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Dear Paul

I am writing to thank you for Towergate Partnership's on-going support for Cancer Research UK, and in particular the recent BACS transfer for £54,088.94. It's a real testament to the enthusiasm and generosity of your employees and clients that you have raised over £337,000 in the last two years.

As you know, your funding is used to help Professor Adrian Harris and his team in Oxford take forward their life-saving research. Their work involves studying how cancers develop their own blood supplies to enable their growth – a process called angiogenesis. Using this knowledge, our researchers are developing ways to block angiogenesis and to starve cancer cells of essential nutrients and oxygen.

Professor Harris' team has already made some exciting progress in understanding the role of the molecule Delta-like 4 (Dll4) which is highly active in the blood vessels that grow within tumours. The team has found that Dll4 can drive angiogenesis in certain types of cancer (brain and prostate cancer), but actually reduces blood vessel growth in other cancer types.

Studying the Dll4 molecule will help the team to understand more about the processes driving angiogenesis and to find drug targets that could lead to effective new cancer treatments in the future.

Cancer Research UK relies entirely on public donations to carry out our world-class research, and so progress such as this would not be possible without the support of companies such as Towergate Partnership.

Cancer Research UK is proud to be one of Towergate Partnership's beneficiary charities and we look forward to continuing to work together in the future.

Thank you once again. We truly value your support.

Yours sincerely

Harpal S. Kumar
Chief Executive