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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 30, 2020

Dr. Laszlo Radvanyi
President and Scientific Director
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Dear Dr. Radvanyi:

RE: Review of the Report on the Practices and Procedures of the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research in respect of the Ontario Tumour Bank

Pursuant to subsection 13(2) of Regulation 329/04 under the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* ("the *Act*"), the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC) is responsible for reviewing and approving, every three years, the practices and procedures implemented by an organization designated as a prescribed person under clause 39(1)(c) of the *Act*. Such practices and procedures are required for the purposes of protecting the privacy of individuals whose personal health information such organizations receive, and maintaining the confidentiality of that information.

Given the practices and procedures of the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR), in respect of the Ontario Tumour Bank (OTB), were last approved on October 31, 2017, the IPC was required to review these practices and procedures again and advise whether they continue to meet the requirements of the *Act* on or before October 31, 2020.

In accordance with the process set out in the *Manual for the Review and Approval of Prescribed Persons and Prescribed Entities* ("the *Manual*"), OICR, in respect of OTB, as a prescribed person seeking the continued approval of its practices and procedures, submitted a detailed written report and sworn affidavit to the IPC. These documents were to conform to the requirements set out in the *Manual*.

The IPC has now completed its review of your report and affidavit. Based on this review, I am satisfied that OICR, in respect of OTB, continues to have in place practices and procedures to protect the privacy of individuals whose personal health information it receives and to maintain the confidentiality of that information in accordance with the requirements of the *Act*.

Accordingly, effective October 31, 2020, I hereby advise that the practices and procedures of OICR, in respect of OTB, continue to be approved for a further three-year period.



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I would like to extend my gratitude to you and your staff for your cooperation during the course of the review, including your diligence and timeliness in submitting the requested documentation, in responding to requests by my office for further information, and in making the amendments requested.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kosseim", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Patricia Kosseim
Commissioner

cc: Ms. Monique Albert, Director, OTB
Mr. Howard Simkevitz, General Counsel and Privacy Officer, OICR
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