01. General Study Information

All questions marked with a red asterisk (*) require a response. Questions without a red asterisk may or may not require a response, depending on those questions’ applicability to this study.

1.1* Study Title:

Assessing the prevalence of food insecurity and barriers to food access in the Middle Eastern refugee population of Southeast Michigan

1.1.1 Full Study Title:

Assessing the prevalence of food insecurity and barriers to food access in the Middle Eastern refugee population of Southeast Michigan

1.1.2 If there are other U-M studies related to this project, enter the eResearch ID number (HUM#) or IRBMED Legacy study number. Examples of related projects include, but are not limited to:

- Projects funded under the same grant
- IRBMED Legacy study being migrated into eResearch
- Previously approved Umbrella applications (such as Center Grants or approvals for release of funding)
- Previously approved projects for which this is a follow up study

1.2* Principal Investigator:

Brent Williams

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1.3 Study Team Members:

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1.8* Project Summary:

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process through which immigrants acquire and react to food-related habits of the dominant society, has also been linked to food insecurity (Hadley, et al., 2006). Importantly, food insecurity has been correlated with negative health outcomes such as cardiovascular disease and mental health conditions (McIntyre et al., 2009).

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To assess levels of food insecurity, a short survey will be given in a sequential manner to 100 members of the community who visit the health clinic at ACCESS. All survey data will be completely anonymized at the point of data collection. Surveys will only be given to participants who are 18 years of age or older. We will obtain demographic information regarding country of origin, refugee status, length of stay in the US, proficiency in English, income level, education level, and number of persons in the household. Validated questions from the Six-Item U.S. Household Food Security Survey Modules will be used to assess individual/household food insecurity. Additional questions will ask about personal barriers to food access based on acculturation and food label literacy. To ensure that participation in the survey will be accessible to all members of the community, the survey will be translated into both English and Arabic. Data analysis of survey responses will then be performed at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Based on survey results, participants will be split into two categories: recent refugees from Middle Eastern countries of origin (recent is defined as arriving within the past 10 years) and non-refugees or refugees that have lived in the US for greater than 10 years. In each group, levels of food insecurity will be assessed. A difference in food insecurity level will be considered significant if there is a p-value<0.05. For each group, a qualitative analysis will then be performed to assess the factors that are contributing to food insecurity. Thus, based on the data we collect, we hope to identify areas of need related to food insecurity in the refugee population that visits ACCESS and use this information to help improve the services offered by ACCESS. Additionally, collected survey data could also be used for further research analysis in the future.

1.9* Select the appropriate IRB:

IRBMED

1.11* Estimated Duration of Study:

Two years (24 months)

01-1. Application Type

1-1.1* Select the appropriate application type.

Exempt Human Subject Research

01-2. Standard Study Information

1-2.1* Who initiated this study?

Student investigator or faculty member on behalf of a student

1-2.2* Are you or any students working on this project being paid from a federally funded training grant?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

1-2.3 This study is currently associated with the following department. To associate this research with a different department, click Select. If the department has defaulted to "student", click select to specify the department through which this application is being submitted.
1-2.5° Is the study related to cancer, cancer risk, or cancer care delivery?

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

1-2.7° Has the scientific merit of this study already been peer reviewed (i.e., reviewed by one or more recognized authorities on the subject)?

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

1-2.8° Is this a clinical trial?

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

1-2.9° Would the integrity of this research study be compromised if the subject were able to view results of their research tests or medications in the Patient Portal of MyUofMHealth.org? Research results displayed to the subject in MyUofMHealth.org will include: lab results, radiology examinations and outpatient medication lists. Contracts and protocols should be assessed by the Principal Investigator for specific language regarding blinding of subjects and their research results.

(Note: Additional actions are required in order to limit the subject’s view into their electronic medical record. Contact the IRB for additional information or see additional guidance for blinded studies at https://az.research.umich.edu/medschool/guidance/guidance-blinded-studies)

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

01-7. Student Research Information

1-7.1° This application is being submitted by a:

Select all that apply:

Faculty member on behalf of a student for a course, internship, dissertation/thesis.

