

Annexure B

(k) Whether he has been the subject of any current or past investigation or disciplinary proceedings, or has been reprimanded or issued any warning, by the Monetary Authority of Singapore or any other regulatory authority, exchange, professional body or government agency, whether in Singapore or elsewhere?

In 2013, a previous patient of Dr. Chia, who had a varicose vein treatment, experienced post-operative nerve injury following an endovenous laser therapy which was carried out for the removal of varicose veins on her legs. She alleged that Dr. Chia did not advise her about the risks and complications associated with the operation. She lodged a complaint against Dr. Chia with the Singapore Medical Council (“SMC”) and at the same time initiated a civil suit against him. The Complaints Committee of the SMC reviewed the complaint in light of expert evidence and issued a letter of advice to Dr. Chia to improve his documentation processes with patients. No further actions were taken by the SMC and Dr. Chia was cleared of professional negligence. The civil suit was also dismissed by the High Court of Singapore on 19 September 2016.

In 2014, a patient was referred to Dr. Chia for an inflamed gallbladder. Based on the ultrasound scan report provided to him by the referral doctor, Dr. Chia performed a laparoscopic procedure on her to remove her gallstones, and sent her gallbladder for a histopathology analysis, which subsequently revealed that the patient had gallbladder cancer. The patient’s daughter lodged a complaint against him with the SMC in August 2015, alleging certain matters, including that he had pressured her mother into agreeing to surgery, that he had admitted her mother to a hospital not of her choice and that he had provided inadequate medical care to her mother. She also alleged, based on the opinion of a second doctor that he should not have operated on her mother in the first place. Dr. Chia submitted his written explanation in response to refute her groundless complaints to the SMC, including an expert’s report from a senior consultant supporting his professional decisions relating to this matter. The SMC reviewed the complaint and dismissed it on 20 April 2016.