Lu Yu-Lun Richard Form 4 December 06, 2018

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *Lu Yu-Lun Richard			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Lost)	(First)	(Middle)	SYNAPTICS Inc [SYNA]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify		
1251 MCKAY DRIVE			12/03/2018	below)  SVP & GM, Mobile Division		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/03/2018		A	22,107 (1)	A	\$0	22,107	D	

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lu Yu-Lun Richard 1251 MCKAY DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95131

SVP & GM, Mobile Division

# **Signatures**

Kermit Nolan, as Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) One-third of the total number of deferred stock units shall vest on 10/31/2019 and every year thereafter, until fully vested on 10/31/2021.

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In addition, each of the Funds will make the additional disclosures required by the conditions set forth in Part V below, and each of them will adopt compliance policies and procedures in accordance with Rule 38a-1 under the Act to ensure that all required notices and disclosures are sent to stockholders.

The information required by Section 19(a), Rule 19a-1, the Distribution Policy, the Section 19 Compliance Policies, and the conditions listed below will help to ensure that each Fund s stockholders are provided sufficient

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(3) See Securities and Exchange Commission 1966 Report to Congress on Investment Company Growth (H.R. Rep. No. 2337, 89th Cong. 2d Sess. 190-95 (1966) (the Report )); S. Rep. No. 91-184, 91st Cong., 1st Sess. 29 (1969); H.R. Rep. No. 91-1382, 91st Cong., 2d Sess. 29 (1970).

information to understand that their periodic distributions are not tied to the Funds net investment income (which for this purpose is the Funds taxable income other than from capital gains) and realized capital gains to date, and may not represent yield or investment return. Accordingly, subjecting the Funds to Section 19(b) and Rule 19b-1 would afford stockholders no extra protection. In addition, the Funds will undertake to request intermediaries, or their agent(s), to forward 19(a) Notices to their customers and to reimburse them for the costs of forwarding. Such forwarding may occur in any manner permitted by statute, rule or order or by the staff of the Commission.

C. <u>Under certain circumstances, Rule 19b-1 gives rise to improper influence on portfolio management decisions, with no offsetting benefit to stockholders.</u>

Rule 19b-1, when applied to a Distribution Policy, actually gives rise to one of the concerns that Rule 19b-1 was intended to avoid: inappropriate influence on portfolio management decisions. Funds that pay long-term capital gains distributions only once per year in accordance with Rule 19b-1 impose no pressure on management to realize capital gains at any time when purely investment considerations do not dictate doing so. In the absence of an exemption from Rule 19b-1, the adoption of a periodic distribution plan imposes pressure on management (i) not to realize any net long-term capital gains until the point in the year that the fund can pay all of its remaining distributions in accordance with Rule 19b-1 and (ii) not to realize any long-term capital gains during any particular year in excess of the amount of the aggregate pay-out for the year (since as a practical matter excess gains must be distributed and accordingly would not be available to satisfy pay-out requirements in following years), notwithstanding that purely investment considerations might favor realization of long-term gains at different times or in different amounts.

No purpose is served by the distortion in the normal operation of a periodic distribution plan required in order to comply with Rule 19b-1. There is no reason or logic in requiring any Fund that adopts a periodic distribution plan either to retain (and pay taxes on) long-term capital gains (with the resulting additional tax return complexities for the Fund s stockholders) or to avoid designating its distributions of long-term gains as capital gains dividends for tax purposes (thereby avoiding a Rule 19b-1 problem but providing distributions taxable at ordinary income rates rather than the much lower long-term capital gains rates). The desirability of avoiding these anomalous results creates pressure to limit the realization of long-term capital gains that otherwise would be taken for purely investment considerations.

The Order requested by Applicants would minimize these anomalous effects of Rule 19b-1 by enabling the Funds to realize long-term capital gains as often as investment considerations dictate without fear of violating Rule 19b-1.

