S3 Appendix: Approval letter from Institutional Ethics Committee

Institutional Ethics Committee Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research 244, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata-20.

Memo No. Inst./IEC/ 841

Date: 05.04.10

To Dr. Kausik Das Asst. Prof. Dept. of School of Digestive & Liver Disease, IPGME&R, Kolkata

A meeting of the Institutional Ethics Committee of IPGME&R, Kolkata was held on 27th March, 2010 at 12:00 noon. The following members were present:

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No.	Name	Sex	Status	Affiliation/ Designation
1.	Prof. Subir Kumar Dutta	М	Chairman	Ex-Dean of Faculty of Medicine University of Calcutta & retired
2.	Prof. J. Chatterjee	М	Member	Professor of Pathology Head, NEMS
4.	Prof. Amal Santra Prof. Swati Chakraborty	M F	Member Member	Scientist, Gastroenterology
	Prof. R.N. Dutta Prof. D. Bhattacharyya	M	Member	Head, PaedMedicine Head, Skin
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The following project proposal submitted with other relevant documents were discussed:

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List of other documents:

- 1. Forwarding Letter.
- 2. Patient Information Forms- English, Bengali, Hindi.
- 3. Patient Consent Forms- English, Bengali, Hindi.
- 4. Case Record Form

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After detailed deliberation and review, the following decision was taken:

☑ Approved

□ Disapproved

□ Resubmit after modification as detailed below

Approved earlier but approval withdrawn now for reasons detailed below

 \square Reasons for disapproval \square Modifications suggested \square Reasons for withdrawing approval

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Member-Secretary Institutional Ethics Committee, IPGME&R, Kolkata-20.

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