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Dear Dr. Vikrant Rai:

Thank you for submitting an intramural grant proposal entitled "S100 Proteins Activate Complement Proteins and Change Vascular Smooth Muscle Cell Phenotype in Atherosclerosis" for review by the WesternU Research Committee. Seven individual proposals and three "team" applications were received this year. Each application was critically reviewed by an external highly qualified scientist and one internal reviewer. After receiving the reviews and the score by each individual reviewer, the WesternU Research Committee members with no conflicts of interest discussed each application, critically reviewed the comments of both internal and external reviewer and final scores and rank order were assigned.

Following deliberation by members of the Research Committee, your proposal was chosen for support this year. It should be noted that the quality of all the research proposals was very high. Your application will be funded in the amount of \$20,000. Please submit a detailed revised budget in this amount if necessary. A request to establish your grant account will be made upon notification of an approved appropriate protocol, if needed. The comments of the external and internal reviewers and the summary statement by the Research Committee are provided and attached to this letter.

The office of Sponsored Research and Contracts Management will contact you when an account is established for this grant. The intramural grant funding will be for one-year period and will begin from 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022. Within 30 days of the end date of the funding period you are required to submit a FINAL Report specifying initial goals and objectives, and the findings and conclusion of your research and an expended budget list to the Research Committee and the Senior VP of Research and Biotechnology.

We would like to congratulate you on your hard work. On behalf of the Research Committee, we wish you all success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Hendrik Szurmant, PhD.
Professor and Chair, WesternU Research Committee

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