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Dr. Veronica Albertini  
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Dear Dr. Albertini:

The Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT) and NetCord are pleased to award accreditation to SSCB Swiss Stem Cell Bank SA. The accreditation for your organization is effective for three years beginning November 28, 2015. This accreditation applies to all services and facilities that were inspected by FACT, specifically related cord blood collection, banking, and release for administration.

The Bank and processing facility for your organization, located the Cardiocentro Ticino in Lugano, Switzerland and two of the four collection sites including (Ospedale Regionale di Mendrisio in Via Turconi Mendrisio and Ospedale Regionale di Bellinzona e Valli-Bellinzona in Bellinzona), and the processes for collection at non-fixed sites, were inspected. Please notify the FACT Accreditation Office if there are any significant personnel, facility location, service, and/or contractual changes in your organization. If you use or plan to use contracted services in your organization, you are responsible for notifying FACT and monitoring the accreditation status of those service providers.

FACT and NetCord accredited organizations are required to complete an annual report prior to the thirteenth month of their current accreditation cycle. You will receive an annual report notification through the FACTWeb accreditation portal 30 days before the report is due. Your organization will be invoiced for FACT accreditation fees on an annual basis by the anniversary date of your accreditation. Renewal accreditation every three years is required to maintain accredited status.

Accredited facilities are listed on the FACT website at [www.factwebsite.org](http://www.factwebsite.org). In addition, the identities of accredited programs are published by FACT's parent organizations, the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT, [www.asbmt.org](http://www.asbmt.org)) and the International Society for Cellular Therapy (ISCT, [www.celltherapysociety.org](http://www.celltherapysociety.org)). As a FACT-NetCord accredited cord blood bank, you are also eligible for full membership in NetCord, the international group of leading cord blood banks. Visit [www.netcord.org](http://www.netcord.org) for further details.

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FACT and NetCord encourage your bank to publicize its accreditation, and provide a press kit to help communicate this accomplishment to patients, providers, insurance carriers, and other community stakeholders. The press kit includes a list of publicity strategies, a sample press release, and an electronic copy of the FACT Seal of Accreditation. If your organization would like to obtain the press kit materials, please complete the FACT Seal of Accreditation License Agreement. To access this document, go to [www.factwebsite.org/factweb](http://www.factwebsite.org/factweb) and log in with your FACTWeb username and password, then select "Media Press Kit." Note that if this accreditation is used in any advertising, you must specify the areas accredited as described above in order to accurately represent the activities accredited by FACT and NetCord. We also request that you refrain from linking this accreditation to unsubstantiated medical claims.

We also encourage personnel at your organization to become FACT inspectors. Organizations with personnel who serve as FACT inspectors enjoy many benefits, including free access for those individuals to FACT educational sessions, insights into how other organizations comply with accreditation requirements, and increased exposure to the cellular therapy community. Organizations with inspectors have more impact on the development of standards and accreditation requirements. Information on how to apply to become a FACT inspector is at [www.factwebsite.org/becomeinspector](http://www.factwebsite.org/becomeinspector) > Apply to be a FACT Inspector.

Congratulations on your achievement of FACT accreditation and your continuing efforts to provide quality care and services to those you serve. Please contact us at any time if there are questions, comments, or concerns. We will be happy to provide you with any additional information or assistance you need.

Sincerely,



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