

# FY 2023 IRB FDA 483 OBSERVATION TRENDS

# Purpose

Broadly written regulations do not always convey the specific details of the observed violation(s).

FDA 483 citations issued during this fiscal year were reviewed and sub-categorized into more granular themes in order to identify trends.

These data slides are the result of the sub-categorization efforts.



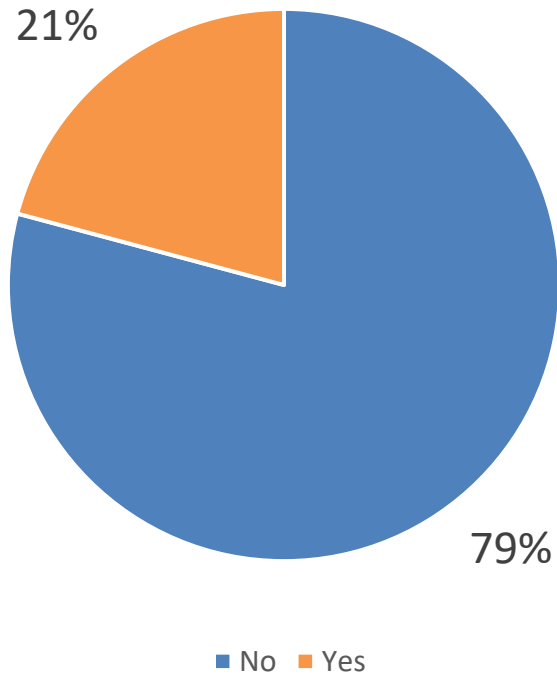
# Acronyms

**IRB (Institutional Review Board)**

**FDA (Food and Drug Administration)**

### FY 2023 Firms Issued a 483

Number of Inspections – 72  
FDA 483 Issued – 15  
No FDA 483 Issued - 57



# Themes Identified in FY 2023 IRB Data

IRB Communications/Meeting Minutes Deficiencies  
(56.110(c), 56.115(a)(2), 56.109(e), 56.113)

No or Not Following Written Procedures  
(56.108(a)(1), 56.108(b)(1), 56.108(b)(2), 56.108(b)(3),  
56.110(b)(1), 56.110(b)(2)), 56.110(c)

IRB Membership Deficiencies (56.107(e), 56.108(c),  
56.115(a)(5))

Operational Deficiencies

# Details for Themes

## **IRB Communications/Meeting Minutes Deficiencies**

- Investigator not notified in writing for approval or termination of research approval
- Meeting minutes don't document vote counts at all or incorrectly
- Meeting minutes don't document all actions
- No meeting minutes were available for convened meetings
- Meeting minutes don't accurately list members present/alternate voters
- IRB has not notified the Institution in writing of IRB actions
- Termination of approval for research did not include a statement of the reasons for the IRB's action

# Details for Themes

## No or Not Following Written Procedures

- IRB used an expedited review procedure to approve materials for studies that were more than minor changes to research or did not notify the IRB of expedited approvals
- IRB has no or did not follow written procedures for ensuring prompt reporting to the FDA or institutional officials of any unanticipated problems involving risks to human subjects or others
- IRB has no or did not follow written procedures for reporting any instance of serious or continuing noncompliance with 21 CFR Part 56 or the requirements or determinations of the IRB to FDA
- IRB has no or did not follow written procedures for reporting suspension or termination of IRB approval to FDA
- IRB has no or did not follow written procedures for conducting its initial and continuing review of research

# Details for Themes

## **IRB Meeting Attendance/Membership List Deficiencies**

- Non-scientific member not present at meeting
- Majority of members not present at meeting
- Complete membership list not maintained for three years
- An IRB member was allowed to participate in the IRB's continuing review of a project in which the member had a conflicting interest

