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Mr Christopher Bedford-Gay
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Dear Chris,

I wanted to thank you and the trustees of FOP Friends for your recent £75,000 donation in support of Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP) research here at the University of Oxford's Centre for Medicines Discovery.

Your gift will help to support our ongoing efforts to identify potential new treatments for FOP. This includes appraising the FDA-approved drugs momelotinib and pacritinib as ACVR1 inhibitors, as well as development of novel drug candidates and strategies. Of note here, we will collaborate with Daniel Webb, a medicinal chemistry PhD student at the University of Strathclyde and Charles River Labs who is exploring drug-like molecules called PROTACs that could act to chew up ACVR1 into pieces to stop it from causing FOP. This approach may produce a much stronger therapeutic effect than traditional treatments.

Thank you once again for your generosity. The University deeply appreciates your continuing support for this vital research. We would be delighted to continue to host FOP Friends and patient families again at our laboratories to help explain our work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alex Bullock'.

Professor Alex Bullock
Professor of Structural and Chemical Biology

