

## IRB STUDY MODIFICATION / AMENDMENT APPLICATION

(Changes to Previously Approved Human Subjects Research) ([eCFR](#))

### IRB Use Only (Administrative Tracking)

- IRB Protocol #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Amendment / Modification #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Received: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
- Review Routing:  Administrative  Expedited  Convened Full Board  Exempt (no IRB review required)  Limited IRB Review
- Reviewer(s) Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_
- Meeting Date (if convened): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1) Study Identification

1. **Study Title:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Principal Investigator (PI):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dept/Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **PI Email/Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Study Status:**
  - Not yet started (no enrollment)
  - Enrollment ongoing
  - Enrollment closed; study activities ongoing (follow-up/data analysis)
  - Data analysis only (no further interaction/intervention)
  - Closed (if closed, do not use this form; submit Closure/Final Report)
5. **Current IRB Approval Period:** From \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Funding / Support:**  None  Internal  Federal  Industry  Other:
  - Sponsor/Prime Award #: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2) Modification Overview

### 2.1 Type of submission (check all that apply)

- Protocol amendment (procedures/visits/interventions)
- Informed consent form (ICF) revision
- Recruitment/advertising materials change
- Study personnel change
- Study sites change (add/remove/replace)
- Eligibility criteria change
- Sample size / enrollment target change
- Data/specimen collection change (type/volume/timing)
- Data handling / privacy / confidentiality plan change
- Compensation / incentives change
- Safety monitoring / reporting plan change
- Questionnaires/surveys/interview instruments change
- Device/drug/biologic information change (IND/IDE implications if applicable)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2.2 Summary of proposed change(s) (plain-language; include “what is changing”)

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### 2.3 Rationale / justification for the change(s)

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### 2.4 Requested effective date

- Upon IRB approval (standard)
- **Immediate change required to eliminate apparent immediate hazard to subjects** (explain; notify IRB promptly):

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*(Note: Changes to approved research generally require IRB review/approval prior to implementation, except when necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to subjects.)* ([eCFR](#))

### **3) Risk/Benefit Impact Assessment (Required)**

#### **3.1 Does this modification change risk level?**

- No change to risk level
- Increases risk (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- Decreases risk (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- Unknown/uncertain (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

#### **3.2 Does this change alter the risk–benefit relationship?**

- No  Yes → explain: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **3.3 New information that may affect willingness to participate?**

- No  Yes → describe and attach revised consent/subject communication:
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#### **3.4 Does this change introduce any new procedures that are:**

- **More than minimal risk?**  No  Yes (describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- **Invasive?**  No  Yes (describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- **Sensitive (behavioral/illegal activity/stigma)?**  No  Yes (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

*(IRB approval criteria require that risks are minimized and reasonable in relation to benefits, among other criteria.)* ([eCFR](#))

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## 4) Detailed Change Checklist (Complete all applicable subsections)

### 4A) Protocol / Procedures

1. Describe changes to study procedures/visits/interventions (attach tracked-changes and clean protocol):  

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2. Does the change affect safety monitoring, stopping rules, or DSMB/monitoring plan?  
 No  Yes → describe:  

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### 4B) Study Personnel

- Add/Remove/Change role: \_\_\_\_\_
- New personnel human-subjects training completed?  Yes  No  N/A
- New personnel conflict-of-interest disclosure completed?  Yes  No  N/A

### 4C) Recruitment / Screening

1. Changes to recruitment methods (sites, social media, referrals, etc.):  

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2. Attach revised recruitment materials/scripts?  Yes  No  N/A
3. Changes to screening/eligibility determination?  No  Yes → describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4D) Eligibility Criteria

- Changes to inclusion/exclusion criteria?  No  Yes → list old vs. new or attach:  

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### 4E) Consent Process / Documentation

1. Does the modification require changes to the ICF/assent/HIPAA authorization (if applicable)?  
 No  Yes → attach revised documents (tracked + clean).

2. Will currently enrolled subjects be re-consented?  
 No  Yes  Not applicable → rationale/plan: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Any changes in who obtains consent, where/how consent occurs, or e-consent tools?  
 No  Yes → describe safeguards: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4F) Privacy / Confidentiality / Data Security**

1. Any change to identifiers collected, coding, or linkage files?  No  Yes → describe
2. Any change to storage location or platform (cloud/vendor/new database)?  No  Yes → describe
3. Any change to access controls, encryption, retention, or destruction?  No  Yes → describe
4. Any change to data sharing (external collaborators, repositories, DUA)?  No  Yes → describe

#### **4G) Data / Specimens (If applicable)**

1. New or revised biospecimens to be collected?  No  Yes → type/amount/frequency:
2. Genetic testing/whole genome sequencing introduced?  No  Yes → describe: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Future unspecified use of specimens/data expanded?  No  Yes → describe: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4H) Sites / Reliance / Multi-site**

1. Add/remove sites?  No  Yes → list: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Single IRB / reliance arrangements impacted?  No  Yes → describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **5) Reportable Events / Noncompliance Screen (Required)**

#### **5.1 Does this submission also report any of the following?**

- Unanticipated problem involving risks to subjects or others (UP)
- Serious adverse event that may meet UP criteria
- Protocol deviation/violation that increased risk or indicates noncompliance
- Suspension/termination by sponsor or site
- New safety information from sponsor/DSMB/monitor

If **Yes**, describe event(s), dates, corrective and preventive actions (CAPA), and attach reports.

(OHRP guidance defines “unanticipated problems” and emphasizes meaningful, timely review/reporting when criteria are met.) ([HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov))

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## 6) Attachments Checklist (Required)

Check all that apply and attach:

- Revised protocol (clean)
  - Revised protocol (tracked changes/redline)
  - Revised consent/assent documents (clean)
  - Revised consent/assent documents (tracked changes/redline)
  - Recruitment materials/ads/scripts (clean + tracked as applicable)
  - Revised instruments/surveys/interview guides
  - Investigator brochure/device manual/updated safety information (if applicable)
  - Data security documentation (if new platform/vendor)
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## 7) PI Assurances and Signature (Required)

By signing below, I attest that:

1. The information in this modification request is accurate and complete.
2. **No changes will be implemented prior to IRB approval**, except when necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to subjects, in which case the IRB will be notified promptly. ([eCFR](#))
3. All study personnel are appropriately trained and will follow the currently IRB-approved protocol and consent process.
4. Any new information that may affect participant safety or willingness to continue will be communicated as required.

**PI Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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## 8) IRB Determination (IRB Use Only)

### 8.1 Level of review

- Administrative (no IRB approval required)
- Exempt confirmed (no IRB approval required)
- Limited IRB Review (as condition of exemption)
- Expedited review (minor changes)
- Convened Full Board

*(IRBs must review research and have authority to approve, require modifications, or disapprove; expedited review may be used where permissible, including for minor changes in approved research.)* ([eCFR](#))

### 8.2 Action

- Approved
- Approved with conditions (stipulations required prior to final approval)
- Deferred / Modifications required to secure approval
- Disapproved

### 8.3 Required stipulations / reviewer notes

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Reviewer/Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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