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RE: Qualified Health Claim (eggs with enhanced omega-3 fatty acid content and a balanced 1:1 ratio of omega-3/omega-6 fatty acids and reduced risk of heart disease and sudden, fatal heart attack) (Docket No. 2004Q-0072)

Dear Mr. Steele:

This letter is in reference to the qualified health claim petition that you submitted on January 8, 2004 to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on behalf of Belovo Inc. The petition requested a qualified health claim for the relationship between eggs with enhanced omega-3 fatty acid content and a balanced 1:1 ratio of omega-3/omega-6 fatty acids and reduced risk of heart disease and sudden, fatal heart attack.

We have completed our initial review of this petition. Today we are filing it as specified in the interim procedures set forth in the July 10, 2003 Task Force Final Report of the Consumer Health Information for Better Nutrition Initiative. The petition is posted on our website and we are requesting comment on it. Interested persons may submit comments until April 20, 2004. Within 270 days of the receipt of the petition, FDA will notify you of our final decision regarding the requested qualified health claim. We have calculated this date to be October 4, 2004.

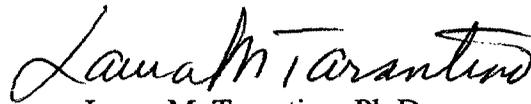
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Please feel free to contact Dr. Tomoko Shimakawa at 301-436-1450 if you have questions concerning this petition.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura M. Tarantino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "M".

Laura M. Tarantino, Ph.D.

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