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School of Medicine

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Simon J. Rhodes, Ph.D.
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RE: Ph.D. Minor in Cardiovascular Sciences

Dear Dr. Rhodes:

I fully support the request to establish a Ph.D. minor in Cardiovascular Sciences in the Indiana Biomedical Gateway (IBMG) Ph.D. program. Drs. David Basile, Johnathan Tune, and Patricia Gallagher (Graduate Program Director) in our department have provided outstanding justification and a thorough description of the minor in the IUPUI application form. The courses listed in the minor provide superb coverage of classical cardiovascular science combined with cutting edge new methodologies and concepts that will provide a strong foundation for training our IBMG graduate students.

The formalized Cardiovascular Sciences minor will further enhance the competitiveness of our application for a National Institutes of Health doctoral training grant to be submitted in 2010.

Finally, please note that the request for this Cardiovascular Sciences minor has originated from our department faculty, but it has broad support of cardiovascular research faculty in other departments in the IBMG Program. Accordingly, we will be achieving the aims of providing training opportunities for many IBMG Ph.D. students.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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