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The Registrar
West Bengal Medical Council (WBMC)
8 Lyons Range (3rd Floor)
Kolkata 700001

RE: Complaint against Dr. Niranjana Bhattacharya and Dr. Nandita Basu

Dear Sir:

This letter is to draw your urgent attention for seeking immediate cancellation/suspension of medical registration of **Dr. Niranjana Bhattacharya**, Head of Dept. of Regenerative Medicine & Translational Science at Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine and **Dr. Nandita Basu**, Director of Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine, because these two physicians have brazenly violated legal as well as moral boundaries of “Professional Code of Ethics & Regulations” framed by Medical Council of India (MCI) and WBMC. According to a report published in Bengal daily “Eisamay” dated 14th November, 2013, the two doctors conducted an experimental stem-cell therapy on a poor and illiterate patient in the form of a clinical trial without any approval from the appropriate authority causing great harm to the patient. The report also indicates that the two doctors obtained “informed consent” from the patient/patient’s family in the most devious manner. The action by the two doctors not only violates medical Code of Ethics as framed by MCI and WBMC, it also tramples over the provisions under “Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940” and breaches the guidelines for human participants in Biomedical research as framed by the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR). The reckless act by the two doctors demands immediate suspension of their medical licenses to prevent them causing more

harm to other vulnerable and unsuspecting patients because they may indulge in similar clinical trials with unscientific stem-cell therapy or other experimental therapy putting lives of innocent patients in serious danger. We are seeking summarily suspension of medical registration of the two doctors pending full investigation of this matter in order for greater public interest. We would be compelled to move the appropriate legal forum against your inaction if you do not take immediate remedial measures to stop Dr. Bhattacharya and Dr. Basu treating the innocent patients. Thank you in advance for your kind attention and urgent intervention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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c.c.: 1) Hon'ble Governor, State of W.B.; 2) Health Secretary, Govt. of W.B.