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Support letter for F31

Dear Austin,

Congratulations on submitting your first application for an F31 award from NIH. You and I have discussed your application at length since I arrived at UK in April 2024. It was an interesting and clever idea and has the potential to increase quantitative understanding of how titin truncation variants contribute to the development of non-ischemic cardiomyopathy.

My office is two doors from yours and we see each other every day. I will be available whenever you would find my support useful. Dr. Campbell and I work seamlessly together and are committed to enhancing research in our clinical division where we benefit from amazing support from our Chief, Vince Sorrell, MD.

As explained in your research plan, my formal roles are to provide support for biochemical assays including Western blotting for proteins involved in RNA surveillance pathways as well as immunostaining for alpha-actinin and M-line titin. I will also help you to interpret experimental data and assist as you prepare your results for publication in the peer-reviewed literature.

I look forward to collaborating with you on this exciting project. Please let me know how I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kampourakis, PhD
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