provided with your application **if you have answered YES** to any of the questions in the ethics quiz.

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The aim of the ethics self-assessment is to provide guidance for discussion of ethical issues that may arise in the proposal and to identify how the applicant will deal with the identified issues.

Common ethical issues include: a. the involvement of children, patients, vulnerable populations b. the use of human embryonic stem cells; c. privacy and data protection issues; d. research on animals and non-human primates.

The Irish Research Council is unable to award funding for research activity under any of the following prohibited areas:

1. human cloning for reproductive purposes;
2. genetic modification of human beings that could make such changes heritable (with the exception of research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads, which may be funded);
3. creation of human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer.

**Delete the above guidance, if necessary to conserve space.**