D. Other concerns leading to adoption of Rule 19b-1 are not applicable.

Another concern that led to the enactment of Section 19(b) of the Act and adoption of Rule 19b-1 was that frequent capital gains distributions could facilitate improper fund share sales practices, including, in particular, the practice of urging an investor to purchase shares of a fund on the basis of an upcoming capital gains dividend (selling the dividend), where the dividend would result in an immediate corresponding reduction in NAV and would be in effect a taxable return of the investor's capital. Applicants submit that this concern should not apply to closed-end investment companies, such as the Funds, that do not continuously distribute shares. Furthermore, if the underlying concern extends to secondary market purchases of shares of closed-end funds that are subject to a large upcoming capital gains dividend, adoption of a periodic distribution plan actually helps minimize the concern by avoiding, through periodic distributions, any buildup of large end-of-the-year distributions.

Applicants also submit that the selling the dividend concern is not applicable to preferred stock, which entitles a holder to no more than a specified periodic dividend and, like a debt security, is initially sold at a price based upon its liquidation preference, credit quality, dividend rate and frequency of payment. Investors buy preferred stock for the purpose of receiving specific payments at the frequency bargained for, and any application of Rule 19b-1 to preferred stock would be contrary to the expectation of investors. In addition, current tax laws discourage the selling of dividends, by treating any loss realized by a stockholder on the sale of regulated investment company stock held for six months or less as a capital loss, to the extent of any long-term capital gains paid to such stockholder on such shares.

#### E. Further limitations of Rule 19b-1.

Subparagraphs (a) and (f) of Rule 19b-1 limit the number of capital gains dividends, as defined in Section 852(b)(3)(C) of the Code, that a fund may make with respect to any one taxable year to one, plus a supplemental distribution made pursuant to Section 855 of the Code not exceeding 10% of the total amount distributed for the year, plus one additional capital gain dividend made in whole or in part to avoid the excise tax under Section 4982 of the Code.

Applicants assert that by limiting the number of capital gain dividends that a Fund may make with respect to any one year, Rule 19b-1 may prevent the normal and efficient operation of a periodic distribution plan whenever that Fund s realized net long-term capital gains in any year exceed the total of the periodic distributions that may include such capital gains under the Rule. Rule 19b-1 thus may force the fixed regular periodic distributions to be funded with returns of capital(4) (to the extent net investment income and realized short term capital gains are insufficient to fund the distribution), even though realized net long-term capital gains otherwise would be available. To distribute all of a Fund s long-term capital gains within the limits in Rule 19b-1, a Fund may be required to make total distributions in excess of the annual amount called for by its periodic distribution plan or to retain and pay taxes on the excess amount. Applicants believe that the application of Rule 19b-1 to a Fund s periodic distribution plan may create pressure to limit the realization of long-term capital gains based on considerations unrelated to investment goals.

Revenue Ruling 89-81(5) under the Code requires that a fund that seeks to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Code and that has both common stock and preferred stock outstanding designate the types of income, e.g., investment income and capital gains, in the same proportion as the total distributions distributed to each class for the tax year. To satisfy the proportionate designation requirements of Revenue Ruling 89-81, whenever a fund has realized a long-term capital gain with respect to a given tax year, the fund must designate the required proportionate share of such capital gain to be included in common and preferred stock dividends. Although Rule 19b-1 allows a fund some flexibility with respect to the frequency of capital gains distributions, a fund might use all of the exceptions available under Rule 19b-1 for a tax year and still need to distribute additional capital gains allocated to the preferred stock to comply with Revenue Ruling 89-81.

The potential abuses addressed by Section 19(b) and Rule 19b-1 do not arise with respect to preferred stock issued by a closed end fund. Such distributions generally are either fixed or are determined in periodic auctions or remarketings or are periodically reset by reference to short term interest rates rather than by reference to performance of the issuer, and Revenue Ruling 89-81 determines the proportion of such distributions that are comprised of the long-term capital gains. Applicants also submit that the selling the dividend concern is not applicable to preferred stock, which entitles a holder to no more than a periodic dividend at a fixed rate or the rate determined by the market, and, like a debt security, is priced based upon its liquidation value, dividend rate, credit quality, and frequency of payment. Investors buy preferred stock for the purpose of receiving payments at the frequency bargained for and do not expect the liquidation value of their shares to change.

