

## IRB Chair Letter

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DATE: June 12, 2017  
FROM: Chair, Research Involving Human Subjects Committee  
SUBJECT: RIHSC Protocol #17-032CTP  
Study Title: "Experimental Study on Warning Statements for Cigarette Graphic Health Warnings"

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FDA Sponsor: David B. Portnoy, PhD, MPH; CTP  
TO: David B. Portnoy, PhD, MPH; CTP  
Cathy Backinger, PhD, MPH; CTP Liaison to the RIHSC

You have submitted an amendment to your proposal, entitled, "Experimental Study on Warning Statements for Cigarette Graphic Health Warnings," for RIHSC review. Your study proposes to examine consumer reactions to two different versions of textual warning statements that focus on negative health consequences of cigarette use. The study aims to compare the effect of exposure to the 9 original statements in the Tobacco Control Act to revised versions of those statements.

Your amendment proposes to make edits to the Appendix F, the questionnaire, on instances referring to smoking and raising glucose:

- Changed "Warning: Smoking raises blood sugar, which can cause type 2 diabetes," to "Warning: Smoking causes type 2 diabetes, which raised blood sugar." This change occurs on page 2 and 9, in question B13\_1.

- Eliminated question B13\_2, a statement that smoking raises blood sugar and asked for the level of agreement to that statement.

- Eliminated on question C1, the choice C1\_17, which referred to blood sugar being raised by smoking, page 11.

Because your proposed changes are minor and do not increase risk, your request could be reviewed using the expedited procedure outlined in 45 CFR 46.110.

The RIHSC determined your study satisfies the criteria outlined in 45 CFR 46.404 for research not involving greater than minimal risk to children. Assent and parental permission will be obtained prior to the start of the study.

Your amendment is APPROVED.

Approval of this amendment does not alter your effective date of RIHSC approval. Your protocol is approved until May 3, 2018.

If you have questions, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the RIHSC Program Management Staff by email at [RIHSC@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:RIHSC@fda.hhs.gov), or by phone at (301) 796-9605.

Signed By:



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