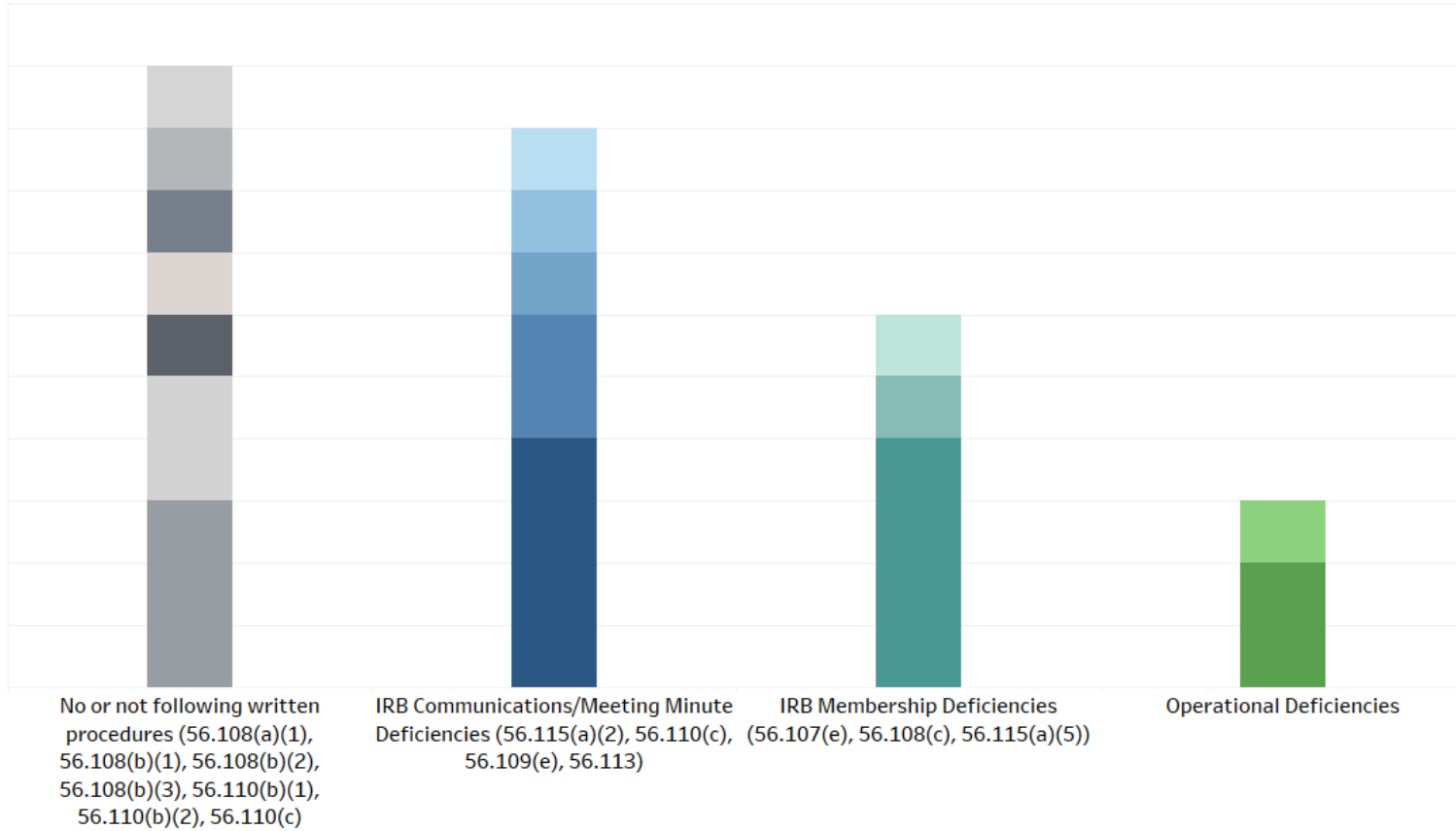


# Details for Themes

## Operational Deficiencies

- IRB does not conduct continuing review of research not less than once per year
- Factors for approval; research involving children-IRB approved a study involving children without finding and documenting that the risk was justified by the anticipated benefit to the subjects and the relation of the anticipated benefit to the risk was at least as favorable to the subjects as that presented by available alternative approaches

