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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my support for Jeffrey Datto, PhD, and his Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Career Development Award Application. I am an Emeritus Associate Professor at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Biostatistics. For the past four years, I have worked effectively with Jeffrey on spinal cord injury research, resulting in two co-authored publications, and I am extremely excited about this opportunity and honored to be considered a collaborator and additional mentor for this application.

Before working at the University of Miami, I worked for 16 years with the OBGYN and Neonatology departments as well as the School of Nursing at the University of Tennessee. I also worked for 3 years with the cardiology team at the Cleveland Clinic and 3 years at the School of Nursing at the University of Texas, Austin. I worked for 16 years at the University of Miami before becoming emeritus faculty and continue to work with research teams studying pediatric obesity/metabolic syndrome, occupational health, tobacco-related diseases, eye diseases, HIV/AIDS, anesthesiology, vector control, and radiology/imaging. I have been the statistician on grants sponsored by NIMH, NICHD, NINR, NIOSH, NEI, NINDS, NIAID, NHLBI, American Cancer Foundation, American Heart Association, and FAMRI, and have over 375 peer-reviewed publications from over 48 years in academic/medical research.

I am very excited about this project due to its interdisciplinary nature of combining several forms of treatment (cell therapeutics, photobiomodulation, and rehabilitative motor training) for chronic spinal cord injury. I am enthusiastic in approaching this concept from a biostatistical standpoint and analyzing the results. As a collaborator for this project, I have already used my knowledge of biostatistics to perform the power analysis for his grant application to determine the proper sample size for each aim, and will run statistical analyses for the data generated in this study, identify any inconsistencies in the data, and assist in the interpretation of results and writing up the results. I also plan to teach Jeffrey these techniques, allowing him to grow into a more independent investigator.

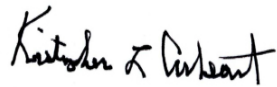
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Having worked with Jeffrey in the past, it has been impossible to overlook his passion for research and his resilience when facing adversity. Having faced difficult obstacles in his life, the fact that he is in the position he is in now demonstrates his positive outlook and ability to overcome challenges. However, it is his drive for bettering the lives of others that truly makes him stand out. For the four years I have known Jeffrey, he is always looking to focus not on himself, but on his research, knowing that any input into the scientific field is a contribution to the greater purpose of serving the community. I think his passion, drive, and willingness to help others would make him a great addition to the VA. For these reasons, I am excited at the potential to continue working with Jeffrey on this grant, and express my utmost support for his award consideration.

Since retiring, I am working from my home in Scranton, PA. You can reach me at _____ if you have any questions. My home address is _____

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristopher Arheart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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