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"Liquid Biopsies for Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma"

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Dear Mr Desserich,

Thank you for awarding us a grant of \$92,950 to set up blood-based diagnostic tests for the detection of DIPG related biomarkers. I herewith would like to confirm the following:

- The project will begin within 6 months of the award date;
- IRB approval is in place; for this project we have approval by the Dutch Central Committee on Research involving Human Subjects and the institutional review board of VU University Medical Center to use whole blood from healthy individuals and DIPG patients (document #2010/164);
- After optimizing the diagnostic tests as described in the grant proposal, we will seek collaboration with other institutions in the DIPG Collaborative and beyond. As we use self-learning support vector machine algorithms to generate tumor-specific platelet signatures, the results of the blood-based assays will become more accurate when more samples are used. Therefore, we will seek collaboration with other institutions that are willing to provide such samples in the future.
- We are currently setting up a special section on liquid biopsies within the website of the Cancer Center Amsterdam of the VU University Medical Center. The information that is provided on this website will be available in both Dutch and English.
- We will acknowledge The Cure Starts Now Foundation, Hope for Caroline Foundation, Juliàn Boivin Courage for Cures Foundation, Abbie's Army, Michael Mosier Defeat DIPG Foundation, Brooke Healey Foundation, Soar With Grace Foundation, Jeffrey Thomas Hayden Foundation, Cure Brain Cancer Foundation, The Jones Family Foundation, Musella Foundation, Pray, Hope Believe Foundation, Smiles for Sophie Foundation, Benny's World, Love Chloe Foundation, Aiden's Avengers, A Cure from Caleb Society, The Operation Grace White Foundation, Ryan's Hope, Wayland Villars DIPG Foundation, American Childhood Cancer Organization, Juliana Rose Donnelly Trust, Sheila Jones & Friends, The Ellie Kavalieros DIPG Research Fund, Voices Against Brain Cancer, The DIPG Collaborative as sponsors of the protocol in all future publications, published data, presentations, web pages, blogs or other.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me (contact details on top).

Sincerely,



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