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Chair, Council of Scientific Excellence
Warsaw, Poland

Re: Academic Promotion of Artur Jurczyszyn, MD, PhD

Dear Council Members,

It is a pleasure and an honor to write a letter of recommendation supporting the academic promotion of my colleague and friend, Dr. Artur Jurczyszyn, to Full Professor of Medicine at the Jagiellonian University.

Dr. Jurczyszyn and I met in 2014, when he visited the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for a rotation in the clinics and laboratories of the Myeloma and Waldenström Macroglobulinemia research centers. Artur spent several days with me in the Waldenström Macroglobulinemia clinic. During these days, I could observe Artur's clinical acumen and his tireless interest in performing impactful research in myeloma. He was always interested on knowing more about the background, the disease natural history and the discoveries that affect how we treat our patients. Artur has a keen mind, and I was impressed to see how well he communicated his points of view and opinions with other colleagues. Clinically speaking, Artur is thorough and inquisitive but also respectful and caring.

We shared long hours of discussion about the science behind plasma cell dyscrasias, a passion that we both have in common. Artur was already participating in a series of collaborative studies across several European countries. Artur is an active member of the International Myeloma Working Group, and he saw this as an opportunity for a series of studies focusing on rare complications of myeloma. This prompted an increasing number of international studies in patients with myeloma focusing on

myeloma involving the skin and the central nervous system, IgM, IgE and biclonal myeloma and primary as well as secondary plasma cell leukemia, just to name a few. Artur's research has been published in peer-reviewed journals of high impact. Over the years, Artur has established himself as an authority in myeloma in Poland and has presented his research in international conferences. He has been invited to serve as a member of international task forces dedicated at better delineating guidelines for the diagnosis, treatment and assessment of myeloma patients. I truly believe these efforts have pushed the field forward towards understanding how to better diagnose and treat rare complications of myeloma.

Finally, Artur is also a compassionate human being. He and his wife Barbara are the founders of the Center for Myeloma Treatment (www.szpiczak.org), a foundation that focuses its efforts on advancing the research and knowledge on plasma cell dyscrasias. Through this foundation, Artur has put together the Annual Conference in Plasma Cell Dyscrasias in Krakow. It has been an honor for me to be invited as a speaker throughout the years and get to experience Krakow and its beauty. This annual conference has become the premier conference for plasma cell dyscrasias in Eastern Europe.

Based on what I know about Artur, personally and professionally, I believe Artur would meet criteria to become a Full Professor of Medicine at any university in the United States. Therefore, I recommend Dr. Jurczyszyn for promotion to Professor at the Jagiellonian University without reservations. I would like to thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JAC', written over a horizontal line.

Jorge J. Castillo, MD