1-7.2 Indicate course number here:

Study Team Detail

1.4 Team Member:

Brent Williams

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Business phone:  734-615-3636

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1.5 Function with respect to project:

PI

1.6 Allow this person to EDIT the application, including any supporting documents/stipulations requested during the review process:

[ ] Yes

Credentials: Required for PI, Co-Is and Faculty Advisors
Conflict of Interest Detail: Required for all roles except Administrative Staff

Current Disclosure Status in M-Inform: This study team member has disclosed outside interest(s) or relationship(s) in M-Inform.

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No

D2 If “Yes” to the question above, provide the name of the outside entity or entities and a brief description of the interest/relationship(s):

Study Team Detail

1.4 Team Member:

Marwa Ayyash

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Business phone
Business address: LSA Chemistry Rm 1416 Chemistry Bldg 48109-1055

1.5 Function with respect to project:

Co-Investigator
1.6 Allow this person to EDIT the application, including any supporting documents/stipulations requested during the review process:

Yes

1.7 Include this person on all correspondences regarding this application: (Note: This will include all committee correspondence, decision outcomes, renewal notices, and adverse event submissions.)

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**Credentials: Required for PI, Co-Is and Faculty Advisors**

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**Study Team Detail**

1.4 Team Member:

Christina Ceci
1.5 Function with respect to project:

Co-Investigator

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Study Team Detail

1.4 Team Member:

Anne Kalinowski

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Business phone
Business address: 48109

1.5 Function with respect to project:

Co-Investigator

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Study Team Detail

1.4 Team Member:

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Co-Investigator

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Study Team Detail

1.4 Team Member:

Nathan Vengalil
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Business address: 48109

1.5 Function with respect to project:

Co-Investigator

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Yes

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02. Sponsor/Support Information

The following sections request details about the current or pending sponsorship/support of this study. Consider all of the choices below and complete the appropriate sections.

* Note: At least one of the following sections must be answered. Multiple forms of funding or support must be added one at a time.

2.1 Please select all Proposal Approval Forms (PAFs), Awards (AWDs), and/or Unfunded Agreements (UFAs) associated with this study.

☐ Click here to indicate that a PAF(s) has not been initiated.

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2.3 Check here if the proposed study does not require external or internal sponsorship or support:

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2.4* Is there any other financial or non-financial sponsorship or support not covered in the sections above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2.4.1* Please describe the other sponsorship/support:

This is a joint medical student-ACCESS project without specific funding, completed as part of Global Health and Disparities Path of Excellence.
### 03. UM Study Functions

**3.1** Indicate all functions that will be performed at University of Michigan locations.

Select all that apply:

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If other, please specify.
5-3. Research Design - Exempt Project

Completion of this section is required based on the response provided to question 1-1.1

5-3.1 Upload scientific protocol if one is available.

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Version

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5-3.2 Describe the objective and specific aims of the project. If included in the attached protocol, please indicate the section.

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References:

5-3.3 Describe the scientific design of the project. If included in the attached protocol, please indicate the section.

Our study population consists of 100 sequential members of the community who attend the health clinic at ACCESS. A group of 2-3 medical students will attend the clinic and obtain written consent from participants who fill out our survey on food insecurity and barriers to food access. All data collected from the survey will be completely anonymized from the point of collection and throughout the duration of the research project.

Demographic data will be collected via questions about age, country of origin, years living in the United States, refugee status, education level, proficiency in english, and number of people in the household. We will use the six-question U.S. Adult Food Security and Survey Module to assess food security in households both with and without children. This survey has been previously validated. Additionally, questions regarding food label literacy and acculturation are also used to assess barriers to food. To ensure that participation in this survey is accessible to all members of the community the survey will be translated into both English and Arabic. Survey scores will be assessed and our study population will be analyzed to determine the percentage of households that score positive for food insecurity.

Data will then be analyzed by University of Michigan Medical students. Based on survey results, participants will be split into two categories: recent refugees (recent defined as arriving in the US less than 10 years ago) and non-refugees or refugees that have been in the US for greater than 10 years. Level of food insecurity between the two groups will be assessed, p-value <0.05 will be considered significant. A qualitative analysis of barriers to food access will also be assessed if food insecurity is present. We hope our results can be used by ACCESS to direct future interventions regarding food and refugees. The results of this study also have the potential for publication.
5-3.4* Describe the subject population for the project.

