VU medisch centrum

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To whom it may concern,

The Independent Review Board (Medisch Ethische Toetsingscommissie, METc) of the VU University Medical Center confirms that it has reviewed and agreed the procedures of the Netherlands Brain Bank (NBB) concerning “Donation of brain material for scientific research”.

The agreement of the procedures of the NBB is based on reviews of her procedures in meetings on 31 January 2008 and on 30 October 2008 of the following documents:

- Letter to the METc, dated 2 January 2008
- Informational brochure on brain donation, dated 15 October (date email)
- Registration forms for competent persons, dated 15 October (date email)
- Information leaflet on incompetence and brain donation, dated 15 October (date email)
- Consent form for representatives of incompetent persons, dated 15 October (date email)
- Consent form for next of kin, dated 15 October (date email)
- Ethical declaration NBB, dated 21 August 2008
- Correspondence between METc and NBB, dated 18 April, 15 October and 11 November 2008

The Independent Review Board of the Vrije Universiteit Medical Center in Amsterdam is registered with the US Office of Human Research Protections as IRB number IRB00002991 under Federal wide Assurance number 00003703.

Sincerely,

drs. W.E. van der Voet, secretary