

**From:** OC GCP Questions  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Brief Name for clinical trial  
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Good morning,

I am not aware of any particular issue related to the use of the same or similar names between trials. The ClinicalTrials.gov staff does conduct a quality control review of information that is submitted to the databank. Whether their review would identify a trial with a similar name is a question that should be addressed by the NIH/National Library of Medicine. Questions for the ClinicalTrials.gov staff may be addressed to the [NLM Helpdesk](#). Please bear in mind that each new clinical trial submitted to ClinicalTrials.gov should receive a unique NCT Number which should help in differentiating between trials which may have similar names.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact us again at [gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov) should you have additional questions.

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I have a question regarding the designation of a brief name for a clinical trial. While recognizing that the name must be truthful and accurate and not false or misleading, does FDA review brief names of clinical trials before the trials may be posted on [clintrials.gov](#)? For example, Women's Health Initiative, or WHI, is listed as an example on the [clintrials.gov](#) website. Would there be a problem if another clinical trial used the same brief name, such as WHI with a different name? Clintrials.gov appears to have a number of trials that have the same or similar names. Is that sameness or similarity been an issue to the agency's knowledge?

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