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Dear Tracey and members of the Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance,

We are writing this letter with deep gratitude for your support of the Yale Brain Tumor Center. We would like to take this opportunity to outline to you how the funds you have so graciously made available to us have been used and what our plans for the future are.

Part of the donations by the CT Brain Tumor Alliance was used for salary support of Dr. Baehring's post-doctoral associate, Dr. Jianhui Wang. In a collaborative effort with Jeffrey Sklar, MD, PhD (Department of Pathology, Yale University School of Medicine), Dr. Wang is working on a project that aims to develop novel molecular markers for primary brain tumors.

Additional donations from CTBTA would be used in part for this project. Part of the funds would be used to support our post-doctoral fellow, Dr. Kevin Becker, during his second year of fellowship. The clinical portion of the fellowship is funded by Yale-New Haven Hospital. The research portion remains unfunded thus far. Dr. Becker's research efforts will focus on development of novel therapeutic strategies for malignant gliomas. Dr. Becker has shown great potential and is interested in joining our faculty after completion of his fellowship in July 2011. CTBTA funds would be instrumental in assisting Dr. Becker in the early stages of his clinical research career, make him a competitive candidate for an NIH career development award, and launching a new era in clinical trial development at Yale University School of Medicine/Smilow Cancer Hospital.

Small amounts of CTBTA funds were used to support the following projects published in peer-reviewed journals or presented at national/international meetings

## Publications

Baehring JM, Pei Hul, Plepmeler JM, Bannykh SI. Anaplastic Oligoastrocytoma in Turcot Syndrome. *J Neuro-Oncology*, Epub ahead of print (2009)

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Baehring JM, Landry ML, Cooper D, Pei Hui, Bannykh S. CSF IgH Gene Rearrangement Analysis In Isolated post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder of the central nervous system. J Neurooncology, 86(1):57-60 (2008)

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### **Presentations at national/international conferences**

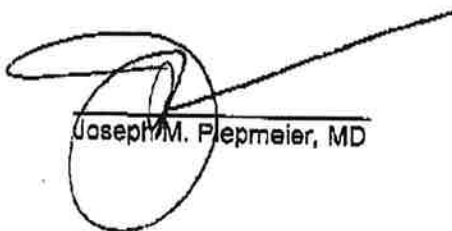
Becker KP, Mayer T, Lacy J, Baehring JM. Diffusion-Weighted Magnetic Resonance Imaging for the Evaluation of Tumor Progression in Patients Treated with Bevacizumab. Joint Meeting of the Society for Neuro-Oncology and the AANS/CNS Section on Tumors, New Orleans, LO, October 2008

Becker KP, Mayer T, Lacy J, Baehring JM. Diffusion-weighted Imaging in patients with Glioblastoma multiforme treated with bevacizumab. 3rd Quadrennial Meeting of the World Federation of Neurooncology, Yokohama, Japan, May 2009.

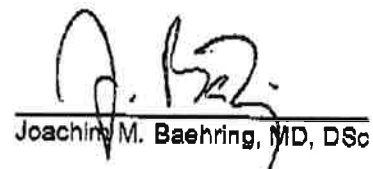
Baehring JM, Barth S. Precursors of Primary CNS Lymphoma. International Primary CNS Lymphoma Study Group. San Francisco, CA, December 2008

Without your support, these projects would have not been possible or their completion been delayed. You have helped bringing cutting edge treatments to patients with brain tumors in Southern New England. Your determination and energy are inspiring to us. We look forward to working with you for the years to come in order to achieve our common goal: make brain cancer history!

With best regards,



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