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It depends. A case report is defined as a factual description of the clinical features and/or outcomes of the case(s) without any additional testing, evaluation, analysis, or review of others for comparison.

- If the project is limited to one or two case reports (as defined above), then no human subjects research review is required.
- If the project involves three or more reports, or if it requires additional testing, evaluation, analysis, or comparison, then the project will likely require IRB review or exemption, as applicable.

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