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RE: Human Research Subject Protections Under Single Project Assurance (SPA) S-5786-03

Research Project: Genetic Linkage Study of Schizophrenia
Principal Investigator: Dr. Ming T. Tsuang
HHS Project Number: R01 MH59624-01

Dear Dr. XinbingYu:

The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) has reviewed your April 19, 2002 report regarding the above referenced research conducted at the Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences (SYSUMC) that was submitted in response to OHRP's May 29 and August 6, 2001 letters.

OHRP acknowledges that (i) the above-referenced project still is suspended; and (ii) in the event the suspension is lifted, a project director has been identified for the research.

As a result, there should be no need for further involvement of OHRP in this matter. Of course, OHRP must be notified should new information be identified which might alter this determination.

OHRP appreciates the continued commitment of your institution to the protection of human research subjects. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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