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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

***Evaluation of Training Curriculum for Paediatricians -
Subspecialty Program for Paediatric Haematology and Oncology***

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am very glad to be able to provide my personal assessment of this new program which has been forwarded to me by Dr. Alan Chaing from the Queen Mary Hospital in Hong Kong, China.

I am Professor of Pediatrics and Head of the Department of General Pediatrics. My clinical and research focus is on Childhood Leukemias. I am Principal Investigator in international clinical trials of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) of the BFM (Berlin-Frankfurt-Muenster) study group. Until 2016, I also have been chairman of a large research consortium, called International BFM Study Group (iBFM), which was founded more than 20 years ago in order to combine various scientific activities of basic and clinical researchers in childhood leukemias and lymphoma. From 2016 to 2018 I have been President of SIOP Europe, before becoming Chairman of the Society of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology (GPOH) in Germany (together with Austria and Switzerland) in 2019.

The proposed program in Hong Kong is comprising all elements which have to be expected from a comprehensive training program for young paediatricians when preparing to enter the specialty of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology. It appears well-balanced regarding the different elements from diagnosis to treatment, including the more modern approaches in diagnostics (e.g. the use of detailed high-throughput genetics) and treatment (e.g. modern forms of immunotherapy and precision



medicine). It is well comparable to training programs which are available in some European countries. In particular, I am able to compare to the curriculum which is being used in Germany. It is a three-year program which can be entered in the last year of training in Paediatrics.

If there are specific aspects which you want me to address, please do not hesitate to come back to me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Schrappe', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Dr. Martin Schrappe, M.D., Ph.D.