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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 University Hospital of the Federal University of Paraná and the Center for Cell Therapy at the University of S. Paulo in Ribeirão Preto.

This collaboration has been active for many years, with especial interest in the cell biology and treatment of marrow failure syndromes. At the moment we will focus on *"The generation of iPS cells from patients with Fanconi anemia belonging to different complementation groups, to study the DNA-repair mechanisms in the hematopoietic stem cells"*, with a strong participation of Rodrigo T Calado.

Additionally, we will strengthen the other aspects of this collaboration, including the organization of joint conferences and seminars, and training of research and clinical fellows, medical doctors, nurses, PhD students, post-doctoral researchers.

Yours sincerely,

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