

ROLE OF THE INVESTIGATOR

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Investigator

person responsible for the conduct of the clinical trial at a trial site; the principal investigator is responsible leader of the clinical trial team

Sub-investigator

an individual member of the clinical trial team designated and supervised by the principal investigator to perform critical trial-related procedures and/or make trial-related decisions

The Good Investigator

- Is interested in the scientific aspects of the study and ensures that the study is responsive to the needs of public health within the country or population in which it will be conducted
- Has sufficient time free from other obligations to prepare and conduct the trial including time to inform and supervise study staff
- Puts the welfare and interest of the patient as foremost priority
- Ensures the confidentiality of the product, the protocol and the trial procedures

試驗主持人

- 符合主管機關規定之資格及能力(GCP第卅條)
- 熟悉...試驗計畫書...。(GCP第卅一條)
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Adequate Resources

Investigators' Responsibility

- Patient
- Time
- Staff
- Space
- Facilities



試驗主持人



✓ Adequate resources, including facilities, patient pool, qualified staff & time allocation



✓ Medical care for trial subjects, including management of adverse events



✓ Communication with IRB/EC



✓ Informed consent of trial subjects



✓ Follow protocol

✓ Maintain control of study drugs

試驗主持人



✓ Keep accurate records - originals



✓ Keep trial subjects, IRB/EC and sponsor informed of new developments as appropriate, including reporting and management of AEs/SAEs within the agreed timescales



✓ Send progress reports to IRB/EC as required (but at least once a year)

✓ Retain study documents as required

✓ Permit audit/inspection of site and records by the Sponsor/Regulatory Authorities (e.g., DOH)

Responsibilities before the trial

Areas of Responsibility

- 1. Qualifications and agreements**
- 2. Resources**
 - a. Staff**
 - b. Recruit appropriate participants and facilities**
 - c. Archives**
- 3. Communication with IRB/ EC**
- 4. Submission of necessary documents to EC and clinical monitor**

1. Qualifications and agreements

- **Qualified by education, training and experience (and provide evidence)**
- **Familiar with the investigational product (as described in the protocol, investigator's brochure, product information)**
 - **Pre-clinical toxicology**
 - **Pharmacology**
 - **Pharmacokinetics**
 - **Up-to-date clinical data**

1. Qualifications and agreements

- **Aware of, and complies with GCP and regulatory requirements**
- **Should permit monitoring, auditing and inspection**

2. Resources - Staff

- **Have adequate number of qualified staff**
 - Authorized signatory form
 - Curriculum vitae
- **Ensure that all persons assisting with the trial are adequately informed about the protocol, investigational product, and their trial-related duties and functions**

2. Resources – Recruitment and Facilities

- Able to recruit the required number of suitable subjects within the agreed recruitment period
- Ensure that the physical location and facilities are sufficient to allow the study to be undertaken efficiently
 - Confidentiality and safety conditions for trial subjects
 - Adequate equipment/facilities for subject follow-up, examination and care
 - Adequate facilities for laboratory assay
 - Adequate facilities for product storage

2. Resources – Considerations for document archiving

- **IRB/EC should retain all relevant records (members, submitted documents, minutes of meetings, correspondence) for at least 3 years after completion of a trial**
- **ICH GCP – trial documents are retained until at least 2 years after the last approval of a marketing application and until there are no pending marketing applications or until at least 2 years since discontinuation of a clinical development of the product**

2. Resources – Considerations for document archiving

- **Patient ID list retained for minimum of 15 yrs after completion or suspension of a trial (or longer)**
- **Patient files and source documents > 10 yrs**
- **Sponsor recommendation**
- **Safe, secure, and maintains patient confidentiality**

3. Communicate with IRB/EC

- **Obtain written approval for**
 - **the trial protocol**
 - **written patient information sheet**
 - **informed consent form**
 - **subject recruitment procedures**
- **Assurance that the trial shall be monitored by the IRB/EC**
- **Submit to the sponsor composition of the EC**

4. Documents (and information) – Submission to IRB/EC

- **Investigator's brochure and up-to-date safety information**
- **Trial protocol (final version and amendments)**
- **Consent forms and patient information sheet**
- **Subject recruitment procedures, incentives**
- **Information on payment and compensation to subjects**
- **CVs of staff, institutional affiliations**
- **Potential conflicts of interest**
- **Other documents requested by the IRB/EC**

4. Documents for clinical monitor inspection

- **Approved protocol, signed and dated**
- **Approved informed consent form and other subject information**
- **CVs of investigators and other members**
- **Authorized signatory form**
- **Product exportation/importation authorization**
- **Laboratory certification, list of normal ranges → signed by PI**
- **Technical services agreement**
- **Signed agreement that the product will not be used before the trial initiation visit and authorization from TDR**

