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The Cure Starts Now Foundation
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Dear Mr. Desserich,

I would like to thank you and the members of the DIPG Collaborative for your decision to provide a grant of \$50,000 to support our research, "Preclinical Investigation of Tenascin-C as a Novel Therapeutic Target for DIPG." This grant will facilitate our investigation of this Tenascin-C as a potential marker of disease and molecular target for novel treatment of DIPG. This letter may be posted on your website as a reference for this award.


I'm happy to confirm that our study will begin within 6 months of the award date. This project was deemed exempt from need for approval as non-human subject research by the Northwestern University Institutional Review Board (IRB) on 1/28/2015 (STU00200351). An application to our IACUC for animal studies is underway.

As lead investigator, I will gladly share our results and progress in a collaborative manner with other investigators and institutions, inclusive of those participating in the DIPG Collaborative, in order to maximize the impact of this research. I will also provide a report of our progress to the Board of Directors or Medical Advisory Council (my contact information is listed below). Information about this project can also be found at this website:
<http://labs.feinberg.northwestern.edu/saratsis>.

I confirm that in all future publications, published data, presentations, web pages, blogs or other references to the grant and supporters, *The Cure Starts Now Foundation* will be named as sponsors of this research project.

Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely,


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