

November 13 2013

Mr. Keith Desserich
DIPG Collaborative Founding Partner
The Cure Starts Now Foundation
10280 Chester Road
Cincinnati, OH 45215

Dear Mr. Desserich,

Re: Grant Application "Ex-vivo expanded natural killer (NK) cells to target DIPG tumor cells in pre-clinical studies"

I am delighted to accept the grant for \$100,000 from DIPG Collaborative to support our research to harness the power of the immune system to develop novel therapies for children with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG). I am grateful for this support which will allow us to explore the potential to create a significant change in the approach to treatment of DIPG and to an improvement in survival of children diagnosed with this devastating disease. 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 in progress, and our study will begin within 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 Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. 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".

For more information about this research you may visit our webpage at http://www.luriechildrensresearch.org/areas_of_research/

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,



Stewart Goldman, MD
Interim Division Head Hematology-Oncology & Stem Cell transplantation
Gus Foundation Chair Neuro-oncology
Medical Director Neuro-oncology
Director Clinical Trials Center CMRC
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
sgoldman@luriechildrens.org