

Appendix A: Emory IRB Exemption Letter



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Institutional Review Board

DATE: May 31, 2013

RE: Determination: No IRB Review Required

Research Project: *What Works for Schoolchildren? Assessing the Trachoma Control and Prevention Health Education in East Amhara, Ethiopia*

PI: Paul Emerson, MD

Dear Dr. Emerson:

Thank you for requesting a determination from our office about the above-referenced project. Based on our review of the information you provided, we have determined that it does not require IRB review because it does not meet the definition of "research" as set forth in Emory Policies and Procedures or federal regulations. In particular, this project is a quality improvement measure which aims to evaluate and enhance the trachoma curriculum established by The Carter Center in Amhara, Ethiopia. This project will help to evaluate what future strategies may be effective for school-aged children, in the areas where The Carter Center is present, by determining preferences, goals and hobbies that may influence their behaviors. The noted goals for this project include:

- To determine what is currently being done in schools that have adopted The Carter Center trachoma curriculum to encourage and support trachoma prevention behaviors.
- To explore what messages should be used to encourage the desired trachoma prevention behaviors among children who attend schools that have adopted The Carter Center trachoma curriculum.
- To identify how messages should be delivered within schools that have adopted The Carter Center trachoma curriculum and to what target audience, which will include messaging strategies, appropriate media channels, message format and content.

Please note that this determination does not mean that you cannot publish the results. If you have questions about this issue, please contact the IRB.

This determination could be affected by substantive changes in the study design, subject populations, or identifiability of data. If the project changes in any substantive way, please contact our office for clarification.

Thank you for consulting the IRB.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Wack".

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