

Mr Ren Pedersen
Director
The Cure Starts Now (Australia)

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Dear Mr Pedersen

Children's Cancer Institute wishes to acknowledge the amazing support we have received from The Cure Starts Now (TCSN) (Australia).

We have received support from The Cure Starts Now since 2011, and we were so thankful to receive further funding to the amount of **\$189,840 AUD** to support the following project – ***Fenretinide, a novel agent targeting RTK/PI3K/AKT network for the treatment of Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.***

This project aims to examine the therapeutic efficacy of a clinically available retinoid drug Fenretinide, in preclinical DIPG models and to develop effective combination strategies optimal for clinical translation.

The specific research aim is:

To determine the therapeutic effect of Fenretinide as a single agent, with most effective combination (double agent combination) and with currently used treatment irradiation (triple combination) *in vivo*.

It is with the help of organisations such as The Cure Starts Now, that Children's Cancer Institute is able to continue to conduct vital research into the causes and treatment of childhood cancer; and to move closer to our goal of being able to cure all children with diagnosed with cancer in Australia. Thank you for your ongoing support, and look forward to updating you on the progress of this work.

Yours sincerely



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