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To The Cure Starts Now and DIPG Collaborative,

We kindly thank you for supporting our research efforts into finding effective therapies against DIPG and in particular your support of our recent research proposal "Developing novel combination therapeutic approaches for DIPG targeting Polo-like Kinase 1".

The generous support from The Cure Starts Now, the DIPG Collaborative and Cure Brain Cancer Foundation of US \$185,706 will fund extensive *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies to further develop PLK1 inhibition as a potential treatment application for children with DIPG. The pre-clinical findings and identified combination therapies with PLK1 inhibitors provide promising treatment avenues for children with this devastating disease and these funds will greatly aid in the continued research into these potential treatment options.

The full study will commence shortly, with the mechanistic *in vitro* studies commenced upon announcement of the grant and *in vivo* studies to commence in the coming months. We currently have ethic approval for the *in vivo* studies (please see attached) and IBC approval. Please find below our contact details as requested. We are happy to be contacted by the Board of Directors at any point to provide updates on the progress and outcomes of the research. Our research will be collaboratively shared with the DIPG community to further promote research efforts into DIPG and the support of The Cure Starts Now and all of their associated foundations will be duly acknowledged.

Again we kindly and humbly thank The Cure Starts Now, the DIPG Collaborative and Cure Brain Cancer Foundation for their ongoing and unwavering support of our research.

Kind Regards

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