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To whom it may concern

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Object: Statement from the director of the institute on the final report of the Commission No. 6

Firstly I would like to thank on behalf of my colleagues to the Commission No. 6. for the overall positive evaluation of our institute as a whole and evaluated team Center of Nanobiology and Structural Biology as well. We do appreciate the proposed recommendations and provided comments.

We would only to comment briefly to some of the remarks to subgroup for membrane physiology and bioenergetics (Dr. Jost Ludwig)

The Commission notes that the Membrane Physiology and Bioenergetics and the Molecular Liquids sub-teams are formed by the PIs alone. A major threat is the potential inability to carry out and develop research within these specific topics due to the lack of PhD students and personnels.

The report correctly describes the situation in 2014 when the PI just had just joined the institute and moved to Nové Hradky in spring 2014. In 2015 one research assistant (Karin Heydukova) and two PhD students (Deepika Kale, Nazila Naavabi) joined the group.

The PI of the Membrane Physiology and Bioenergetics subgroup does not have outputs during the evaluating period, which can be explained by his recent adhesion to the team.

Yes, this is of course true and could have been hardly accomplished in the first year when building up an experimental laboratory. However, already in early 2015 a first publication (Zayats *et al.*, 2015) appeared in BBA and more are in the submission process.

Nevertheless, although relevant these remarks do not request a revision of the report.

Yours faithfully

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