Responsibilities during the trial

Areas of responsibility during the trial

- 1. Screening and recruitment of study participants**
- 2. Informed consent from trial participants**
- 3. Compliance with the EC-approved protocol**
- 4. Provision of medical care to trial participants**
- 5. Randomization procedures and unblinding**
- 6. Safety reporting**
- 7. Completion and validation of the case report form**
- 8. Product storage and accountability**
- 9. Premature termination or suspension of a trial**
- 10. Progress and final reports**

1. Screening and recruitment of study participants

- **Dedicates time to the recruitment of suitable trial subjects**
- **Resolves all questions from staff re: interpretation of inclusion and exclusion criteria**
- **Ensures unbiased selection of an adequate number of suitable subjects**

2. Informed consent from trial participants

- **Prospective subject or representative had sufficient opportunity to consider whether or not to participate**
- **Consent was sought under circumstances that minimized the possibility of coercion or undue influence**
- **Information that was given to the subject or representative was in a language understandable to them**

Informed consent prior to participation

- **Trial procedures and point at which consent is taken**
- **Names in the screening and enrolment log and in the informed consent (IC) form**
- **Trial timelines and dates of signatures in the IC form and other documents**
- **Participant's age and assent to participate**

3. Protocol compliance

- **Once the study has started, the investigator must adhere to the protocol and ensure that it is strictly followed**
 - **Document approved by the IRB/EC**
 - **Contract signed during trial initiation:
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHO/TDR AND THE
INVESTIGATOR ON THE CONDUCT OF THE
WHO/TDR PROTOCOL**
- **Protocol violation**

3. Protocol compliance - amendments

- **Protocol deviation (or changes) – implemented after agreement with sponsor and amendments approved by EC**
- **Exceptions (but still need approval)**
 - **Necessary to eliminate hazard/s to participant**
 - **Change in logistics and administrative aspects**

4. Providing medical care for subjects

- **A qualified physician (investigator or sub-investigator) must be responsible for all trial-related medical decisions**
 - Adequate care for any adverse event
 - Inform primary physician about participant in the trial (if applicable and participant agrees)
 - Ascertain participant's withdrawal from the trial while respecting participant's rights

5. Randomization and unblinding

- **Randomization procedure is strictly followed**
- **Code is broken following the protocol and mainly for medical reasons**
- **Premature unblinding is reported immediately to the clinical monitor and documented in the investigator's file; reason provided**
- **All unbroken codes are returned to the clinical monitor to prove that the study was blinded**

6. Study and reports

- **Safety reports**
 - **AEs and SAEs reporting should follow sponsor SOPs for the trial**
 - **Applicable regulatory requirements**
 - **IRB/ERB SOPs**
- **Continuing reports/progress reports**
- **Should maintain participant privacy and confidentiality**

不良事件 vs 不良反應

- 不良事件（Adverse event）：
 - 受試者參加試驗後所發生之任何不良情況。此項不良情況與試驗藥品間不以具有因果關係為必要。
- 藥品不良反應（Adverse drug reaction）：
 - 使用藥品後所發生之有害且未預期之反應。此項反應與試驗藥品間應具有合理之因果關係。

嚴重不良事件

Serious adverse event (SAE)

- Any untoward medical occurrence that at any dose:
 - 死亡 results in death
 - 危及生命 life-threatening
 - 住院或延長住院 requires inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization
 - 永久失能 results in persistent or significant disability/incapacity
 - 先天畸形或畸胎 congenital anomaly/birth defect
 - 其他重大傷害 results in another medically important condition

7. Case report form

- **Accurate, legible and complete data are entered in the CRFs and in all required report forms/logs**
- **Allows only authorized staff to enter data into the CRF and other required report forms.**
- **CRFs are completed during subject participation in the trial.**

Source documents

- **Keeps all original documents or certified copies containing data related to clinical trial activities (source data), necessary for reconstruction of the trial**
- **Ensures that data in the CRF should be consistent with the source documents**
- **Allows direct access for monitoring, auditing, IRB/EC review, and regulatory inspection**

What is a source document?

Original documents, data, and records:

- Hospital records
- Clinical and office charts
- Laboratory notes,
- memoranda,
- Subjects diaries or evaluation checklists
- Pharmacy dispensing records
- Recorded data from automated instruments
- Copies or transcriptions certified after verification as being accurate and complete
- Photograph negatives (e.g. x-ray films)
- Microfilm or magnetic media
- Subject files
- Records kept at
 - Pharmacy
 - Laboratory
 - Other departments involved in the trial

When filling in the CRF

- Uses ballpen
- Uses capital letters
- Completes all items by entering a number or text in the provided space

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When correcting the CRF . . .