The proposed Order will assist the Funds in avoiding these Rule 19b-1 problems.

### F. <u>General</u>

The relief requested is that the Commission permit the Funds to make periodic distributions in respect of their common stock as frequently as twelve times in any one taxable year and in respect of their preferred stock as specified by or determined in accordance with the terms thereof. Granting this relief would provide the Funds with flexibility in meeting investor interest in receiving more frequent distributions.

Implementation of the relief would actually ameliorate the concerns that gave rise to Section 19(b) and Rule 19b-1 and help avoid the selling of

dividends problem, which Section 19(b) and Rule 19b-1 are not effective in preventing.

(4	4)	These would be returns of capital for financial accounting purposes and not for tax accounting purposes.

(5) 1989-1 C.B. 226.

The potential issues under Rule 19b-1 are basically not relevant to distributions on preferred stock. Not only are such distributions fixed or determined by the market rather than by reference to the performance of the issuer but also the long-term capital gain component is mandated by the IRS to be the same proportion as the proportion of long-term gain dividends bears to the total distributions in respect of the common stock and consequently the long-term gain component cannot even be known until the end of the fund s fiscal year. In these circumstances it would be very difficult for any of the potential abuses reflected in Rule 19b-1 s restrictions to occur.

In summary, Rule 19b-1, in the circumstances referred to above, is likely to distort the effective and proper functioning of a Fund s Distribution Policy and gives rise to the very pressures on portfolio management decisions that Rule 19b-1 was intended to avoid. These distortions forced by Rule 19b-1 serve no purpose and are not in the best interests of stockholders.

#### V. APPLICANT S CONDITIONS

Applicants agree that, with respect to each Fund seeking to rely on the Order, the Order will be subject to each of the following conditions:

### 1. <u>Compliance Review and Reporting</u>

The Fund s chief compliance officer will: (a) report to the Fund s Board, no less frequently than once every three months or at the next regularly scheduled quarterly Board meeting, whether (i) the Fund and its Adviser have complied with the conditions of the Order and (ii) a material compliance matter (as defined in Rule 38a-1(e)(2) under the Act) has occurred with respect to such conditions; and (b) review the adequacy of the policies and procedures adopted by the Board no less frequently than annually.

#### 2. <u>Disclosures to Fund Stockholders</u>

- (a) Each 19(a) Notice disseminated to the holders of the Fund s common stock, in addition to the information required by Section 19(a) and Rule 19a-1:
- (i) Will provide, in a tabular or graphical format:
- (1) the amount of the distribution, on a per share of common stock basis, together with the amounts of such distribution amount, on a per share of common stock basis and as a percentage of such distribution amount, from estimated: (A) net investment income; (B) net realized short-term capital gains; (C) net realized long-term capital gains; and (D) return of capital or other capital source;

(2) the fiscal year-to-date cumulative amount of distributions, on a per share of common stock basis, together with the amounts of such cumulative amount, on a per share of common stock basis and as a percentage of such cumulative amount of distributions, from estimated: (A) net investment income; (B) net realized short-term capital gains; (C) net realized long-term capital gains; and (D) return of capital or other capital source;

the average annual total return in relation to the change in NAV for the 5-year period (or, if the Funds history of operations is less than five years, the time period commencing immediately following the Funds first public offering) ending on the last day of the month ended immediately prior to the most recent distribution record date compared to the current fiscal periods annualized distribution rate expressed as a percentage of NAV as of the last day of the month prior to the most recent distribution record date; and

