

January 19, 2016

Michael A. Carome, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Carome:

Deputy Inspector General Halliday provided the documentation you sent regarding Public Citizen's January 7, 2016, request for two reviews:

1. Request to Thomas Puglisi, Ph.D. that VA's Office of Research Oversight do compliance oversight regarding the *CHAMPION PHOENIX* trial as detailed in the correspondence provided.
2. Request to Deputy IG Halliday that VA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) review the related matter of:

whether the inappropriate delays in clopidogrel administration to control group subjects enrolled in the *CHAMPION PHOENIX* trial were limited to the conduct of this trial or also reflect more widespread inappropriate antiplatelet therapy in veterans undergoing PCI procedures at VA health care facilities as part of their clinical care during the time when the trial was conducted (i.e., September 30, 2010, to October 3, 2012) and after the trial ended.

The VA OIG complaint review and case opening process is managed by the OIG Hotline (53G), in conjunction with OIG line elements. Your request is currently under review; we will notify you when we have made a determination regarding our planned actions.

Sincerely,

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