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Dear Members of the Cure Starts Now Foundation and DIPG Collaborative,

We graciously thank you for supporting our research to improve the lives of children with DIPG and, in particular, for your generous award of \$69,900 supporting our project entitled, "Responses of distinct cell populations to PDGFRA inhibitors in diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma." Our project is already underway and is exempt from Institutional Review Board approval for Human Subjects Research, as it involves only autopsy-derived cell cultures without identifiable features.

New patient enrollment is not available for this project, but information about our protocol will soon be made available to the public through web links placed on www.thecurestartsnow.org and www.dipgcollaborative.org. Our results and progress will be used in a collaborative manner with anyone aiming to further the progress of DIPG research, especially other participating institutions within the DIPG Collaborative. We will welcome any requests for collaboration and be happy to meet with other interested groups to facilitate sharing of resources and data. Of course, all future publications, presentations, web information, and public announcements will individually acknowledge the many organizations generously supporting this project.

As the principal investigator, I will be the point of contact for progress reports to the Medical Advisory Council of the The Cure Starts Now, and I will be very excited to deliver a presentation on our results at the next DIPG/DMG Symposium in Houston on April 23 to 24, 2021.

With extreme gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Lober".

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