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**To:** Washington University Human Studies Committee  
**From:** Aaron Hamvas, MD; Kimberly Spence, MD  
**Re:** HSC # 02-0898 “Precursor preference in surfactant synthesis of human preterm infants” – clarifying inclusion criteria with respect to viability

We would like to add the following clarification to the protocol for the above study. Inclusion criteria currently read: “gestational age is 28 weeks or less and require mechanical ventilation as part of the routine management of their illness.” We would like to revise this to read “gestational age is **24-28 weeks, infants are viable, as determined by the bedside care team, and they** require mechanical ventilation...” Exclusion criteria go on to state that “...preterm ... infants will be excluded if death appears imminent...” This exclusion will continue.

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