

# Peer Review Inclusion Codes

During the peer review process, all research involving human subjects is assigned a set of inclusion codes. Reviewers assess inclusion according to these [guidelines](#), and identify the proposed research as acceptable or unacceptable based on the scientific question that will be investigated, the planned representation of women, racial and ethnic minorities, and individuals across the lifespan, and the [NIH inclusion policies](#). The following codes are presented in the summary statement to identify the proposed representation of these groups in the research and the assessment of this representation by peer reviewers.

## **PARTICIPANT SEX CODE:**

### *First character:*

- 1 = Females and Males
- 2 = Only Females
- 3 = Only Males
- 4 = Sex Representation Unknown

### *Second character:*

- A = Scientifically acceptable
- U = Scientifically unacceptable

## **PARTICIPANT RACE AND ETHNICITY CODE:**

### *First character:*

- 1 = Racial and/or Ethnic Minorities and Non-Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2 = Only Racial and/or Ethnic Minorities
- 3 = Only Non-Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 4 = Racial and/or Ethnic Representation Unknown
- 5 = Only Foreign (non-U.S.) Participants

### *Second character:*

- A = Scientifically acceptable
- U = Scientifically unacceptable

## **PARTICIPANT AGE CODE:**

### *First character:*

- 1 = Children, Adults, and Older Adults
- 2 = Only Children (no Adults or Older Adults)
- 3 = No Children Included (Only Adults and Older Adults)
- 4 = Age Representation Unknown
- 5 = Original review occurred prior to child coding policy (historical inactive value)
- 6 = Children and Adults (No Older Adults)
- 7 = Only Adults (No Children and Older Adults)
- 8 = Only Older Adults (No Children and Adults)
- 9 = Only Children and Older Adults (No Adults)

### *Second character:*

- A = Scientifically acceptable
- U = Scientifically unacceptable

## **Example:**

Participant Sex: 1A-Females and Males, scientifically acceptable

Participant Race and Ethnicity: 1A-Racial and/or Ethnic Minorities and Non-Racial and Ethnic Minorities, scientifically acceptable

Participant Age: 1A-Children, Adults, Older Adults, scientifically acceptable

For more information about the peer review process, visit the [OER Peer Review website](#).