prior to the most rece	the cumulative total return in relation to the change in NAV from the last completed fiscal year to the last day of the month nt distribution record date compared to the fiscal year-to-date cumulative distribution rate expressed as a percentage of ay of the month prior to the most recent distribution record date.
Such disclosure shall	be made in a type size at least as large and as prominent as the estimate of the sources of the current distribution; and
(ii)	Will include the following disclosure:
(1) the terms of the Fund	You should not draw any conclusions about the Fund s investment performance from the amount of this distribution or from s Distribution Policy.;
	The Fund estimates that it has distributed more than its income and net realized capital gains; therefore, a portion of your return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the money that you invested in the Fund a return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect the Fund s investment performance and should not be confused tome ;(6) and
experience during the	The amounts and sources of distributions reported in this 19(a) Notice are only estimates and are not being provided for tax returns and sources of the amounts for tax reporting purposes will depend upon the Funds investment remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The Fund will send you a he calendar year that will tell you how to report these distributions for federal income tax purposes.
	be made in a type size at least as large as and as prominent as any other information in the 19(a) Notice and placed on the oximity to the amount and the sources of the distribution.
(b)	On the inside front cover of each report to stockholders under Rule 30e-1 under the Act, the Fund will:
(i) frequency of the distr	describe the terms of the Distribution Policy (including the fixed amount or fixed percentage of the distributions and the ributions);
(ii)	include the disclosure required by condition 2(a)(ii)(1) above;

(iii) any time without pri	state, if applicable, that the Distribution Policy provides that the Board may amend or terminate the Distribution Policy at ior notice to Fund stockholders; and
	describe any reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the Fund to terminate the Distribution Policy and any ble consequences of such termination.
(c) Commission on For	Each report provided to stockholders of a Fund under Rule 30e-1 under the Act and each prospectus filed with the m N-2 under the Act, will provide the Fund s total
(6) cumulative distribut	The disclosure in this condition 2(a)(ii)(2) will be included only if the current distribution or the fiscal year-to-date ions are estimated to include a return of capital.
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return in relation to ch	anges in NAV in the financial highlights table and in any discussion about the Fund s total return.
3.	Disclosure to Stockholders, Prospective Stockholders and Third Parties
condition 2(a)(ii) above distributions under the	The Fund will include the information contained in the relevant 19(a) Notice, including the disclosure required by re, in any written communication (other than a communication on Form 1099) about the Distribution Policy or Distribution Policy by the Fund, or agents that the Fund has authorized to make such communication on the Fund stockholder, prospective common stockholder or third-party information provider;
in the 19(a) Notice and	The Fund will issue, contemporaneously with the issuance of any 19(a) Notice, a press release containing the information d will file with the Commission the information contained in such 19(a) Notice, including the disclosure required by re, as an exhibit to its next filed Form N-CSR; and
	The Fund will post prominently a statement on its (or the Adviser s) website containing the information in each g the disclosure required by condition 2(a)(ii) above, and will maintain such information on such website for at least 24
4.	Delivery of 19(a) Notices to Beneficial Owners
behalf of a beneficial owners of the Fund s agent, enough copies of to facilitate the financial intermediary.	ak or other person (financial intermediary) holds common stock issued by the Fund in nominee name, or otherwise, on owner, the Fund: (a) will request that the financial intermediary, or its agent, forward the 19(a) Notice to all beneficial stock held through such financial intermediary; (b) will provide, in a timely manner, to the financial intermediary, or its of the 19(a) Notice assembled in the form and at the place that the financial intermediary, or its agent, reasonably requests all intermediary is sending of the 19(a) Notice to each beneficial owner of the Fund is stock; and (c) upon the request of any, or its agent, that receives copies of the 19(a) Notice, will pay the financial intermediary, or its agent, the reasonable he 19(a) Notice to such beneficial owners.
5.	Additional Board Determinations for Funds Whose Common Stock Trades at a Premium
If:	

The Fund s common stock has traded on the stock exchange that they primarily trade on at the time in question at an

average premium to NAV equal to or greater than 10%, as determined on the basis of the average of the discount or premium to NAV of the Fund s shares of common stock as of the close of each trading day over a 12-week rolling period (each such 12-week rolling period ending on the

