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To: Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Harley
W. Wiley Auditorium, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740.

RE: Public Meeting on November 17, 2005 Docket No. 2005N-0413

Via FAX: 301-827-6870

Date: November 17, 2005

Re: Confusing language of the FDA food qualified health claims is the result of failure of the
FDA to follow its own rules in the review processes-double standard is applied in various
petitions.

Dear participants:

I am the petitioner for the green tea qualified health claim approved by the FDA under docket
No. 2004Q-0083. This health claim contains the most confusing language to the consumers.
The FDA violated its own rules in the review process at least in the following counts, which led
to the confusing and misleading language.

- (1) The FDA violated its own rule by inserting the words "highly likely" in an approved claim,
a vocabulary not included in any of the qualified health claim categories.
- (2) The FDA violated its own rule by arbitrarily, selectively, unilaterally handpicking two
poorly designed studies which were published after the submission date, namely the
official closing date, of the original petition as the negative weighing evidence to counter
the positive evidence supportive of green tea as an effective functional food against
breast cancer and prostate cancer (per rulings of Dr. Barbara Schneeman and Mr.
Michael M. Landa).
- (3) The FDA applied the standard of requiring "significant scientific evidence" (per Dr. Kathy
Ellwood in an interview with the Los Angeles Times reporters), a standard set for
unqualified health claim to evaluate the green tea petition, a petition for a qualified health
claim. This standard has never been invoked in reviewing all other qualified health claim
petitions.

I hereby request that this letter be placed as part of the record of today's meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Sin Hang Lee, M.D.

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