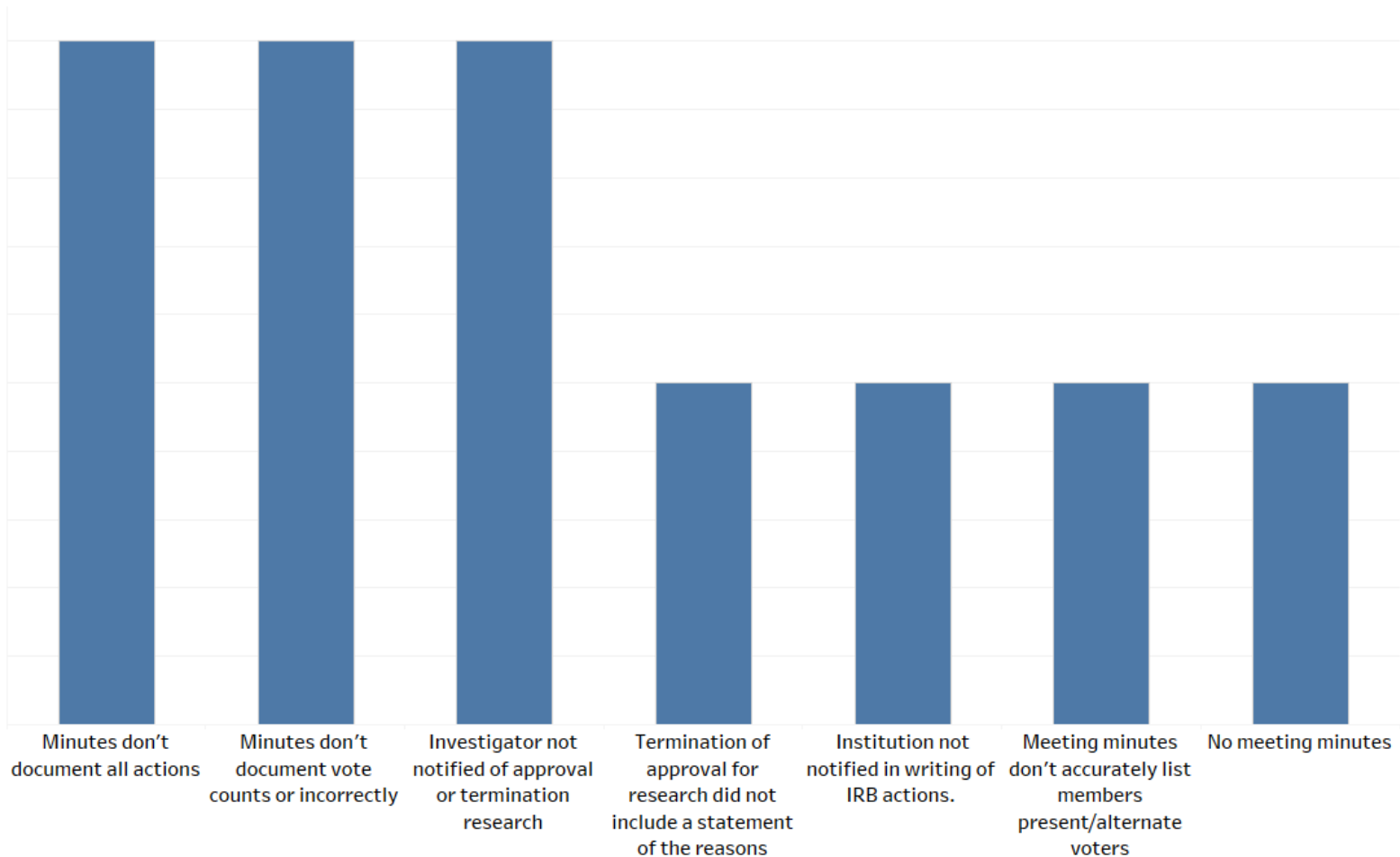
## FY 2023 Most Common IRB Short Cites by Themes



