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Irene Schipper (1968) works as a senior researcher at SOMO (Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations) which is an independent, non-profit research organisation studying negative impacts of company activities for people and the environment around the world. With pressuring companies to uphold their corporate social responsibility (CSR), the promotion of binding regulations for companies, and influencing laws and trade and investment agreements, SOMO works towards the improvement of company practices in cooperation with northern and southern civil society organisations.

Irene Schipper's recently published work related to pharmaceutical companies focuses on the ethics of clinical trials in middle and low income countries where trial subjects are often vulnerable in terms of poverty, education and illiteracy. She published about the trend of offshoring, and the ongoing outsourcing of the trial implementation process to so called contract research organisations (CROs). SOMO works closely together with the Wemos Foundation in advising the European Parliament and the European Commission on the integration of international ethical principles into European Medicines Agency (EMA) procedures and on increasing transparency on clinical trials. Upcoming publications on clinical trials deal with ethical violations, compensation, post-trial access arrangements and best practices thereof. Activities are geared towards strengthening the International Clinical Trial Watch Network.

Publications:

[Protection of clinical trial subjects in countries outside the EU](#) September 2011

[Putting Contract Research Organisations on the Radar](#) January 2011

[Clinical Trials in Developing Countries](#) April 2009

[Ethics for Drugs Testing in Low and Middle Income Countries](#) March 2008