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Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long  
Chairman  
Bills Committee on Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Prof Lee,

**RE: Support Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014 on Extension of the  
Validity of Clinical Trial Certificate/Medicinal Test Certificate**

The Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, being highly active in conducting clinical research, supports the Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014 on extending the validity of clinical trial certificate/medicinal test certificate from “not more than 2 years” to “not more than 5 years”.

For most clinical trials, the current two-year validity of the clinical trial certificate/ medicinal test certificate is often too short for completion of a clinical trial. The proposed amendment will reduce the administration workload as the applicant does not need to apply for a certificate again if a clinical trial lasts for more than two years.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Chan', written over the word 'Sincerely'.

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