last trading day of each week); and

(b) The Fund s annualized distribution rate for such 12-week rolling period, expressed as a percentage of NAV as of the endidate of such 12-week rolling period, is greater than the Fund s average annual total return in relation to the change in NAV over the 2-year perion on the last day of such 12-week rolling period;
then:
(i) At the earlier of the next regularly scheduled meeting or within four months of the last day of such 12-week rolling period, the Board, including a majority of its Independent Trustees:
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(1) informed determinat	will request and evaluate, and the Fund s Adviser will furnish, such information as may be reasonably necessary to make an ion of whether the Distribution Policy should be continued or continued after amendment;
	will determine whether continuation, or continuation after amendment, of the Distribution Policy is consistent with the objective(s) and policies and is in the best interests of the Fund and its stockholders, after considering the information in above; including, without limitation:
(A)	whether the Distribution Policy is accomplishing its purpose(s);
	the reasonably foreseeable material effects of the Distribution Policy on the Fund s long-term total return in relation to the AV of the Fund s common stock; and
	the Fund s current distribution rate, as described in condition 5(b) above, compared with the Fund s average annual taxable n over the 2-year period, as described in condition 5(b), or such longer period as the Board deems appropriate; and
(3) Distribution Policy;	based upon that determination, will approve or disapprove the continuation, or continuation after amendment, of the and
	The Board will record the information considered by it, including its consideration of the factors listed in condition I the basis for its approval or disapproval of the continuation, or continuation after amendment, of the Distribution Policy in which must be made and preserved for a period of not less than six years from the date of such meeting, the first two years le place.
6.	Public Offerings
The Fund will not m	ake a public offering of the Fund s common stock other than:
(a)	a rights offering below NAV to holders of the Fund s common stock;
(b) of the Fund; or	an offering in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, merger, consolidation, acquisition, spin off or reorganization

(c) offering:	an offering other than an offering described in conditions 6(a) and 6(b) above, provided that, with respect to such other
	the Fund s annualized distribution rate for the six months ending on the last day of the month ended immediately prior to ibution record date(7), expressed as a percentage of NAV as of such date, is no more than 1 percentage point greater than annual total return for the 5-year period ending on such date(8); and
	the transmittal letter accompanying any registration statement filed with the Commission in connection with such offering and has received an order under Section 19(b) to permit it to make periodic distributions of long-term capital gains with of common stock as frequently as twelve times each year, and as
(7) first public offering.	If the Fund has been in operation fewer than six months, the measured period will begin immediately following the Fund
(8) first public offering.	If the Fund has been in operation fewer than five years, the measured period will begin immediately following the Fund s
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frequently as distributions are specified by or determined in accordance with the terms of any outstanding shares of preferred stock as such Fund may issue.

#### 7. Amendments to Rule 19b-1

The requested Order will expire on the effective date of any amendment to Rule 19b-1 that provides relief permitting certain closed-end investment companies to make periodic distributions of long-term capital gains with respect to their outstanding common stock as frequently as twelve times each year.

#### VI. APPLICABLE PRECEDENT

The Commission has recently granted relief substantially the same as that sought here to In the Matter of The Chile Fund, Inc., et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 29167 (March 2, 2010) (notice) and 29195 (March 30, 2010) (order); In the Matter of Lazard Global Total Return and Income Fund, Inc., et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 29331 (June 24, 2010) (notice) and 29344 (July 21, 2010) (order); In the Matter of Federated Enhanced Treasury Income Fund, et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 29341 (July 14, 2010) (notice) and 29379 (August 10, 2010) (order); In the Matter of Stone Harbor Emerging Markets Income Fund, et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 29791 (September 16, 2011) (notice) and 298834 (October 12, 2011) (order); In the Matter of Invesco Total Property Market Income Fund, et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 30055 (April 26, 2012) (notice) and 30069 (May 22, 2012) (order); In the Matter of Prudential Short Duration High Yield Fund, Inc. et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 30195 (September 5, 2012) (notice) and 30226 (October 2, 2012) (order); In the Matter of Royce Focus Trust, Inc. et al., Investment Company Act Release Nos. 30447 (April 4, 2013) (notice) and 30499 (April 30, 2013) (order); Guggenheim Equal Weight Enhanced Equity Income Fund and Guggenheim Funds Investment Advisers, LLC, Investment Company Act Release Nos. 30883 (January 16, 2014) (notice) and 30913 (February 11, 2014) (order).

