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Re: Bio-AIMI-HF Study: Role of Biomarkers in Optimizing Imaging Directed Management in Ischemic Heart Failure.

Dear Rob,

Thank you for your invitation to participate in the above referenced grant application. AIMI-HF is the largest randomized comparative effectiveness trial for cardiac imaging in Heart Failure and this add-on expanded study will be pivotal to defining the role of biomarkers in this patient population.

It is my pleasure to provide you with this letter of support. As you are aware, I will be conducting the economic analysis on the main AIMI-HF study (project 1A of IMAGE HF) upon its completion. While economic analysis is not part of the add-on expanded study Bio-AIMI-HF, we are capturing the data in AIMI-HF that would enable us to perform a similar analysis should the results of Bio-AIMI-HF suggest a potential benefit of biomarkers in this population. Thus, should the data support the need for an economic analysis; I am pleased to offer my continued support and commitment of the necessary resources to extend this analysis to the Bio-AIMI-HF.

It is a privilege to continue collaborations with the IMAGE team on such projects that will undoubtedly result in important contributions towards the evaluation of imaging strategies and targeted cardiac biomarkers to guide therapy in heart failure and the long term impact of such treatment.

I wish you great success with this important research endeavour.

Sincerely,

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