

Table 3 Verification and auditing at responding institutions

	No n (%)	Yes n (%)	Total
Does your institution have policy for conducting onsite audits to ensure researchers' compliance to Research Ethics Committee rules?	111 (49.1%)	115 (50.9%)	226
Does your institution have conflict of interest policies for research?	116 (51.3%)	110 (48.7%)	226
Does your institution provide information to research participants on publicly accessible websites?	83 (36.7%)	143 (63.3%)	226
Does your institution conduct internal/external assessment of Research Ethics Committee functioning as part of its quality improvement programme?	147 (65.0%)	79 (35.0%)	226
	457a	447a	

aThis total exceeds the total number of respondent institutions, as categories are not mutually exclusive.