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Dear Dr Tufail

CLINICAL LABORATORY LICENSE

We refer to our meeting on 15 November 2016.

2 As clarified in our letter dated 26 Sep 2016 and the meeting on 15 November 2016, a clinical laboratory license under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (PHMCA) is only issued to clinical laboratories conducting tests for the purposes of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of any disease or for the assessment of the health of any person, or ascertaining the cause of death or result of any medical or surgical treatment given to any person, or for any purpose or function that relates to the care of the patients.

3 Our practice has been to issue a PHMC licence only to healthcare institutions (including laboratories) providing a healthcare **service** to patients, not institutions that are functioning for the purpose of **research**. Any diagnostic or analytical activity conducted by a laboratory on research subjects (or their specimens) in order to contribute information to a researcher for the purpose of a research study (including clinical trial) is considered research, not a healthcare service. There is currently no MOH licence available for research laboratories. Please understand that this decision does NOT imply that Covance has failed licensing requirements, but is an independent operational decision undertaken by MOH in accordance with the intent of the PHMC Act.

4 Hence, Covance (Asia) Pte. Ltd. (Covance Central Laboratory Services (Singapore)) ('Covance') located at 1 International Business Park The Synergy #05-12A/12B and #04-14A/14B/15/16 Singapore 609917 which provides laboratory services purely for the purposes of research or clinical trials, does not require a clinical laboratory licence under the PHMCA.

Yours sincerely

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