

THE RHEUMATOID DISEASE FOUNDATION

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Dear Dr. Susskind:

I have reviewed your recent proposal, and I think it is excellent -- just what is needed for us to progress further.

I will copy the proposal in sufficient quantities to mail to our Board Members, and since some of them are in distant lands, it will likely take some weeks to get their full consensus.

We do not have funding at this time, but we will surely have funding by June, the date of your first year. As we are a growing organization, please have patience.

I am personally curious about certain aspects. If Koch's postulate is to be satisfied, how does one do so when one is dealing with "genetic susceptibility"? Doesn't one need to find the equivalent of a genetically susceptible tissue, to observe similar lesions?

During drug screening, will an assessment be made of which drugs respond to the organism through its metabolites with and without the association of intestinal bacteria?

Regarding centrifugation: When talking to Roger Wyburn-Mason prior to his death, he told me that very "light" centrifugation was permissible.

When adapting amoebae to xenic cultures, doesn't that adaptation, alone, often change the character of the original amoebae.

Will monoclonals permit development of clinical procedure for identifying specific genus, species, and strain? Assuming pertinence, of course.

What of possible patent rights during this development? Will they be shared between MCV and this Foundation?

Similarly, will RDF (This Foundation) be given credit in any publication credits? And, will we be permitted to announce your work, for fund raising purposes, assuming we do so accurately, and with your review?

If the protozoon is not found, and the work proves fruitless, will the grant terminate without an alternate approach? And also will funding terminate?

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Brian M. Susskind, Ph.D.: Proposal

On page 5 a procedure is outlined that eventually places the isolate for 1-2 hours on or in ice. My understanding is that this will kill the organism. Again, back to centrifugation: I understand that Roger Wyburn-Mason at first used centrifugation, and found it unsatisfactory; later, via telephone, he told me that a very low and gentle form of centrifugation was satisfactory. Wyburn-Mason never put the organism on ice, to let it settle, to my knowledge.

I will be collecting notes from our Physicians and Scientists and our Board Members over a period of time. Let me say again that I am very please with the submission, particularly the thoroughness with which you intend to validate or not Roger's principles.

Cordially,


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