



**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 15, 2010

**From:** Alan Trounson, PhD  
CIRM President

**To:** Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee

**Subject:** Extraordinary Petition for Application RM1-01745

Enclosed is a petition letter from Dr. Zeng of the City of Hope National Medical Center, an applicant for funding under RFA 09-03, CIRM Stem Cell Transplantation Immunology Awards. This letter was received at CIRM on June 15, 2010 and we are forwarding it pursuant to the ICOC Policy Governing Extraordinary Petitions for ICOC Consideration of Applications for Funding.



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The Independent Citizens Oversight Committee  
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine  
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Re: **RM1-01745**: Immune tolerance induction for islet graft in pancreas of autoimmune diabetic recipient

Dear ICOC members,

Our grant application [RM1-01745] entitled "Immune tolerance induction for islet graft in pancreas of autoimmune diabetic recipient" received a promising score of 67 but unfortunately was not recommended for funding. I was pleased that the reviewers found me to be highly competent and productive, our proposal to be scientifically sound, and that we have assembled an outstanding, "superb" team to carry out the proposed studies. They also thought that "Aim 1 is well described, sound and logical," and were "confident that Aim1 could yield meaningful results."

I believe that the single criticism was that the reviewers did not see sufficient details in Specific Aim 2 about how we will perform the studies on monkeys. I am sorry for missing the critical details in Aim 2 and will make further effort to develop this aim. Since Aim 1 is so strong, I would be very grateful if you would consider providing us with partial funding so that we would be able to continue this cutting-edge and highly relevant line of research.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Defu Zeng".

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