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In preparation for the [REDACTED], our Company has sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules and exemption from strict compliance with the Companies (Winding up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

WAIVER IN RESPECT OF MANAGEMENT PRESENCE IN HONG KONG

According to Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules, a new applicant for a primary listing on the Stock Exchange must have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong. This normally means that at least two of our executive Directors must be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong.

Since the headquarters and business operations of our Company are based, managed and conducted outside of Hong Kong, and our executive Director and the majority of our senior management team do not ordinarily reside in Hong Kong, we consider that it would be practically difficult and commercially unreasonable and undesirable for our Company to arrange for two executive Directors to be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong, either by means of relocation of existing executive Director or appointment of additional executive Directors. Our Company does not, and will not for the foreseeable future, have sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules.

Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted], a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules.

We will ensure that there is an effective channel of communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of the following arrangements:

- (a) pursuant to Rules 3.05 of the Listing Rules, we have appointed and will continue to maintain two authorized representatives, who will act as our principal channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and ensure that our Company complies with the Listing Rules at all times. The two authorized representatives appointed are Dr. Zhou, our executive Director and chairperson of the Board, and Ms. Wong Mei (王薇), our joint company secretary, to be the principal communication channel at all times between the Stock Exchange and our Company. Each of them has confirmed that she can be readily contactable by phone, facsimile and email to deal promptly with enquiries from the Stock Exchange, and will also be available to meet with the Stock Exchange to discuss any matters on short notice. As and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact the Directors on any matters, each of the authorized representatives will have means to contact all of the Directors promptly at all times. Our Company will also inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the authorized representatives;

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- (b) in addition to the appointment of the authorized representatives, to facilitate communication with the Stock Exchange, the contact details of each Director, including his or her mobile phone number, office phone number, facsimile number and email address have been provided to each of the authorized representatives, our joint company secretaries, the Compliance Advisor who have means for contacting all Directors promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact the Directors on any urgent matters. Furthermore, each Director who is not ordinarily resident in Hong Kong possesses or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and can meet with the Stock Exchange within a reasonable period as and when required; and

- (c) our Company has appointed Gram Capital Limited as our Compliance Advisor in compliance with Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules. The Compliance Advisor will serve as an additional channel of communication in addition to the authorized representatives of our Company. The Compliance Advisor will provide our Company with professional advice on ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and will be available to respond to enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Our Company will ensure that the Compliance Advisor has prompt access to the Company's authorized representatives and Directors who will provide the Compliance Advisor with such information and assistance as the Compliance Advisor may need or may reasonably request in connection with the performance of the Compliance Advisor's duties. Meetings between the Stock Exchange and the Directors could be arranged through the authorized representatives or the Compliance Advisor, or directly with the Directors within a reasonable time frame. Our Company will inform the Stock Exchange as soon as practicable in respect of any change in the Compliance Advisor.

WAIVER IN RESPECT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules and Chapter 3.10 of the Guide, a new applicant for [REDACTED] on the Stock Exchange must appoint a company secretary who, by virtue of his/her academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is, in the opinion of the Stock Exchange, capable of discharging the functions of the company secretary. Note 1 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules provides that the Stock Exchange considers the following academic or professional qualifications to be acceptable:

- (a) a member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute;

- (b) a solicitor or barrister as defined in the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Chapter 159 of the Laws of Hong Kong); and

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- (c) a certified public accountant as defined in the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Chapter 50 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules further provides that the Stock Exchange considers the following factors in assessing the “relevant experience” of the individual:

- (a) length of employment with the issuer and other issuers and the roles he/she played;
- (b) familiarity with the Listing Rules and other relevant laws and regulations including the SFO, the Companies Ordinance, the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and the Takeovers Code;
- (c) relevant training taken and/or to be taken in addition to the minimum requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules; and
- (d) professional qualifications in other jurisdictions.

Our Company has appointed Ms. Ma Wani (馬娃妮) (“**Ms. Ma**”) and Ms. Wong as our joint company secretaries. See “Directors and Senior Management — Joint Company Secretaries” for their biographical detail.

The Company believes that it would be in the best interests of the Company and the corporate governance of the Group to have as its joint company secretary a person such as Ms. Ma, who has day-to-day knowledge of the Company’s affairs. Ms. Ma has the necessary nexus to the Board and close working relationship with management of the Company in order to perform the function of a joint company secretary and to take the necessary actions in the most effective and efficient manner. However, Ms. Ma presently does not possess any of the qualifications under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, and may not be able to solely fulfill the requirements of the Listing Rules. Therefore, we have appointed Ms. Wong, who is an associate member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute in the United Kingdom and fully meets the requirements stipulated under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules, to act as the other joint company secretary and to provide assistance to Ms. Ma for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] to enable Ms. Ma to acquire the “relevant experience” under Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so as to fully comply with the requirements set forth under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules.

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Accordingly, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted], a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules such that Ms. Ma may be appointed as a joint company secretary of our Company.

