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Dear Dr. Mora,

I herewith confirm that your joint project with Dr. Anne Régnier-Vigouroux from the University of Mainz "Joint research initiative on the role of IL-38 as a novel immune regulator in the tumor microenvironment of glioblastoma multiforme project" (IL38-GBM, GER project number 01DN19007, CRI proposal number FI-230B-17) was selected for funding by BMBF and MICITT in December 2017.

Before launching the joint calls both Ministries agreed that "The approved proposals will receive financial support from their country of origin in accordance with the eligible expenses submitted by the leading organizations of each country (information to be provided on the webpage of the Calls for Proposals in Costa Rica and Germany). Funding will be granted in accordance with the procedures and regulations applicable to each country."

Both parties are committed and expected to fulfil the joint agreement.

Funding of the beforementioned project on the German side started in February 2019 and will continue until end of January 2021. Based on the first project report delivered by the German project coordinator, Dr. Régnier-Vigouroux (covering the period February - December 2019) I can state, that the German project team has already started its lab work and the first joint project workshop in San José was organized in February 2019.

BMBF expects MICITT to authorize project funding for your activities as soon as you have received the approval by the Ethic Committee for the experimental work with animals and human samples, which according to your information is expected in the course of the upcoming two or three months. Given the bilateral character of the project granted, the work plan and goals formulated in the proposal can only be achieved with your contributions, thus both BMBF and MICITT funding are essential.

Please let me know if any further support is needed from our side.

Kind regards,

i.A. Dr. Stephanie Splett-Rudolph

