The Institutional Review Board (IRB) has reviewed the above referenced protocol and determined that it qualifies as exempt from the requirements of 45 CFR 46.

This protocol was determined to be exempt because it is limited to research activities in which the only involvement of human subjects will be in the following category described in 45 CFR 46.104 (d):

(2) Research that only includes interactions involving educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior (including visual or auditory recording) if at least one of the following criteria is met:

   (iii) The information obtained is recorded by the investigator in such a manner that the identity of the human subjects can readily be ascertained, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects, and an IRB conducts a limited IRB review to make the determination required by §46.111(a)(7).

Sincerely,

Ami Dufresne, IRB Administrator
For the Institutional Review Board

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