June 1, 2022

Dear “Masonic Institute for The Developing Brain” (MIDB) committee,

I am pleased to support the current grant proposal, titled “*A Feasibility Study: Application Of Brain-Computer Interface In Augmentative And Alternative Communication For Non-Speaking Autistic Population*” with the collaboration of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Barkley Memorial Center and the University of Minnesota,

Institute on Community Integration (ICI), TeleOutreach Core, and Biostatistics department, Analytics Cores,

Masonic Institute for Developing Brain.

I have an extensive experience with neuroimaging research, including the connectivity of the human brain. My interdisciplinary research focuses on functional connectivity and imaging. From a methodological perspective, my primary interest is in time series analysis. My expertise in methods, EEG, time series could be related to how I could support the current proposed project. As the Director of Analytic Core, I can offer help with data analysis including data management, data cleaning, preprocessing and signal analysis for the data extracted from EEG.

Sincerely,

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