













Research incentives were problematic in this study because the IRB's recommendations were directly at odds with those of our key informants. Each group was concerned about exploitation but had opposing definitions of what constituted coercion. Additionally, IRB members saw their role as protective, but the key informants perceived the IRB's recommendations to be paternalistic and racist. We realized that the cultures of the two groups were at odds and found ourselves translating the concerns of each group into cultural terms that the other could understand. Through this process of familiarizing each group with the other's culture, we were able to reach an acceptable compromise.

Our key informants initially recommended that we pay our participants in cash: \$50 per on-line questionnaire (\$100), \$100 for completing the intervention, \$20 for focus group participation. They based their recommendations on what they were accustomed to seeing in non-biomedical HIV-related research involving adults and HIV outreach programs targeting adolescents that used a train the trainer model.

Our initial proposal to the IRB included our key informants' recommendations. The IRB immediately expressed concern about the use and amount of cash incentives proposed; members did not approve of the use of cash and questioned how it might be spent. IRB





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