



**Institutional Review Board
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The University of Missouri-Columbia Federalwide Assurance (FWA) number is 00002876. The membership of the Health Sciences Institutional Review Board is duly constituted according to the requirements of the Health and Human Services and Food and Drug Administration regulations.

We confirm that the HS IRB operations are conducted in compliance with the federal regulations as set forth in the Federal Policy, 45 CFR 46, FDA 21 CFR Parts 50 and 56, and the "Declaration of Helsinki". Compliance to ICH Good Clinical Practice regulations is assured in the areas where GCP regulations parallel the previously stated regulations with which the HS IRB is compliant.

The IRB conflict-of-interest policy does not allow investigators who are IRB members to vote on protocols in which they are involved.

It is the policy of the Health Sciences IRB not to release the names of its Board members. The membership of the Board is in compliance with all applicable federal regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niels Beck'.

Niels Beck, PhD
Chair
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