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Subject: Comments Submitted in Response to Federal Register Notice 2019-12707 (84 FR 28063), entitled "Prospective Grant of an Exclusive Patent License: Development and Commercialization of Cell Therapies for Cancer"

Dear Ms. Ardizzone:

Thank you for providing us with your comments regarding the above-referenced notice ("Notice"). As you indicated your comments were submitted on behalf of several organizations and individuals, we kindly request that you share our response with these same parties.

Prior to posting the Notice, the NCI determined that the criteria set forth in 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(ii(A)-iii) were satisfied and that the prospective licensee is qualified, both technically and financially, to be granted an exclusive license to the Government's intellectual property in the specified fields of use. The notice period provides an opportunity for public comment and possible objection to the proposed license.

We thank you for providing comments and will consider them, as appropriate, should a license be negotiated.

Sincerely,

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