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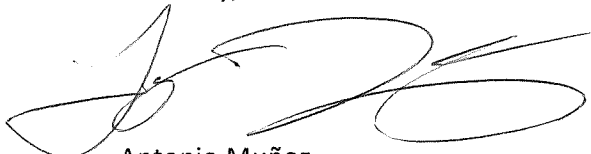
Dear CIRM ICOC,

I am inspired to write this letter in support of Dr. Marisa Medina's grant application "iPSCs as a screening tool to predict risk of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease." I believe Dr. Medina's work regarding nonalcoholic fatty liver disease to be incredibly impactful because my mother has been recently diagnosed with the disease. It is my understanding that fatty liver disease is largely widespread and largely undiagnosed until irreversible liver damage has already occurred. I think that Dr. Medina's project wishes to use both CIRM's own, and her labs own patient derived induced pluripotent stem cells to develop diagnostic techniques for fatty liver disease. I strongly believe that this work will lead to advancements that ensure the lifestyle changes needed to combat this epidemic are made sooner to prevent and reverse the disease sooner and to give people like my mom a fighting chance before it's too late.

I strongly encourage the funding of Dr. Medina's project. It will contribute to advances in preventative medicine and provide help and hope to people caught in the epidemic of fatty liver disease.

I also wish to express my appreciation to CIRM for the very important role they play in advancing medical research for my mother, myself, and the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Muñoz', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Antonio Muñoz