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Has Shah

Questions For Consideration With Respect To The Proposed University of Louisville Brain Cancer/VCM Case-Control Study

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Carlo has contractual working relationship w/ BFG & Zeon. Current working on the contractual working w/ Geon.

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Carlo will look into this. CMA also will have the paper reviewed by Jack Mandel at Univ. of Minnesota. Jonathan will prepare a draft letter to Dr. Mandel.

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7. Can we develop line-item breakdowns and prepare a more detailed study budget?

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Carlo would prepare a list of the things that he would need from Ken. Ken can do the same.

Carlo will send a revised proposal by the end of December.

Quarterly progress reports

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