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- **Original entry not obscured**
 - Does not erase
 - Does not overwrite
 - Does not use correcting fluid
- **Writes correct entry beside, above or under wrong entry**
- **Dates correction**
- **Initials correction**
- **Explains correction (if needed)**
- **Only authorized staff can make corrections; not clinical monitor nor sponsor**

8. Product management

- **Ensures that the product is properly received, stored and handled**
- **May assign an appropriate person for storage and accountability at the trial site (but still under supervision of the investigator)**
- **Follow storage conditions specified by sponsor, and according to the protocol and regulatory requirements (e.g. temperature)**
- **Maintain temperature log of storage conditions**

Product accountability

- **Files records of delivery, inventory and return**
 - **Dates (manufacturing, expiration)**
 - **Quantities, batch/serial numbers**
 - **Unique code number assigned to product and trial subjects**
- **Keeps trial accountability log up-to-date**
- **Maintains a treatment log that documents that participants were given dose specified in protocol**

Treatment compliance

- **Uses product only in accordance with the approved protocol**
- **Explains correct use of the product to each participant and makes sure that instructions are followed**

9. Premature termination or suspension of the trial

- **By the investigator**
 - →Institution
 - →IRB/ERB
 - →Sponsor
- **By the sponsor → institution**
- **IRB/ERB terminates or suspends its approval**
 - →Institution
 - →Sponsor
- **Promptly inform trial subjects and assure appropriate treatment and follow-up**
- **Inform regulatory authority**
- **Written explanation**

10. Progress and final reports

- **According to institutional, IRB policies and protocol/sponsor requirements**

Responsibilities at the end of the trial

1. Record retention

- **Subject screening and enrolment log**
- **Identification of enrolled participants**
- **Signed informed consent and related documents**
- **IRB communications, approvals**
- **Amendments**
- **Continuing review**
- **Product management and accountability**

2. Trial materials and equipment

- **Return unused product, trial equipment, unused trial documents to the sponsor**
- **Sponsor instructions with regard to unused products**
 - **Destruction**
 - **Compassionate use of unused products**

Other obligations

- **Final reports - provide final reports to IRB/EC, regulatory authority and sponsor**
- **Publication policies**
- **Audit and inspection procedures**
- **Planned follow-up activities related to development of the product**

Conclusion

Adherence to investigator responsibilities assures

- credibility of the data,**
- well-being, safety and protection of the rights of research subjects engaged in clinical trials**

Adherence to good clinical practices



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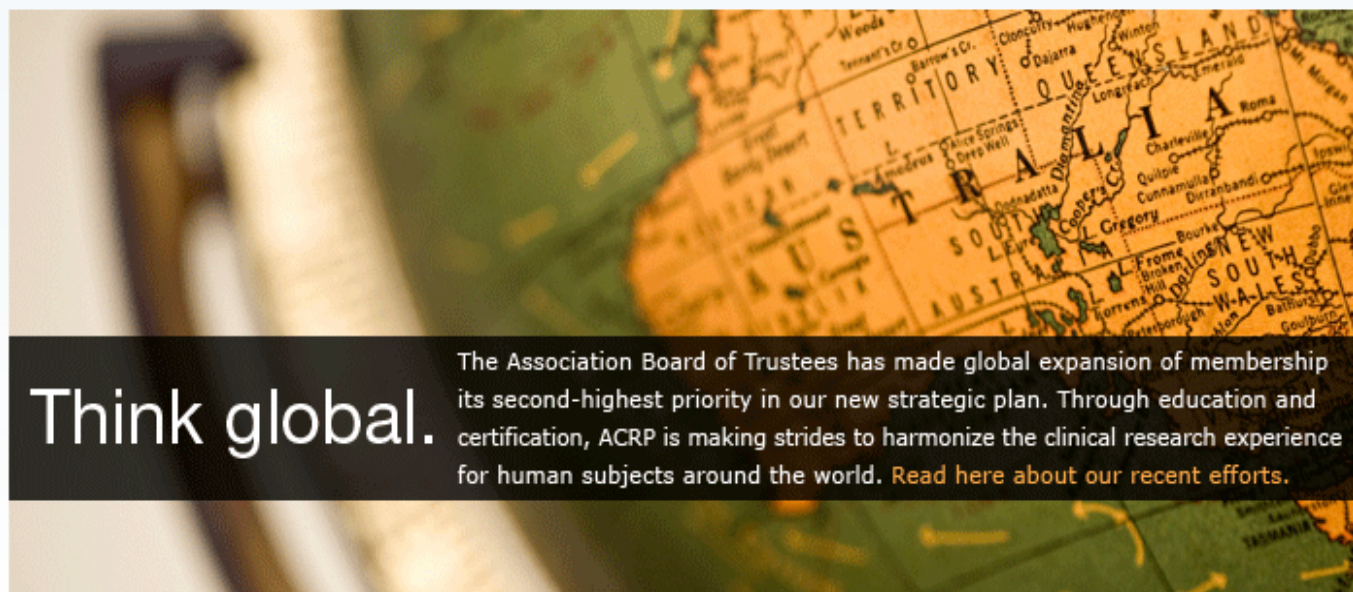
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