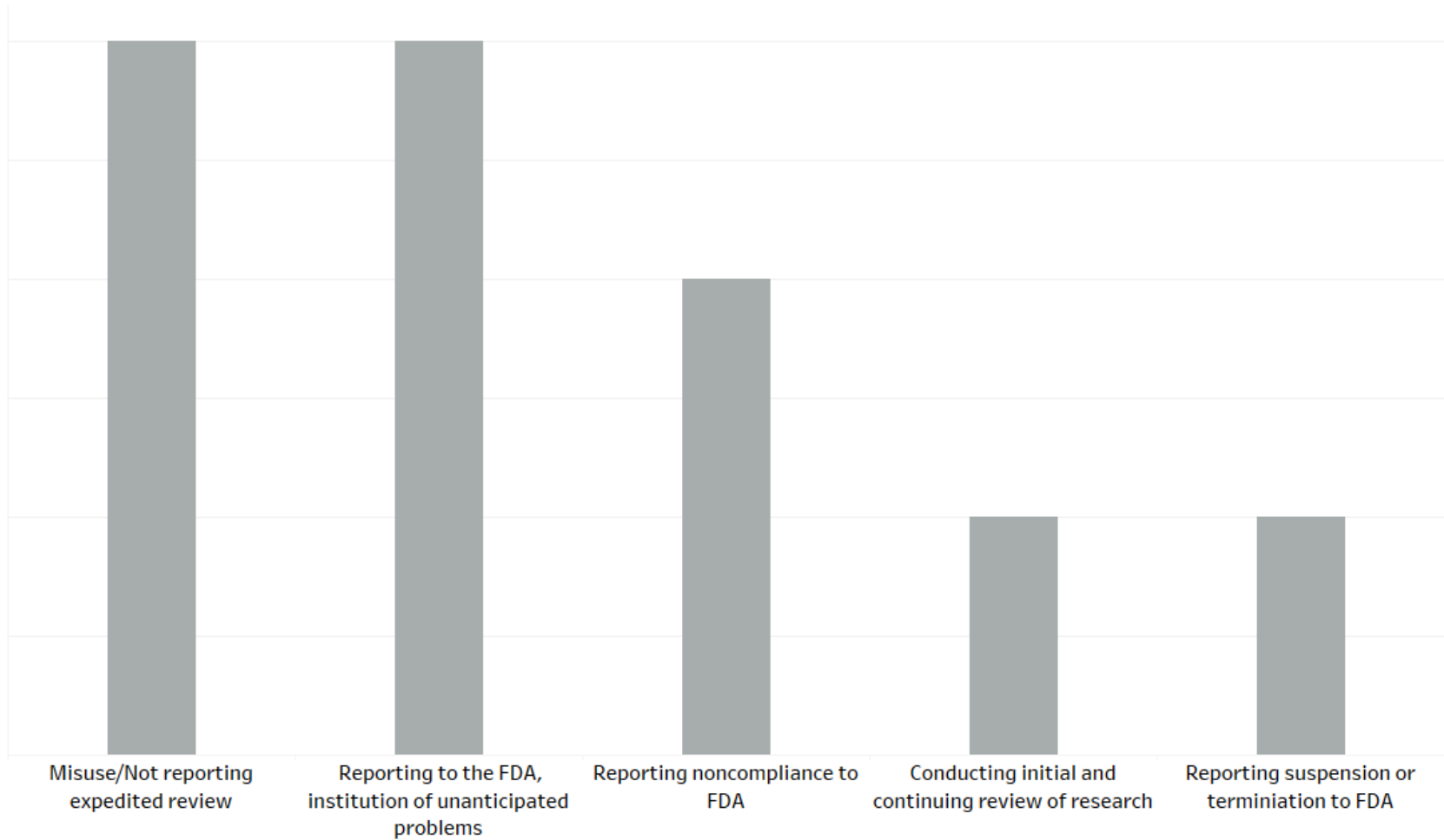
### Cite Short Desc

- No more than minimal risk
- Method to keep members advised
- Reporting of suspension/termination
- Minor changes
- Initial and continuing reviews
- Prompt reporting of unanticipated problems
- Prompt reporting of noncompliance
- Statement of reasons
- Reporting
- Records of continuing review
- IRB approvals/disapprovals - general
- Minutes of IRB meetings
- Conflict of interest
- List of members
- Members present for review
- Factors required for approval
- Continuing review

