DATE: June 26, 2014

TO: Andrew Bradlyn

FROM: Janet D. Griffith, IRB Chair

SUBJECT: IRB Review Forms for (10646.2.001.01.000)

Attached is the *IRB Review Findings Form* documenting that the IRB determined the project you recently submitted to be exempt from IRB review because of the following reason.

	The study does not meet the Federal definition of research given in 45 CFR 46.
	The research will be conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings and involve normal educational practices, such as: (i) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (ii) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods. (45 CFR 46.101 (b) (1))
X	The research will involve the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures, or observation of public behavior, AND: (i) all of the information obtained will be anonymous, and (ii) any disclosure of the subjects' responses outside the research cannot place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation. (45 CFR 46.101 (b) (2))
	The research will involve the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures, or observation of public behavior of human subjects who are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office. (45 CFR 46.101 (b) (3))
	The research will involve the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, AND: (i) the data sources are publicly available, or (ii) the information is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects. (45 CFR 46.101 (b) (4))
	The research is being conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and is designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (i) Public benefit or service programs, (ii) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs, (iii) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures, or (iv) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs. (45 CFR 46.101 (b) (5))
	The research is limited to food taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance involving: (i) wholesome foods without additives or (ii) the food contains food ingredients at or below the level found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. (45 CFR 46.101 (b) (6))

If you have any questions regarding this finding, please email IRB@icfi.com.

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