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Barbara C. Tilley

Lorne C. Bain Distinguished Professor and Director

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Dear Dr. Tilley:

I am writing to request your approval to extend Mr. Shicheng Guo’s working in

the Division of Biostatistics for additional one year (the period of April 1st, 2013 through April 1st, 2014), as a research fellow. He will be financial supported from Fudan University, China.

Mr. Shicheng Guo received his B.S. from the School of Life Science, Northeast Agricultural University, Harbin, china in 2009. He is now a Ph.D. candidate in Genetics, School of Life Science, Fudan University in China. Mr. Guo has solid knowledge of statistical genetics and bioinformatics and excellent skill in computing.

With the approval of his extension, Mr. Guo will be appointed as a visiting research fellow in my lab to pursue his continuous graduate study for Ph. D degree from April 1st, 2013 through April 1st, 2014. Recently, my lab is to develop novel and powerful statistical methods for sequence-based association studies and QTL (eQTL) and RNA-seq data analysis which leverage high dimensional data reduction, causal inference and functional data analysis techniques to identify both common and rare risk variants across the genome associated with disease and applied to sequencing data analysis in the NHLBI’s Exome Sequencing Project (ESP), CHARGE-S and TCGA projects. Mr. Guo’s experience in statistical genetics and bioinformatics is extremely valuable to our works.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely

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Professor

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