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Regarding the protocol:

Impact of HCV core mutations on the response to interferon-based treatment in chronic hepatitis C

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The Institutional Review Board IRB comitee of the "Stefan S. Nicolau" Institute of Virology, Bucharest, Romania, has reviewed and approved the content of the protocol and study design, as described in the submitted form of the above mentioned collaborative study.

This aproval is effective as of June 15, 2015 and is valid 12 months after this date-.until June 15, 2016. A report of the study results should be delivered to the IRB comitee of the "Stefan S. Nicolau" Institute of Virology, Bucharest, Romania, before the expiration date. Any amendements to the present study design and used results should be submitted and approved by this IRB before being implemented.

The IRB comitee of St. S. Nicolau Institute of Virology is functioning under the United States Office for Human Rights Protections International Assurances number FWA00008403, IRB00004801.

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