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RE: individualized medicine and whole course management of colorectal cancer

Dear Professor Ng

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to provide support for this application for a Chinese Science and Technology Award which addresses an enormously important health challenge. Colorectal cancer is placing an ever growing burden of mortality and morbidity on Chinese citizens and China should be at the forefront of basic and clinical research to improve outcomes from this common cancer.

The research programmes led by by Professor Jianmin Xu (from Zhongshan Hospital, Fudan University) & Professor Simon S. M. Ng (from Chinese University of Hong Kong) to improve the treatment efficacy of colorectal cancer over a wide spectrum of translational and clinical science has been remarkably successful, as evidenced by their excellent publication rate, the international standing of the superb colorectal cancer meeting which they hold annually in Shanghai, but above all, the demonstrable improvement in 5 year survival in subjects enrolled in this programme.

This is a world class research group who have introduced many 'firsts' for the benefit of their patients and enhance the reputation of Chinese science in this field.

I commend this application without hesitation and believe that it represents internationally competitive science.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Kerr'.

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