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September 30, 2014

Howard Backer, MD, MPH, FACEP, Director  
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**RE: PROPOSED TRANEXAMIC ACID TRIAL STUDY**

Dear Dr. Backer:

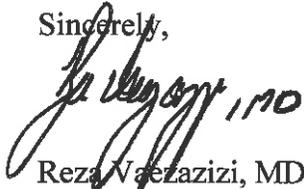
This letter is in response to our telephone conversation on September 29, 2014, to provide the additional information and clarifications you requested:

- Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for this trial study will be obtained at both trauma centers in the ICEMA region. Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) received IRB approval as of June 2, 2014. Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) is currently in the IRB approval process. ICEMA anticipates approval by October 2014.
- Patients that meet tranexamic acid (TXA) inclusion criteria will be exempt from any consent requirements. TXA will be a part of ARMC and LLUMC massive transfusion protocols and a standard of care at both trauma centers.
- TXA Trial Study Objectives:
  - Determine the ability of paramedics to accurately apply the TXA inclusion criteria and identify treatment candidates in the prehospital environment.
  - Assess the safety and potential benefit of early paramedic administration of TXA in the prehospital environment.
  - Validate previously demonstrated benefits of TXA when administered by paramedics while functioning as a part of mature and integrated trauma system.
  - Assess any potential benefit of TXA administration by paramedics in the prehospital setting when differentiating between rural and urban transport times.
  - Assess the need for second (2<sup>nd</sup>) dose of TXA administered in the trauma center setting when first (1<sup>st</sup>) dose is administered in the prehospital setting.

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If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (909) 841-6274 or via e-mail at [Reza.Vaezazizi@cao.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Reza.Vaezazizi@cao.sbcounty.gov). Additionally, Chris Yoshida-McMath, RN, ICEMA Trauma System Manager, can be reached at (909) 388-5803 or via e-mail at [Chris.Yoshida-McMath@cao.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Chris.Yoshida-McMath@cao.sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reza Vaezazizi, MD'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials 'RV' being particularly prominent.

Reza Vaezazizi, MD  
Medical Director

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c: Tom Lynch, EMS Administrator, ICEMA  
Chris Yoshida-McMath, RN, Trauma System Manager, ICEMA  
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