Box 1. Documents requested for assessment of research ethics committees

- 1. REC's meeting minutes for the past year (December 2022 to December 2023)
- 2. Educational requirements and courses for staff and members of committees
- 3. Internal procedures for conducting meetings and ethics clearance decision-making
- 4. Completed conflict of interest forms for each meeting session
- 5. Procedures for receiving research protocol from outside the university
- 6. Survey documents assessing the performance of RECs gathered from committee members, staff, researchers, and research participants
- 7. Evaluations of the quality of committee meetings and ethical review of research proposals
- 8. Performance evaluations for committee staff members
- 9. Procedures for post-approval monitoring of research projects
- 10. URL of the ethics committee's website
- 11. Complaints or concerns raised by researchers and research participants
- 12. Process for addressing the complaints