Inclusion: Any person(s) attending the health clinic at ACCESS and that is at least 18 years or older.

Exclusion: Anyone under the age of 18 years old, persons who are employees at ACCESS.

5-3.5* Will the study involve recruitment and/or participation of subjects in order to produce new data (e.g., surveys, interaction, intervention)?

Yes

5-3.6* How will the study team interact with human subjects?

The study team members will travel to ACCESS where they will interact with members of the community in the waiting room of the health clinic at ACCESS. Team members will then ask potential participants in a face-to-face interaction if they would be interested in participating in a voluntary survey about food insecurity and access.

5-3.7* How will the study team be recruiting subjects?

Subjects who attend ACCESS will be approached by a University of Michigan medical student who will ask the potential participant in a face-to-face encounter if they would be interested in completing a survey about food insecurity and barriers to food access. There will be no patient identifiers asked about and all patient survey responses will remain anonymous.

5-3.8* Describe the setting for the research.

The research interaction will only occur in the waiting room of the health clinic located at ACCESS.

5-3.9* Indicate which of the following established subject pools, if any, will be used for recruitment.

Select all that apply:

N/A

Provide Related UM IRB Project Number or Subject Pool Description:

5-3.10* Indicate which methods will be used for recruitment?

Check all that apply:

Face-to-face contact (e.g. during a health care visit or an interview at a home address, etc.)

If Other, please indicate below:

5-3.11* Risk Level

Click "Add" to enter the risk level associated with this study.

Level Of Risk

View: No more than minimal risk

5-3.12* Will the research involve the access, collection, use, maintenance, or disclosure of protected health information (PHI)? PHI is:

- Information about a subject's past, present, or future physical or mental health, the provision of healthcare to a subject, or payment for the provision of healthcare to a subject; AND
- Maintained by a HIPAA-covered entity (e.g. healthcare provider, healthcare plan, or healthcare clearinghouse).
5-3.13* Will subjects receive payment or other incentives for their participation in the study?

No

5-3.11.1* What is the level of risk of harm to the subjects resulting from this research?

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<td>A risk is minimal where the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the proposed research are not greater, in and of themselves, than those ordinarily encountered in daily life or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests. For example, the risk of drawing a small amount of blood from a healthy individual for research purposes is no greater than the risk of doing so as part of a routine physical examination. (Note: The definition of minimal risk for research involving prisoners differs somewhat from that given for non-institutionalized adults.) Refer to the Risk Grid for more information.</td>
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<td>Minor increase over minimal risk</td>
<td>While this risk category may be used to classify research involving adult subject populations, it must be considered in the evaluation of risk in research involving children as defined in 45 CFR 46 sections 404-407***. Risks are more severe than those defined as “No more than minimal risk” and less severe than those described as “Moderate” on the Risk Grid.</td>
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Pre-2018 Exemption Category

Completion of this section is required based on the response provided to question 1-1.1.

**12.1** Which of the following exemption criteria applies to the study?

**EXEMPTION #2 of the 45 CFR 46.101(b):**
Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (i) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (ii) any disclosure of the human subjects’ responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, or reputation.

Pre-2018 Exemption #2/3

This section is read-only and cannot be edited. The section is required based on the response provided to question 12.1.

**12-2.1** Does the research involve children as subjects (including subject pool students under age 18)?

No

**12-2.1.2** Does the research involve only: educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures, or the observation of public behavior?

Yes

**12-2.2** Upload tests, surveys and/or interview questions.

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**12-2.3** Will the research generate information that, if revealed, might place the subjects at risk of personal safety, criminal or civil liability, or damage to their financial standing, employability, or reputation?

No
44. Additional Supporting Documents

44.1 Please upload any additional supporting documents related to your study that have not already been uploaded. Examples include, but are not limited to, data collection sheets, newsletters, subject brochures, and instructional brochures.

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45. End of Application

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