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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support Dr. Miodrag Stojkovic and formation of the Stem Cell Institute in Kragujevac, Serbia.

I know Dr. Stojkovic from his early days in stem cell research and have followed his work in embryonic stem cells derivation and biology. From the very beginning he showed great interest for, and has subsequently made significant contributions to, the study of human embryonic stem cells. As a result he became the Editor of Stem Cells, a one of the most cited journals focused on the stem cell research and regenerative medicine.

As a scientist who has active collaborations with Serbian scientific community, I am able to fully appreciate the contribution scientist with Dr. Stojkovic's expertise and knowledge can make to initiate this very important area of research in Serbia. Therefore, I am strongly in favor of providing him an opportunity to do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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