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To whom it may concern

It is a great honour for me to write this letter of support for Prof. Miodrag Stojkovic in conjunction with his recent appointment as Head of the Institute for Stem Cell Research and Banking at the Medical School of Kragujevac. I am writing this note with great pleasure as I regard Prof. Stojkovic as one of the most remarkable scientists whom I have known.

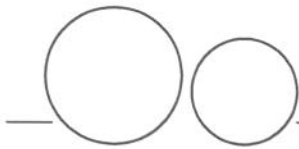
Impressed by his contributions to the field of stem cell biology, we have ongoing collaborations on the mechanisms of maintenance of pluripotency of adult stem cells and are in the process of defining the role of a novel human GPI-linked protein ACA as an essential regulator of the genes involved in maintaining human hematopoiesis.

I have known Prof. Stojkovic from the literature since 2001 and personally since 2004 as we met at an international meeting on stem cell research. Since then our mutual interest in stem cell technology has drawn us together at conferences. Establishment of optimal conditions for transgenic technology in animals, the preservation of embryos for cloning, derivation and characterization of human embryonic stem cells, somatic stem cell reprogramming and somatic cell nuclear transfer are some of the highlights of his seminal work. Since 2007 he has been appointed Editor of "Stem Cells", a journal which has gained enormous prestige and momentum in the past years.

Other than his creativity and profound knowledge in stem cell technology, Prof. Stojkovic proves to be an outstanding communicator and advocate for embryonic stem cell research. I was witness to his convincing debating skills in public forums over the significance of embryonic stem cell research. He was able to bring his cogent arguments across to a general public which required not only aptitude at a professional level, but also enormous communication skills and political sensitivity.

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I therefore recommend Prof. Stojkovic wholeheartedly and without any reservations for his efforts to acquire adequate resources and grant funding to establish his newly founded Institute for Stem Cell Research and Banking at the Medical University of Kragujevac. Should you have further questions, I will be happy to address them.

With kindest regards,
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