

**From:** OC GCP Questions  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: clinicaltrials.gov language  
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Good afternoon,

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This is an issue that has come up, and it seems like no one can agree on an answer.

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Sincerely,

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