

Clermont-Ferrand, January 7th, 2025

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Ongoing international collaboration with Dr Maria Pascual Torner

I am writing to confirm my ongoing collaboration with Dr Maria Pascual Torner on an exciting research project exploring the epigenetic mechanisms underlying the process of life cycle reversal of the jellyfish *Turritopsis dohrnii*. Our collaborative project investigates the epigenetic changes and regulators involved in this unique phenomenon, which could provide key insights into aging and cellular regeneration.

With initial funding secured from University Clermont Auvergne (France) through its I-SITE CAP 20-25 program, we have established a solid foundation to initiate experimental work. With her unmatched expertise in *Turritopsis* biology, Dr Pascual Torner brings invaluable knowledge and insight to this project, contributing significantly to both its conceptual framework and experimental implementation.

Funding from the Ramón y Cajal program would provide Dr Maria Pascual Torner with a unique opportunity to further enhance this research within a highly supportive academic framework. Her skills, rigorous scientific approach, and innovative thinking make her highly qualified to advance this field of study.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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