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The Trustees
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Dear Trustees,

Thank you for your donation.

As Chief Executive of The Urology Foundation I am writing to thank you for the generous donation of £5,000 which we recently received towards research into urological cancers and in support of Professor Stephen Challacombe. We are very grateful to everyone involved at Penguins Against Cancer for this wonderful donation and for your continued support, commitment and generosity which enables us to fund vital research in this area.

Sadly, over 78,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with a urological cancer - prostate, kidney, bladder and male reproductive system - every year. A diagnosis of cancer can result in many physical and emotional changes and impact quality of life. This latest donation will help us in our continued mission to better understand, prevent, treat and cure urological cancers and support further pioneering initiatives and innovations to help improve patient outcomes and quality of life through our *Innovation & Research Awards* and *Small Research Projects Awards* amongst other awards.

I thought you would like to know a little of our achievements over the past year. We were proud to invest even more in supporting urology research, education and training programmes, as well as delivering important awareness campaigns. Indeed, we were able to significantly increase the number of our research awards, Fellowships, Travel Scholarships, Nurse Bursaries and Regional Trainee Awards amongst many other programmes.

We were pleased to make 8 Innovation and Research Awards with projects covering: bladder, kidney, penile and prostate cancers, and kidney and bladder diseases. We made 6 Small Project Awards for research projects addressing bladder cancer, renal cancer, kidney stones, lower urinary tract symptoms, prostatic obstruction and combating stress and fatigue in surgery.

Our TUF Trials Unit at Aberdeen University, continues to support the development of urological trials. We have increased capacity in the unit to have more on-hand support from statisticians and trial methodologists,

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allowing us to expose more early-career researchers to the trial development process.

I hope this letter demonstrates the breadth of our achievements in the field of research, education and training.

Thank you once again for your wonderful support and commitment to our research into urological cancers.



Rebecca Porta
Chief Executive