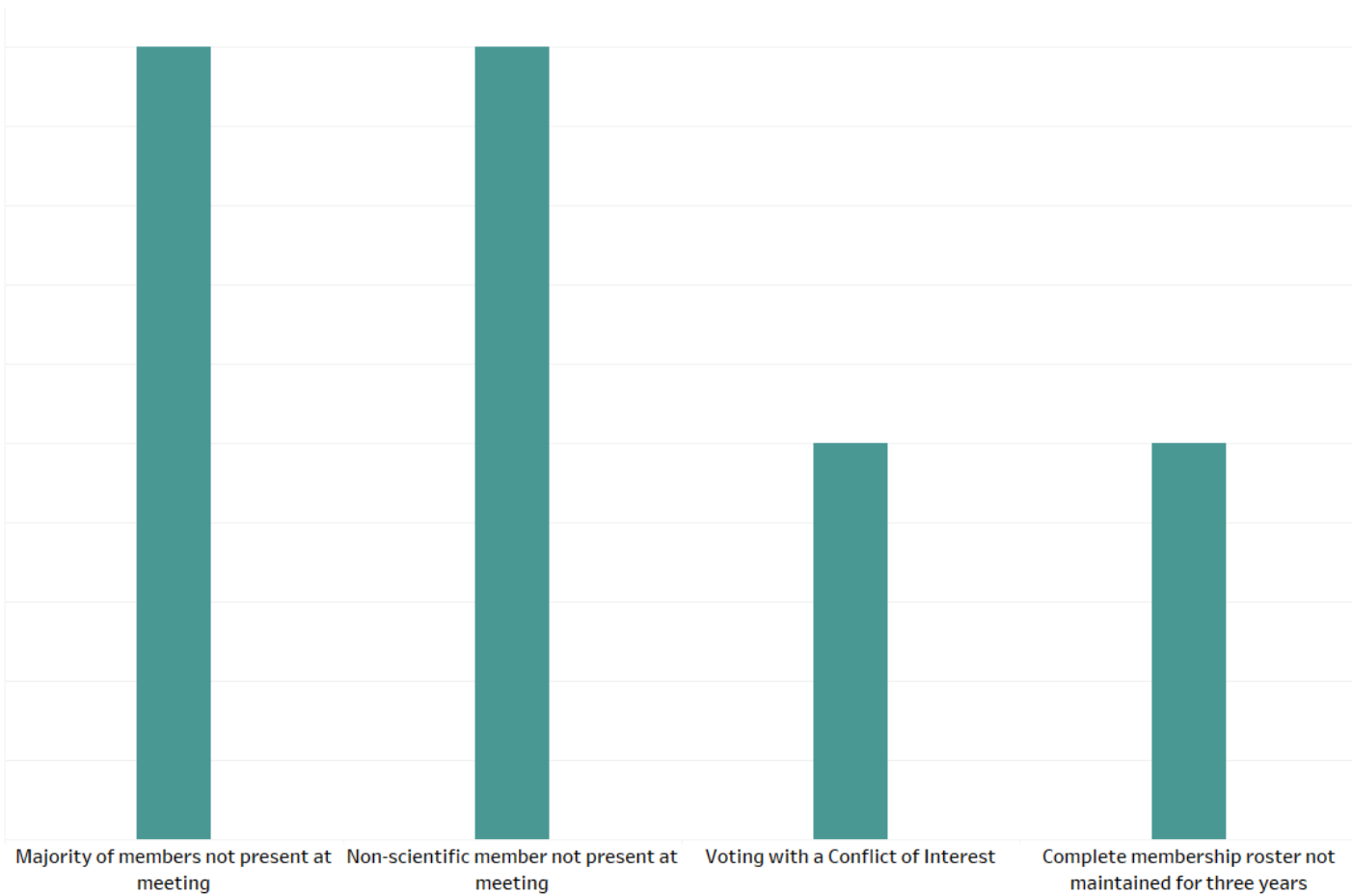
## IRB Communications/Meeting Minute Deficiencies Details



## No or Not Following Written Procedures Deficiencies Details



## IRB Membership Deficiencies Details



# IRB Operational Deficiencies Details

