



Institutional Review Board

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Jawed Alam, PhD, MBA
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Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
Institutional Review Board FWA00002762

RE: Composition of the IRB at LSUHSC-NO

This memo is to provide documentation that the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans maintains an Assurance Document with the U.S. Public Health Service. The LSUHSC Federal Wide Assurance Number, FWA0002762, is listed on the Office for Human Research Protections website found at <https://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/fwasearch.aspx?styp=bsc>. The IRB registration number is IRB#00000177; the IRB Organization Number is IORG0000108.

The composition of the Board is in accordance with the regulations of both the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Public Health Service (PHS). The IRB is duly constituted, fulfilling all requirements for experience, expertise, and diversity to appropriately review protocols submitted to the IRB for consideration including protocols in which vulnerable populations are asked to participate. When necessary, consultants with additional expertise are asked to contribute to Board discussions. Further, the IRB has written procedures for initial and continuing review.

In order to avoid individual contacts to members of the IRB, it is the operating procedure of the IRB office to not release the membership list. Additionally, it is the IRB policy that members who are investigators or co-investigators recuse themselves from voting on studies in which they are involved.

The LSUHSC IRB complies with all U.S. regulatory requirements related to the protection of human research participants. This specifically includes 45 CFR 46, 21 CFR 50, 21 CFR 56, and 46 CFR 164.508-514. Except when in conflict with 21 CFR 56, the LSUHSC IRB complies with the Guidelines of the International Conference of Harmonization (ICH) and the ICH Guidelines for Good Clinical Practices.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call (504) 568-4970.