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RE: Determination: No IRB Review Required
Title: Making Breathing Easier: Examining Maternal Hypertension and Neonatal Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

Dear Ms. Duncan:

Thank you for requesting a determination from our office about the above-referenced project. Based on our review of the materials you provided, we have determined that it does not require IRB review because it does not meet the definition of research with “human subjects” or the definition of “clinical investigation” as set forth in Emory policies and procedures and federal rules noted under 46.101(b)(4). Specifically, in this project, you will analyze public access data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) public access Research Data Center (RDC).

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

Thank you for consulting the IRB.

Sincerely,

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