Approval of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Wuhan University, school of medicine

March 15, 2002

We, IRB of the school of medicine of Wuhan University, have inspected the research work led by Dr. Fan ZHU, that is, “Study on the relationship between KIAA0101 and human hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)”.

The main object of the double blind controlled trial is to study the different expression of KIAA0101 in the HCC tissues and adjacent non-tumorous liver tissues.

After seriously studying and discussing, we think that the researchers in the research group are very honest and careful during their work, and the project is scientific and feasible. The whole course of the trial is ethical and no right of the patients has been impaired. So we approve the research group to continue the research.

The expiration date of this approval is Aug 31, 2008. If this project is to continue beyond that data, please submit an updated proposal in advance for the Panel’s re-approval.

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