

December 4, 2018

Dear Dr. Datto,

I am happy to serve as a consultant on your grant application for the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Career Development Award, Department of Veterans Affairs entitled "Cell Therapeutic Conditioned Media, Photobiomodulation, and Rehabilitative Motor Training for Chronic SCI."

The objective of your proposed study is to develop novel therapies for spinal cord injury in the chronic setting. This project is highly clinically relevant, and as such I would love to serve as a consultant giving whatever future guidance is needed for the rat pre-clinical spinal cord injury model proposed in your grant application utilizing the Infinite Horizon Impactor. I would be happy as well in the future discuss your data with you and your mentoring team led by your primary mentor Dr. Kevin Wang when you are at the state of preparing your results for publication.

I see you have already collected significant amount of preliminary data while at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis using the device comparing different impactor forces and dwell times in the bilateral rat cervical injury model you are proposing to use in this study. This is an important first step to develop the proficiency as you have in this model. I look forward to seeing your development from a spinal cord injury technician into an independent investigator through this training award at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida. I wish you well in this pursuit. Keep persevering and keep working hard to help our disabled veterans in need.

Sincerely,

Stephen Scheff, Ph.D.