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Dear Professor Chen

Thank you for your enquiry about the freedom to operate using the recombinant bacmid we published in 2003.

Herewith I confirm that BAC10:KO1629 bacmid described in our publication (Ref: Nucleic Acids Research, 2003, Vol. 31, No. 2 e6) was not patented or copyrighted and is distributed as a research gift with no conditions attached. In particular:

1. Use of BAC10:KO1629 bacmid is free.
2. Further development based on BAC10:KO1629 bacmid is not restricted
3. Any intellectual property rights of the further developed bacmid belongs to Shaanxi Bacmid Biotechnology Co., Ltd.
4. Shaanxi Bacmid Biotechnology Co., Ltd has the right to authorize other entities to use the further developed bacmid.

The bacmid was made from an existing strain bacmid DH10Bac bought from ThermoFisher. My understanding is that any rights on the original bacmid have expired but the company would have to ensure this was indeed the case.

Sincerely yours

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