

March 4, 2015  
Keith Desserich  
The Cure Starts Now Foundation  
10280 Chester Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

RE: Grant application approval for “Epigenetic Alterations as Therapeutic Targets in Pediatric Brain Tumors”

Dear Keith,

I am very grateful for The Cure Starts Now support for this study. This funding is critical to generate preclinical data necessary, not only to advance pediatric brain tumor research, but also lead to better treatment options in children with poor prognosis brain tumors. With this letter, I acknowledge receipt of the grant in the amount of \$100,000. I also confirm the following:

- The study will begin within 6 months of the award date.
- The IRB approval is confirmed.
- Copy of W-9 form is attached.
- The results and progress of the funded study will be used in a collaborative manner with other institutions that can further the progress of DIPG research, inclusive of involvement by other participating institutions in the DIPG Collaborative.
- Contact information for the lead researcher: Rachid Drissi, PhD, email: [rachid.drissi@cchmc.org](mailto:rachid.drissi@cchmc.org), phone: 513-803-0674.
- The web page link cannot be confirmed as this is a preclinical study.
- I confirm that in all future publications, published data, presentations, web pages, blogs or other references to the grant and supporters, the following party is named as a sponsor of the protocol/study: ***“The Cure Starts Now Foundation”***.
- Please mail the check to:  
Dr. Rachid Drissi  
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center  
3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 7013  
Cincinnati, OH 45229-3039

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rachid Drissi, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Division of Hematology/Oncology  
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center  
MLC 7013, 3333 Burnet Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45229-3039  
[rachid.drissi@cchmc.org](mailto:rachid.drissi@cchmc.org)  
Phone: 513-803 0674