

To Whom It May Concern,

The Ohio State Data and Specimen Policy and Human Subjects Research policy does not require Institutional Review Board approval for population-based public data set. Per 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR 46.101), research using certain publicly available data sets does not involve "human subjects". The data contained within these specific data sets are neither identifiable nor private and thus do not meet the federal definition of "human subject" as defined in 45 CFR 46.102. Therefore, these research projects do not need to be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board.

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Lindsay A Sobotka