

From: OC GCP Questions
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [CDER DRUG INFO; Generic Drugs](#)
Subject: RE: IRB question
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 10:10:00 AM

Dear [Redacted]-

MANY thanks for your continued patience in receiving a response to your question. As previously mentioned, I had to forward your question to others within FDA for a response. I received a response from the Office of Generic Drugs (OGD), who also consulted others within FDA. OGD indicated that, based on the limited information provided, it does not appear that such a study would be exempt from IRB review.

With regard to requesting a waiver of the IRB requirement per 21 CFR 56.105, you can submit a request to OGD. You can find contact information for OGD at the following web page:

<http://www.fda.gov/drugs/developmentapprovalprocess/howdrugsaredevelopedandapproved/approvalapplications/abbreviatednewdrugapplicationandagenerics/ucm142112.htm>

I have also copied the "Contact FDA" information for OGD below for reference:

Contact FDA
240-402-7920
301-595-1147 Fax
genericdrugs@fda.hhs.gov

Office of Generic Drugs
Immediate Office
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993

If you have any further questions about this response, need more specific information about how to request a waiver, or need additional assistance regarding this issue, please contact OGD directly using the contact information provided above, as this will be the most efficient way to reach the appropriate staff who can further assist you. I also copied the OGD central mailbox on this response.

Thank you again and Happy Holidays to you.

Best Regards,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 11:47 AM
To: OC GCP Questions
Subject: FW: IRB question

Hello,

I am reaching out again to ask a more specific question.

Is IRB review and approval required for a taste-testing study of a drug product? Assume that the test article is an OTC drug that is marketed under an ANDA, that the study subjects are healthy volunteers, and that the only change being tested is a change in the flavor.

If the answer is yes, can you advise on the procedure for seeking a waiver of the IRB requirement under 56.105?

Thank you very much for your help. Feel free to call me at the number below.

Best regards,
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 2:32 PM
To: 'gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov'
Subject: IRB question

Hello,

I have questions about seeking a waiver of IRB requirement under 21 C.F.R. § 56.105, and was hoping to speak to someone in your office. I left a voicemail message as well. My direct dial appears below.

Thank you,
[Redacted]