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IRB Policy RE: IRB Membership Confidentiality

To Whom It May Concern:

The Institutional Review Boards (IRB) of the University of Pennsylvania are guided by the ethical principles set forth in the Belmont Report. The minimum standards are set by the Department of Health and Human Services regulations 45 CFR 46 and the Food and Drug Administration's regulations at 21 CFR 50 and 21 CFR 56 and other applicable laws and regulations. In compliance with such procedures, laws and regulations, investigators do not participate in the review and voting process for studies in which they have a conflict of interest. As required by Federal Regulations, the Committee consists of members whose primary concerns are in scientific areas, members whose primary concerns are in nonscientific areas, as well as members who are not otherwise affiliated with the institution.

Each member of our Institutional Review Board is appointed to at least a one year term by the Vice Provost for Research at the University of Pennsylvania. In order to comply with the University's Federalwide Assurance with the Department of Health and Human Services, a list of Committee members and required background information is on file with the Office of Human Research Protections.

Pursuant to University policy, the Institutional Review Board does not release the list of Committee members. The list of Committee members is maintained in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services regulations at 45 CFR 46 and the Food and Drug Administration's regulations at 21 CFR 50 and 21 CFR 56 and other applicable laws and regulations. The list is made available to regulatory authorities in accordance with these regulations.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact the IRB administrative staff. Contact information is available at our website:
<https://irb.upenn.edu>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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