

Dear board members,

We write you as we have been following the progress of Melpida clinical trials. Not only in the US, but all over the world we see great hope in the fase 3 clinical trials, so that children with SPG50 can get a better life.

More and more children get diagnosed with the terrible disease as we get better in testing. This is why it is so important to continue supporting the project and give hope to the families who are affected.

My son August is 6 years old and suffers from SPG50. We started the August Foundation 1 year ago as we wanted to support development of a cure for SPG50. We can not do this alone and we need support from large companies like CIRM.

Right now we are doing a documentary about our battle for a cure and as fase 3 was on its way, a positive ending was in sight. Your decision not to support the study will bring a lot of pain and suffering to the children and families. Now we pray for you to reconsider, so that the fase 3 studies can continue and a cure for SPG50 will be on track.

Kind regards

Soren Jarl Christensen

Founder and CEO

August Foundation