### VII. PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE

At a meeting duly held on April 28, 2014, the Board of Trustees of each of HQH, HQL and the New Fund adopted the following resolutions authorizing the execution and filing of this Application:

RESOLVED, that H&Q Healthcare Investors, H&Q Life Sciences Investors and Tekla Healthcare Opportunities Fund (the Funds ) apply to the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the Act ), for an exemption from Section 19(b) of the Act and Rule 19b-1 thereunder permitting each Fund to make periodic capital gains distributions on any class of capital stock of the Fund in any one taxable year, and any other sections of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and make such amendments to such application as the officers of and counsel to the Fund deem necessary and appropriate; and it was further

RESOLVED, that the President, Treasurer or Secretary of the Fund be and each of them hereby is authorized, acting singly, to execute and cause to be filed the application and any amendments thereto hereinabove authorized in such form as the officer executing the same may approve, his

execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such approval.

Pursuant to Rule 0-2(c) under the Act, each Applicant hereby states that the person signing and filings this Application on its behalf is fully authorized to do so, that under the provisions of the Declaration of Trust of such Applicant responsibility for the management of the affairs of such Applicant is vested in its Board of Trustees, and that such Applicant has complied with all requirements for the execution and filing of this Application in its name and on its behalf.

The verifications required by Rule 0-2(d) are attached to this Application as Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4. Pursuant to Rule 0-2(f) under the Act, the Applicants further state that:

(a) The address of each of the Applicants is:

2 Liberty Square, 9th Floor

Boston, MA 02109

(b) Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Applicants counsel:

Joseph R. Fleming, Esq.

Dechert LLP

One International Place, 40th Floor

100 Oliver Street

Boston, MA 02110

#### VIII. CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission enter an Order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act exempting the Funds from the provisions of Section 19(b) of the Act and Rule 19b-1 thereunder to permit each Fund to make distributions on its common stock consisting in whole or in part of capital gain dividends as frequently as twelve times in any one taxable year so long as it complies with the conditions of the Order and maintains in effect a Distribution Policy with respect to its common stock as described in this Application. In addition, the Applicants request that the Order permit each Fund to make distributions on its preferred stock (if any) that it has issued or may issue in the future consisting in whole or in part of capital gain dividends as frequently as specified by or determined in accordance with the terms thereof.

Dated: July 18, 2014 H&Q HEALTHCARE INVESTORS

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead

Name: Daniel R. Omstead

Title: President

**H&Q LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS** 

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead

Name: Daniel R. Omstead

Title: President

TEKLA HEALTHCARE OPPORTUNITIES FUND

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead

Name: Daniel R. Omstead

Title: President

TEKLA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead

Name: Daniel R. Omstead

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit A-1

### VERIFICATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	)
	: ss.
County of Suffolk	)

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has duly executed the foregoing attached application dated July 18, 2014 for and on behalf of H&Q Healthcare Investors, that he is the President of such entity and that all actions by stockholders, trustees and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such application have been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such application and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead Daniel R. Omstead

Exhibit A-2

### VERIFICATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	)	
	:	SS.
County of Suffolk	)	

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has duly executed the foregoing attached application dated July 18, 2014 for and on behalf of H&Q Life Sciences Investors, that he is the President of such entity and that all actions by stockholders, trustees and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such application have been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such application and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead Daniel R. Omstead

Exhibit A-3

### VERIFICATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	)
	: ss.:
County of Suffolk	)

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has duly executed the foregoing attached application dated July 18, 2014 for and on behalf of Tekla Healthcare Opportunities Fund, that he is the President of such entity and that all actions by stockholders, trustees and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such application have been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such application and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead Daniel R. Omstead

Exhibit A-4

### VERIFICATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	)
	: ss.:
County of Suffolk	)

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has duly executed the foregoing attached application dated July 18, 2014 for and on behalf of Tekla Capital Management LLC, that he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of such entity and that all actions by stockholders, trustees and other bodies necessary to authorize deponent to execute and file such application have been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such application and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

By: /s/ Daniel R. Omstead Daniel R. Omstead