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Dear Professor Zago,

This is to confirm that we will be glad to continue the collaboration between my research group at the Scripps Research Institute at La Jolla, California and the National Laboratory for Embryonic Stem Cell Research (LaNCE) at USP, part of the Center for Cell Therapy at USP in Ribeirão Preto.

This collaboration has been active for many years, with especial interest in the correlation between mutations in the *GBA* gene and Parkinson disease. At the moment we will focus on *"COMPARATIVE ANALYSES OF INDUCED PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL-DERIVED NEURONS FROM PATIENTS WITH GAUCHER DISEASE AND PARKINSONISM."*, coordinated by Dr Lygia V. Pereira.

Additionally, we will strengthen the other aspects of this collaboration, including the training of research fellows, PhD students, and post-doctoral researchers.

Yours sincerely,

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