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To Whom It May Concern:

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We strongly support the concept of developing a strong comprehensive myeloma diagnosis and treatment center in Cracow, Poland. This would include a group of physicians in the fields of hematology, nephrology, neurology and orthopedic surgery who would work together to improve the care of patients with multiple myeloma. This is a very specialized area and special expertise is needed to adequately care for these individuals. In addition, laboratory-based scientists would be added to the center so that there is a scientific and clinical integrated approach to the patient with this incurable disease.

More progress has been made in the treatment of multiple myeloma patients in the last decade than in the previous 40 years. This is a time when centers devoted to the management of patients with multiple myeloma are essential.

Both of us know Dr. Jurczyszyn. He is a very able and energetic physician who has the skills to bring a group together. He has had a strong interest in multiple myeloma, has published in the field for several years and we are certain that he and his group will greatly improve the care of myeloma patients in Poland and make contributions to the field of myeloma in general. Dr. Jurczyszyn is an active member of the International Myeloma Society and was an active participant in the recent International Myeloma Workshop in Washington DC.

It is a pleasure to strongly support his proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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