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Keith Desserich
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RE: Acceptance of The DIPG Collaborative Grant

Dear Mr. Desserich,

I am very pleased to accept The DIPG Collaborative Grant for \$99,400 to fund our project “Development of subgroup-specific models of paediatric DIPG”.

We plan to get underway with this project right away. The project aims to develop animal models representative of the three DIPG subgroups, as such Research Ethics Board approval is not required. We do have approval from our Animal Care Committee (attached). We will be happy to share our results and progress in a collaborative manner with other institutions including other participating institutions in the DIPG Collaborative and to prepare a 6-month progress report for the Board of Directors or Medical Advisory Council of The Cure Starts Now. My full contact information is included below. We will also prepare a web page (added to <http://www.hawkinslaboratory.com/>) with details of the projects ongoing in our laboratory at SickKids to provide information for patients and families visiting www.thecurestartsnow.org and www.dipg.org.

We confirm that for all future publications, published data, presentations, web pages, blogs or other references to the grant and supporters, the following parties will be named as sponsors of the protocol:

“ Courage for Cures, Reflections of Grace, The Cure Starts Now, Soar with Grace, The Jeffrey Thomas Hayden Foundation, Ryan’s Hope, Benny’s World, The Love Chloe Foundation, Abbie’s Army and the DIPG Collaborative.”

I would like to sincerely thank all of the members of the DIPG collaborative for their fundraising efforts and for agreeing to fund our work. It is only through your dedication and hard work that we are able to continue our research into finding a cure for these children.

Sincerely,



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