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First TCM Ingredient Achieves USP Verification

Rockville, Md., August 13, 2009 — Demonstrating its quality, purity and identity, ONCO-Z Corious Versicolor Extract recently became the first Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) ingredient to become “USP Verified.” The ingredient is produced by Hong Kong manufacturer PuraPharm International. This distinction indicates that the ingredient passed the rigorous requirements of the U.S. Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention’s Dietary Ingredient Verification Program. USP is a scientific nonprofit organization that sets standards for the quality of medicines, dietary supplements and food ingredients, which are used in more than 130 countries. Through its voluntary ingredient verification programs, USP also assesses the quality of dietary supplement and pharmaceutical ingredients.

“We are very pleased to award USP verification to Corious Verisicolor Extract,” said Srinu Srinivasan, Ph.D., USP Vice President of Verification Programs. “USP verification helps ingredient manufacturers demonstrate the quality of their product, which is important as finished product producers of dietary supplements and medicines are increasingly looking for companies to compete not only based on price but on quality. USP is a trusted entity in the United States and worldwide, and achieving USP verification is a strong indication of quality.”

Through the Dietary Ingredient Verification Program, USP verifies ingredients used in the manufacture of dietary supplements, including vitamins, minerals, amino acids, botanical extracts and nonbotanicals. Participation in the program is voluntary and available to manufacturers of ingredients marketed for use in the dietary supplement industry worldwide. USP awards use of the “USP Verified Mark” and issues a verification certificate for dietary ingredients that meet its rigorous program requirements.

Manufacturers that attain USP Verification can display the “USP Verified Mark” on containers and certificates of analyses of verified dietary ingredients. When the manufacturers of dietary supplement finished products see this distinctive mark on the containers of dietary ingredients they buy, they can be assured that:

- The ingredients are consistent in quality from batch to batch.
- The ingredients meet label or certificate of analysis claims for identity, strength, purity and quality.
- The ingredients are prepared in accordance with accepted manufacturing processes.
- The ingredients meet requirements for acceptable limits of contamination.

Manufacturers who are interested in participating in the program may contact uspverified@usp.org.

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