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Dear Sir;

I am writing a strong letter of support for Dr. Ala Issa who is planning small human intervention studies in colorectal cancer patients at the King Hussain Cancer Center and the Jordan University Hospital. The purpose of this letter is to affirm that Dr. Issa has had the appropriate training and exposure while earning his Ph.D. degree at the University of South Carolina to conduct Phase 1 and Phase 2 studies in cancer patients of herbal supplements.

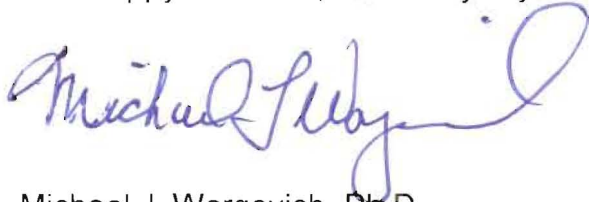
While at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Issa conducted research at the South Carolina Cancer Center, a clinical center specializing in cancer treatment for the mid-central region of South Carolina. The SCCC is composed of 12 practicing oncologists appended to basic research programs at the University.

I have maintained strong ties with Dr. Issa since he has returned to Jordan, and I direct the Cancer Chemoprevention Program at the NCI-designated Hollings Cancer Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. I am available to advise Dr. Issa as he plans his clinical studies at the KHCC and JUH.

This is to advise you that I certify that Ala is appropriately trained to conduct this type of research. As an addendum we have begun clinical trials here at MUSC on the effects of

Herbal supplements to alleviate the side effects of cancer chemotherapy and our initial studies are focused on the prevention of oral mucositis in head and neck cancer patients receiving radiotherapy. We plan to extend these pilot studies into patients receiving chemotherapy.

I am happy to advise, Ala in anyway and wish him and you success in your research.



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