

Pancreatic Cancer UK

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Dear Mr Beardmore and Mr Gush,

Thank you very much for your recent donation of £5,000 from Penguins Against Cancer, given in memory of Jean Davis and Ron Spedding. We are so touched that you have continued to support us in their memory since 2015. Please accept this letter as our official receipt.

Your kind gift will be used towards our research programmes to find innovative treatments for pancreatic cancer. I am delighted to tell you about one of the most exciting treatment research projects we are supporting this year, led by Dr Christopher McConville at the University of Birmingham.

Dr McConville has developed an implantable device called the *ChemoPatch* for the delayed and localised delivery of chemotherapy after pancreatic cancer surgery. This treatment is much needed as most pancreatic cancer surgery patients require chemotherapy afterwards to prevent recurrence. Unfortunately, up to half of patients are too weak and unwell to receive this treatment due to the strain on their body from the operation. The chemotherapy is often too aggressive with only a small amount of the drug reaching the cancer cells in the pancreas. The *ChemoPatch* offers a more precise and effective way of delivering chemotherapy to pancreatic cancer patients after surgery to reduce recurrence.

This project aims to demonstrate the potential of the *ChemoPatch*. If successful, it could revolutionise the use of chemotherapy following surgery for pancreatic cancer, leading to a greater quality of life and longer chance of survival in pancreatic cancer patients.

If you would like to find out more about this work or our other recent research projects, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address provided below.

We also run bespoke supporter networking events at our offices in London. Our events are an opportunity to bring together a network of highly motivated people to create opportunities for relationship building and to get to know the PCUK community better. We have some exciting events lined up later on this year and we would be delighted to invite the Trustees of Penguins Against Cancer at a closer date.

We are so grateful for your continued support. Our work is only possible because of the fantastic support we receive from the generosity of people like you. Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely,

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