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Seasons Greetings! It has been a tremendous year for us at the MGH Immunobiology lab. We have had great science news and press coverage, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, and *Scientific American*. We've also seen further confirmation that our approach to reversing type 1 diabetes works, including three studies published in *Science* in March, and data from a Japanese group presented at the American Diabetes Association's annual scientific meeting.

In addition, we recently published data from work performed independently at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that not only confirmed our approach, but also our finding that the spleen cell can hasten disease reversal. This data was just published this week and shows how our approach can lead to disease reversal and regeneration in both diabetes and a second autoimmune disease called Sjogren's syndrome.

We were happy to announce this year that the Iacocca Foundation made its initial grants to the Massachusetts General Hospital for the preparation of a human clinical trial to stop the autoimmune attack in type 1 diabetes, and we offer our sincere appreciation to all who contributed to help make this work possible.

Work has begun to set up and develop the necessary equipment to support this trial, but we are still looking to match the funds we have received from the Iacocca Foundation and others. In addition, we are actively seeking funding to support a 2007 project in which we will screen for generic drugs that can be used as new treatments not only for type 1 diabetes, but also for other autoimmune diseases such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, and Sjogren's disease.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues at the MGH lab, I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Warmly,

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