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Keith Desserich  
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Dear Mr. Desserich,

I am delighted to accept the grant for \$15,000 from The Cure Starts Now to support our studies on the establishment and characterization of renewable tissue resources for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma research. I am very grateful for this support, which will allow us to develop well-characterized experimental systems for basic and preclinical research for diffuse intrinsic pontine gliomas. The results of our study will be shared in a collaborative manner with other institutions to help further progress in DIPG research.

All institutional approvals required to conduct these studies are already in place, and our study will begin in less than six months of the award date. I will gladly provide a progress report to the Board of Directors or Medical Advisory Council when requested, or meet with you in person when you visit St. Jude. Future publications or grant documentation resulting from our work supported by this grant will gratefully acknowledge the support of “The Cure Starts Now Foundation and The DIPG Collaborative”.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Suzanne J. Baker, Ph.D.