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Dear Dr. Silla,

I am pleased to collaborate with you in developing NK cell therapies for your patients by providing full access for clinical use of the feeder cell line we developed for this purpose.

As you know, I developed a genetically-modified feeder cell line which generates large numbers of clinical-grade NK cells from normal donors<sup>1-3</sup>, patients<sup>4,5</sup>, cord blood<sup>6</sup>, and embryonic/pluripotent stem cells<sup>7</sup>. We have infused these NK cells into patients in early-Phase clinical trials for hematologic malignancies, solid tumors, and brain tumors, delivering almost 200 infusions to over 80 patients at doses up to  $3 \times 10^8$  cells/kg. These studies demonstrated early evidence of efficacy with minimal toxicity<sup>8,9</sup>. Importantly, our long-standing collaboration with you allowed concurrent development of NK cell trials at your institution in Brazil, in which you have also treated around 10 patients with these expanded NK cells.

Unfortunately, the original cell line became entangled in legal issues that restricted our ability to use this valuable resource. In collaboration with the company CytoSen Therapeutics, I recreated the cell line here at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The new cell line, now known as CSTX002, has been fully evaluated for comparability with the original cell line, and we recently treated our first patient with NK cells generated by CSTX002 under approval from the FDA. Importantly, we have retained the right to share this resource with other academic institutions for non-commercial clinical research, and look forward to sharing this with you to continue your important and cutting-edge research in Brazil.

I look forward to continuing our collaboration in NK cell immunotherapy!



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