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Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20555

Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudication Staff

RE: Comments to Petition for Rulemaking Submitted by Dr. Stein, Docket No. PRM-35-19

Dear Ms. Cook,

I am sending this letter in strong support of the Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) submitted by Dr. Stein (PRM-35-19) which would amend the NRC regulations and would permit hematologists and oncologists to attain AU status for the administration of Quadramet, Bexxar, and Zevalin after an 80-hour training period. This petition is consonant with NRC's current regulations that permit any physician, including endocrinologists, to administer oral Na131 to treat thyroid disorders with only 80 hours of classroom and laboratory training. We believe that Quadramet, Bexxar, and Zevalin pose less of a radiation hazard than oral I131 administration, which is already permitted by the NRC. I recognize that associated nuclear imaging studies would need to be performed by a nuclear medicine physician or radiation oncologist, but the imaging component is a separate issue from the one addressed by this letter. In summary, I strongly urge you to approve this petition to facilitate the delivery of Bexxar and Zevalin, which are highly effective agents for the treatment of lymphoma, that are currently underutilized because of their limited availability in the community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

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