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Notification of Initial Study Exemption Determination

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IRB Review Action:	Exempt

This Initial Study submission meets the criteria for exemption per the regulations found at 45 CFR 46.104(d) (2). As such, additional IRB review is not required.

The Principal Investigator is responsible for ensuring compliance with any applicable local government or institutional laws, legislation, regulations, and/or policies, whether conducting research internationally or nationally. Additionally, if local IRB/ethics review is required, it must be obtained before any human subjects research activities are conducted in the field. If assistance with applicable local requirements is needed, please contact the Harvard University-Area IRB office.

The documents that were finalized for this submission may be accessed through the IRB electronic submission management system at the following link: IRB24-0241

The determination that your research is exempt does not expire, and you will not file annual renewals. If changes to the research are proposed that would alter the IRB's original exemption determination, they should be submitted in ESTR by using the Modify Study button. If unsure, contact the Harvard University-Area IRB office.

The IRB made the following determinations:

- Research Information Security Level (based on Harvard Research Data Security Policy): Non-Sensitive

Please contact me at 617-495-9204 or kathryn_bean@harvard.edu with any questions.

Sincerely,

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