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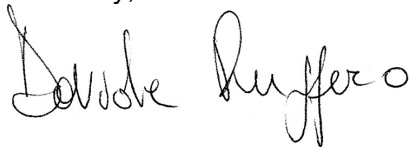
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To the FAPESP Grant Committee,

I hereby confirm my interest in collaborating with Dr. Eduardo Magalhães Rego. I have been collaborating with Dr. Rego for over seven years, and we are co-authors of four publications (Science; 299(5604):259-62, 2003; Science;312(5775):902-6, 2006; Oncogene; 25(13):1974-9, 2006; and Nature; 456(7224):971-5, 2008). Our lab has been a pioneer in the study of dyskerin function. In addition, we have generated mutant mice for the dyskerin gene, which have proved to be valuable tools in analyzing the molecular pathogenesis of dyskeratosis congenita. We are in a position to address the issue of the importance of dyskerin mutations in ribosome biogenesis and its links with leukemia and aplastic anemia.

It will be a great pleasure to continue this collaboration and analyze the function of dyskerin in early hematopoietic differentiation.

Sincerely,



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