



LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Following are the terms and conditions applying to grants made by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (referred to as "the Foundation," "we," or "us"). As a grantee (referred to as "grantee" or "you"), you should read this carefully; your signature on this form constitutes your acceptance of all the terms and conditions. As used in this form, the term "grant" includes any income you derive from the grant.

Awardee: Regents of the University of Minnesota
I.D.: [REDACTED]
Amount: [REDACTED]
Purpose: Hepatocyte gene expression during hepatitis C infection and treatment -- Jose D. Debes, MD, MS
Project Information: Grant Period: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021
Project Director: Jose D. Debes, MD, MS, 612-624-9996
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1. PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION. You will directly administer the project or program being supported by the grant and agree that no grant funds shall be used in any way other than as specifically set forth in this Letter of Agreement and the final proposal, budget and related documents, all as approved by the Foundation (the "Approved Grant Documents") without the Foundation's prior written consent. You further agree that no grant funds shall be disbursed to any organization or entity, whether or not formed by you, except as specifically set forth in the Approved Grant Documents.

Infection with hepatitis C virus (HCV) leads to cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma. The molecular pathways leading to both complications are largely unknown. Liver aspiration will be performed in patients with HCV before and after antiviral treatment to assess changes in human gene expression. These studies will elucidate how HCV manipulates the expression of human genes to establish and maintain chronic infection, leading to cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma.

No changes may be made to the nature or scope of the program or project being supported by this grant without the express written consent of the Foundation.

2. USE OF GRANT FUNDS.

A. No part of the grant shall be used to carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation within the meaning of Section 4945(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. No part of the grant shall be used to attempt to influence the outcome of any specific public election or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive within the meaning of Section 4945(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.