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The **British Association for Research Quality Assurance (BARQA)** is grateful for the opportunity to comment on EU Commission draft proposals.

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“2.10. Other documents to be submitted

- A list of national competent authorities to which the sponsor has already made the same application with details of their decisions;”

Does this mean the exact same submission, i.e. to EU CAs, or does it mean any submission worldwide with those same submission materials? Exactly what information is required with the details of decisions?

“• If available, a copy of the summary of scientific advice from any Member State or the EMEA or peer reviews with regard to the clinical trial;”

What would be a peer review? Would this be official scientific committees or any peer review performed by independent groups or by the sponsor itself?

“3.7. Ex post notification of urgent safety measures

Examples for urgent safety measures are as follows:

- There is a need to change immediately the Contract Research Organisation (“CRO”) during the conduct of a study or transfer of certain responsibilities towards a different CRO because of hazard risk;
- a trial is halted following the recommendations of a Data Safety Monitoring Board on the grounds of patient safety or a lack of efficacy;”

Lack of efficacy - It should be qualified with:- “lack of efficacy where this is likely to have a significant effect on the safety and/or wellbeing of the subject(s)”.

“3.8. Temporary halt of a trial

A temporary halt of a trial is a stop of the trial with the intention to resume it. A temporary halt can be

- a substantial amendment; or
- part of an urgent safety measure as referred to in Article 10(b) of Directive 2001/20/EC. In this case, the notification of the temporary halt of a trial should be done immediately and at the least, in accordance with the deadline set out in Article 10(c) 2nd period of Directive 2001/20/EC, within 15 days from when the trial is temporarily halted.”

This is in contradiction to one member state (UK) where a temporary halt to the trial as part of an USM, requires immediate reporting or within 3 days. There is a need for community-wide harmonisation of these requirements so that sponsors can be compliant across the entire EU.

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