



July 8, 2024

Amanda Wilmot

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RE: Approval of Exempt Research Protocol 7500, "Cognitive Decline"

Dear Amanda Wilmot:

On July 3, 2024, the CDC Human Research Protections Office (HRPO) reviewed your submission of research study, "Cognitive Decline," and has determined that it meets the criteria for exemption under 45 C.F.R. 46.104(d)(2)(ii). Therefore, HRPO approved your research study for exemption, and assigned it CDC Protocol Number 7500.

You have selected to apply the Assurance of Confidentiality to this study.

If the research is not complete within one year, you must submit Form 1259, Study Progress Report form, by July 2, 2025, to maintain exempt status for the research. Any changes to this protocol may not be implemented until they are reviewed by HRPO and determined to be consistent with the exemption categories.

Please note that investigators remain responsible for the ethical conduct of this research and for ensuring appropriate human research protections even for research that is exempt from the regulations governing the protection of human subjects in research.

If you have any questions, please contact your Associate Director for Science, your National Center Human Subjects Contact, or me via email at [uno4@cdc.gov](mailto:uno4@cdc.gov), or telephone at 404-639-8379.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Chirila".

Robert Chirila, Lead  
Human Research Protections Office

cc: Kathy O'Connor  
Amanda Titus