The waiver is valid for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED], and is granted on the condition that Ms. Wong, as a joint company secretary of our Company, will work closely with Ms. Ma to jointly discharge the duties and responsibilities as company secretaries and assist Ms. Ma in acquiring the relevant experience as required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Ms. Wong will also assist Ms. Ma in organizing Board meetings and Shareholders' meetings of our Company as well as other matters of our Company which are incidental to the duties of a company secretary. Ms. Wong is expected to work closely with Ms. Ma and will maintain regular contact with Ms. Ma, the Directors and the senior management of our Company. In addition, Ms. Ma will comply with the annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules and will enhance her knowledge of the Listing Rules during the three-year period from the [REDACTED]. Ms. Ma will also be assisted by (a) the Compliance Advisor, particularly in relation to compliance with the Listing Rules; and (b) the Hong Kong legal advisors of our Company, on matters concerning our Company's ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.10 of the Guide, the waiver will be revoked immediately if Ms. Wong ceases to provide assistance to Ms. Ma as a joint company secretary for the three-year period after the [REDACTED] or where there are material breaches of the Listing Rules by our Company.

Prior to the expiration of the initial three-year period, the qualifications and experience of Ms. Ma will be re-evaluated to determine whether the requirements as stipulated in Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules can be satisfied and whether the need for ongoing assistance will continue. We will liaise with the Stock Exchange to enable it to assess whether Ms. Ma, having benefited from the assistance of Ms. Wong for the preceding three years, will have acquired the skills necessary to carry out the duties of company secretary and the relevant experience within the meaning of Note 2 to Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules so that a further waiver will not be necessary.

EXEMPTION FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 342(1)(B) OF THE COMPANIES (WINDING UP AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO PARAGRAPH 27 OF PART I AND PARAGRAPH 31 OF PART II OF THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE COMPANIES (WINDING UP AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE

According to section 342(1)(b) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, this document shall include an accountant's report which contains the matters specified in the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions)

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Ordinance. According to paragraph 27 of Part I of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, our Company is required to include in this document a statement as to the gross trading income or sales turnover (as the case may be) of our Company during each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of this document as well as an explanation of the method used for the computation of such income or turnover and a reasonable breakdown of the more important trading activities.

According to paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, our Company is required to include in this document a report prepared by our Company's auditor with respect to profits and losses of our Company in respect of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the document and the assets and liabilities of our Company at the last date to which the financial statements were prepared. According to section 342A(1) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, the SFC may issue, subject to such conditions (if any) as the SFC thinks fit, a certificate of exemption from strict compliance with the relevant requirements under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance if, having regard to the circumstances, the SFC considers that the exemption will not prejudice the interests of the [REDACTED] public and strict compliance with any or all of such requirements would be irrelevant or unduly burdensome, or is otherwise unnecessary or inappropriate. According to Rule 4.04(1) of the Listing Rules, the Accountant's Report contained in this document must include, inter alia, the results of our Company in respect of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of this document or such shorter period as may be acceptable to the Stock Exchange. According to Rule 18A.06 of the Listing Rules, an eligible biotech company shall comply with Rule 4.04 of the Listing Rules modified so that references to "three financial years" or "three years" in that rule shall instead refer to "two financial years" or "two years," as the case may be. Accordingly, we applied to the SFC for a certificate of exemption from strict compliance with the requirements under section 342(1)(b) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance in relation to paragraph 27 of Part I and paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance on the following grounds:

- (a) our Company is a clinical-stage biotechnology company dedicated to the discovery, development, manufacture and commercialization of novel oncolytic immunotherapies and engineered exosome therapies, and falls within the scope of biotech company as defined under Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules;

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- (b) the Accountant's Report for [the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2024 and nine months ended September 30, 2025] has been disclosed in the document of our Company and is set out in Appendix I to this document in accordance with Rule 18A.06 of the Listing Rules;
- (c) notwithstanding that the financial results set out in this document are only for [the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2024 and the nine months ended September 30, 2025] in accordance with Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules, other information required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules and requirements under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance has been adequately disclosed in this document pursuant to the relevant requirements;
- (d) furthermore, as Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules provides track record period of two years for biotech companies in terms of financial disclosure, strict compliance with the requirements of section 342(1)(b) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance in relation to paragraph 27 of Part I and paragraph 31 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance would be unnecessary and/or irrelevant in the circumstance of the Company; and
- (e) our Directors are of the view that the Accountant's Report covering [the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2024 and nine months ended September 30, 2025], together with other disclosures in this document, has already provided the potential [REDACTED] with adequate and reasonably up-to-date information in the circumstances to form a view on the track record of our Company, and our Directors confirm that all information which is necessary for the [REDACTED] public to make an informed assessment of our Company's business, assets and liabilities, financial position, [REDACTED] position, management and prospects has been included in this document. Therefore, the exemption would not prejudice the interests of the [REDACTED] public. A certificate of exemption [has been granted] by the SFC under section 342A of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance on the conditions that (i) particulars of the exemption are set out in this document, and (ii) this document will be issued on or before [REDACTED].