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To whom it May Concern:

My name is Dr. Yuthana Smitasiri and I am Associate Professor in Reproductive Physiology at the University of Mae Fah Luang in the north of Thailand. For more than thirty years I have held academic ranks at several Thai universities in the fields of Biology especially in Reproductive Physiology and have been an investigator/co-investigator in a few clinical trials.

In 1999, Dr. Tsuneo Kuramochi and his colleagues at the Saint Marianne University, Faculty of Medicine in Japan and I conducted an investigation of the safety of Pueraria mirifica root powder in 50 healthy women aged 20 to 49. Subjects were given either 100-600 mg per day or placebo. I have provided the unpublished results of our study which Dr. Kuramochi and I and our colleagues will be submitting for publication later this year. We ask that our findings remain confidential until we can submit our paper for publication. The reason for the delay in completing our manuscript is due to the distance between our respective universities and conflicts in our academic and personal schedules. However, the data I have provided in the attached shows a very low order of side effects and no significant changes in any clinical markers during the 4 week period of this study. The short period of this clinical trial is due to the limiting of the budget from the Japan University.

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