Exhibit 12

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RE: RPN 92-11-19-01, entitled "Toxicity of Lead in Children - Clinical Center"

Dear Dr. Chisolm:

The above-referenced protocol was approved by the JCCI on February 9, 1993. Enclosed is the standard approval letter.

The consent forms, however, can not be released until we have been notified of the IND number for the experimental drug. As soon as you receive the IND and let the JCCI know, the consent forms will be forwarded to you. The approval date will not change.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Hendrix, M.D.
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