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Dear Bim,

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From all of us Prostate Cancer UK, I want to offer you our utmost gratitude for your continued support as a Research Action Fund Patron. Your annual gift of £2,500 was received with much appreciation. This is the final gift of your Research Action Fund Patron pledge, in which you've kindly donated £7,500.

Over the past three years, you have helped us fund work led by Dr Charlotte Bevan on 'a novel therapy for prostate cancer'. Recently, several small, naturally-occurring molecules called microRNAs were discovered, many of which can inhibit proteins involved in promoting or blocking tumour growth. The next step will be to design inhibitors for the microRNAs, and test these in laboratory-cultured prostate tumour cells. The team aims to measure the levels of these microRNAs in prostate cancer patients, to see whether we can use them to predict how aggressive their disease is and whether or not it will respond to treatment.

The Prostate Cancer Charity are committed to finding the answers that men need and this is why we have decided to merge with fellow charity Prostate Action to form Prostate Cancer UK. Speaking with one direct voice, we will be able to better achieve our aims and address the long term challenges around prostate cancer and prostate disease.

Prostate Cancer UK is here for every man and every family who needs our help. Through our services and research strategy we are making a real difference to the quarter of a million men living with prostate cancer. We simply couldn't do any of our vital work without you, so once again, thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, or would like further information about Prostate Cancer UK's work, please do not hesitate to contact 020 8222 7157.

With warmest regards

Owen Sharp
Chief Executive