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Dear Jacek:

As you know, IPD has been utilizing TriMen's services for approximately four years. We thought it appropriate at this time to acknowledge the role of TriMen in helping IPD to achieve its research goals.

Although IPD initially selected TriMen because of its expertise in amino acid and peptide chemistry, we have also benefitted substantially from the very talented chemists who provided much broader medicinal chemistry support. TriMen has enabled IPD to advance two drug discovery programs, one of which moved from the initial literature starting point to full *in vivo* proof of concept in about 8 months. In addition, TriMen has also provided many benchmark compounds and chemical intermediates for other exploratory projects. These syntheses were quite complex, in some cases requiring significant optimization of the published reaction conditions over 10 to 12 steps. Despite these challenges, TriMen has provided high-quality compounds, in one case on a multi-gram scale.

The potential issues of working on a different continent and in a different time zone have proved to be minimal. TriMen's leadership has engaged in weekly (and sometimes more frequent) telephone discussions about target molecules and provide weekly written status reports across all projects. TriMen has shipped compounds weekly to fit in with our *in vitro* testing schedule. The effort involved in all of this has been considerable, but it has helped to ensure we stay firmly on track. Overall, our relationship with TriMen has been highly interactive and productive (over last two years we increased our collaboration with TriMen from 2 to 8 chemists).

We strongly recommend TriMen as a cost-effective and extremely competent chemistry CRO.

Sincerely,

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