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Dear Mr Desserich

We are absolutely thrilled to receive further funding in the amount of **\$185,706 USD** from the DIPG Collaborative to support Doctor Laura Franschaw's research project entitled: *Developing novel combination therapeutic approaches for DIPG targeting Polo-like Kinase 1*.

As you know, the overall aim of the project is to develop novel treatment strategies for the most devastating of all paediatric malignancies, DIPG. Children's Cancer Institute is so appreciative of the DIPG Collaborative support to fund vital research to tackle DIPG and change the future of children with brain cancer. It is only with the support of organisations like those who form the DIPG Collaborative, and the people within these organisations who work so hard to raise every dollar granted, that our research can progress to find new treatments which we hope will one day cure all children of this devastating cancer.

Children's Cancer Institute is the only independent medical research institute in Australia solely focused on improving treatments to ultimately find a cure for all children with cancer and eliminate their suffering. This is important because childhood cancer is different from adult cancer, meaning dedicated treatments are required to ensure we achieve 100% survival rate and improve the long-term health of survivors. We are getting closer to this aim, thanks to community funding from partners like the DIPG Collaborative.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and for sharing our determination to cure childhood brain cancer. Our organisation exists solely to put an end to childhood cancer. We don't just hope to do it. With help from the DIPG Collaborative, we will do it. **It's not if, it's when.**

Yours sincerely



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