



Hope Funds for Cancer Research

Press Release

Hope Funds Scientists Jointly Published in *Nature* Article

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Newport, RI - November 1, 2019 - An article appearing recently in the online issue of the journal *Nature* featured findings by a team at MIT's Whitehead Institute that included participation by four members of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research network: current postdoctoral Fellow Alexandra Dall'Agnese, alumnus Brian Abraham, 2013 Award of Excellence Recipient Phillip Sharp and Scientific Advisory Council member Richard Young.

The findings, "Pol II phosphorylation regulates a switch between transcriptional and splicing condensates", are described in an article in *PHYS ORG*. [Click here to read the article.](#)

"Hope Funds is delighted to learn of these findings shared by Dr. Young and a team of Hope Funds scientists," said Leah Rush Cann, Chair of the Hope Funds Executive Committee.

Hope Funds was established with the immediate goal of supporting important cancer research in the most challenging and understudied cancers. The organization's founders believed that funding outstanding post-doctoral researchers was the most productive and cost effective way of achieving that goal, a hypothesis Mrs. Cann said has proven correct.

"What we discovered along the way was that the Hope Funds fellowships have become a critical bridge for these outstanding scientists to remain focused on research at a time when research is extremely scarce," said Mrs. Cann. "The fellowships not only support three years of research, but also help facilitate a lifetime of collaborations and discoveries."

About *Nature* Research

Nature Research serves the research community by publishing its most significant discoveries - findings that advance knowledge and address some of the greatest challenges faced by society today. Its journals publish not only primary research but also reviews, critical comment, news and analysis. From *Nature* - the leading international weekly journal of science first published in 1869 - to selective subject-specific subscription journals including *Nature Genetics* and *Nature Physics* and broad open-access journals including *Nature Communications* and *Scientific Reports*, there is a home for all research within this family of journals.

About Hope Funds for Cancer Research

The Hope Funds for Cancer Research was formed in 2006 by a group of concerned individuals who have experience in oncology, intellectual property law, investment banking, philanthropy, sociology, and the arts to establish a funding vehicle that would take a rational scientific, medical, and investment approach to granting money to the most interesting and promising research efforts to address the most difficult-to-treat cancers, including pancreatic, lung, liver, sarcomas, esophageal, brain, gastric, and ovarian cancers, and rare lymphomas, leukemias and MDS. These cancers are insidiously aggressive illnesses that kill most of their victims within months, even with aggressive chemotherapy. The Trustees of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research believe that funding research that could lead to breakthroughs in these areas and increase life expectancy in these types of cancers is at the core of our mission. The Hope Funds for Cancer Research is a 509 (a)(1) charity under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service's code. For additional information about the organization, please visit <http://www.Hope-Funds.org> or call 401-847-3286.

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