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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 exemptions 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. Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules further provides that the requirement in Rule 8.12 of the Listing Rules may be waived by having regard to, among other considerations, our arrangements for maintaining regular communication with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

We do not have a sufficient management presence in Hong Kong for the purpose of satisfying the requirement under Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. Our management headquarters, senior management, business operations and assets are primarily based outside Hong Kong. The Directors consider that either by means of relocation of our existing executive Directors or appointment of additional executive Directors who will be ordinarily resident in Hong Kong would not be beneficial to, or appropriate for, our Group and therefore would not be in the best interests of our Company or the Shareholders as a whole. As such, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange [has granted] us a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 8.12 and Rule 19A.15 of the Listing Rules. We will ensure that there is a regular and effective communication between us and the Stock Exchange by way of, among others, the following conditions:

- (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. Gavin Xia and Mr. Tse Yu Yeung (謝愉陽) (the “**Authorized Representatives**”). Mr. Tse is situated and based in Hong Kong, and will be available to meet with the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong within a reasonable time frame upon the request of the Stock Exchange. Both of the Authorized Representatives will be readily contactable by telephone and email to deal promptly with enquiries from the Stock Exchange. Our Company has provided contact details of the two Authorized Representatives to the Stock Exchange and will inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the authorized representatives;
- (b) both Authorized Representatives have means to contact all Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) promptly at all times as and when the Stock Exchange wishes to contact our Directors for any matters. Our Company has implemented a policy whereby (1) each Director has provided their respective valid phone numbers or other means of communication to the Authorized Representatives; (2) in the event that a Director expects to travel or is otherwise out of office, he/she will endeavor to provide his/her phone number of the place of his/her accommodation to the Authorized Representatives or maintain an open line of communication via his/her mobile phone; and (3) each Director has provided his/her mobile phone number, office phone number and e-mail address to the Stock Exchange and will inform the Stock Exchange promptly if there are any changes to the contact details of the Directors;
- (c) pursuant to Rule 3.20 of the Listing Rules, each Director has provided his/her contact information to the Stock Exchange and to the Authorized Representatives. This will ensure that the Stock Exchange and the Authorized Representatives should have means for contacting all Directors promptly at all times as and when required;
- (d) all our Directors who are not ordinarily resident in Hong Kong have confirmed that they possess or can apply for valid travel documents to visit Hong Kong and will be able to meet with relevant members of the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong upon reasonable notice, when required;

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- (e) pursuant to Rules 3A.19 of the Listing Rules, we have retained the services of Somerley Capital Limited as compliance adviser (the “**Compliance Adviser**”) upon [REDACTED] for a period commencing on the [REDACTED] and ending on the date on which we comply with Rule 13.46 of the Listing Rules in respect of our financial results for the first full financial year commencing after the [REDACTED], which will act as an additional channel of communication with the Stock Exchange and will be available to respond to enquiries from the Stock Exchange; The contact details of the Compliance Adviser has been provided to the Stock Exchange and the Company will inform the Stock Exchange promptly in respect of any change in the Compliance Adviser;
- (f) our Authorized Representatives, Directors and other officers of our Company will provide promptly such information and assistance as the Compliance Adviser may reasonably require in connection with the performance of the Compliance Adviser’s duties as set forth in Chapter 3A of the Listing Rules. There will be adequate and efficient means of communication between our Company, Authorized Representatives, Directors and other officers of our Company and the Compliance Adviser, and to the extent reasonably practicable and legally permissible, we will keep the Compliance Adviser informed of all communications and dealings between the Stock Exchange and us; meetings between the Stock Exchange and our Directors could be arranged through our Authorized Representatives or the Compliance Adviser, or directly with our Directors within a reasonable time frame. We will inform the Stock Exchange as soon as practicable in respect of any change of Authorized Representatives and/or the Compliance Adviser;
- (g) we will appoint other professional advisers (including legal advisers in Hong Kong) after the [REDACTED] to assist us in dealing with any questions which may be raised by the Stock Exchange and to ensure that there will be prompt and effective communication with the Stock Exchange.

### WAIVER IN RESPECT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

Pursuant to Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules and Chapter 3.10 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants, a new applicant for listing 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
- (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;

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- (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 Mr. Chen Nanyou (“**Mr. Chen**”) and Mr. Tse Yu Yeung (謝愉陽) (“**Mr. Tse**”) as our joint company secretary. See “Directors and Senior Management — Joint Company Secretaries” for their biographical details.

Mr. Chen serves as the head of investor relations of our Group and has extensive experience in capital markets affairs and investment matters. 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 Mr. Chen who is the head of investor relations and has day-to-day knowledge of the Company’s affairs. Mr. Chen 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, Mr. Chen 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 Mr. Tse, who 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 Mr. Chen for an initial period of three years from the [REDACTED] to enable Mr. Chen 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.

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 Mr. Chen 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 Mr. Tse, as a joint company secretary of our Company, will work closely with Mr. Chen to jointly discharge the duties and responsibilities as company secretaries and assist Mr. Chen in acquiring the relevant experience as required under Rules 3.28 and 8.17 of the Listing Rules. Mr. Tse will also assist Mr. Chen 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. Mr. Tse is expected to work closely with Mr. Chen and will maintain regular contact with Mr. Chen, the Directors and the senior management of our Company. In addition, Mr. Chen will comply with the annual professional training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules and will enhance his knowledge of the Listing Rules during the three-year period from the [REDACTED]. Mr. Chen will also be assisted by (a) the Compliance Adviser, particularly in relation to compliance with the Listing Rules; and (b) the Hong Kong legal advisers 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 for New Listing Applicants, the waiver will be revoked immediately if Mr. Tse ceases to provide assistance to Mr. Chen 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 Mr. Chen 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 Mr. Chen, having benefited from the assistance of Mr. Tse 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.

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### **EXEMPTION FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 342(1) 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, the prospectus shall include the matters specified in Part I of the Third Schedule thereto and the reports specified in Part II of the Third Schedule thereto.

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 the prospectus 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 the prospectus 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 its document a report prepared by our Company’s auditor with respect to the profits and losses and assets and liabilities of our Company for each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the document.

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 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 interest of the investing public and 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 the prospectus must include, among others, the results of the company in respect of each of the three financial years immediately preceding the issue of the prospectus 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 reference to “two financial years” or “two years,” as the case may be.

Accordingly, we have applied to the SFC for, and the SFC [has granted], a certificate of exemption from strict compliance with the requirements under section 342(1) 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 conditions that the particulars of the exemption are set forth in this Document and this Document will be issued on or before [REDACTED], on the following grounds:

- (a) our Company is a renal-focused biopharmaceutical company with the broadest drug candidates in terms of renal indication coverage globally, according to CIC, and falls within the scope of biotech company as defined under Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules;
- (b) the Accountant’s Report for each of the financial years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025 has been prepared 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, 2024 and 2025 other information required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules and the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance has been adequately disclosed in this Document pursuant to the relevant requirements;

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- (d) given that Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules provides that the minimum track record period for biotech companies in terms of financial disclosure is two years, strict compliance with the requirements of section 342(1) of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance and 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 unduly burdensome for our Company; and
- (e) our Directors are of the view that the Accountant's Report covering the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025 included in this Document, together with other disclosure in this Document, have 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] to make an informed assessment of our Group's business, assets and liabilities, financial position, trading position, management and prospects has been included in this Document. Therefore, the exemption would not prejudice the interest of the [REDACTED].