

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

August 25, 2006

Robert Poston Jr., MD Department of Surgery Room N4W94, UMMC

Dear Dr. Poston Jr.:

The 2007 Intramural Grant Competition Study Section met on August 3rd and discussed the review of 98 of 104 submitted grants. I am pleased to inform you that your grant titled "A Novel Strategy to Improve Graft Patency After CABG" was ranked competitively with a score of 1.18 and was one of the few chosen for funding. Because of the unprecedented number and high quality of the grants received, the decision was made to increase the number awarded by reducing the proposed budget by 15%. This award is in the amount of \$42,500. We trust that this will not be too great a hardship on you or hinder your ability to conduct the research. By making this slight reduction, six Collaborative Interdisciplinary grants will be funded (10% payline) and six of the Independent New Investigator grants will receive funds (16% payline).

Funding is for the period September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007. Funds must be expended in accordance with the budget submitted with your application. Any major budgetary deviation will require the prior approval of the Dean's office.

I have been asked to remind you that projects involving hazardous materials, animals or human subjects must be approved by the appropriate institutional committee(s) before funds can be released. Please complete the acceptance form and submit it as soon as possible to avoid any delay in funding. Funds will not be released until appropriate forms have been received.

As part of the new initiative in intramural grants, we will be contacting investigators in the Spring of '07 to arrange for a seminar presentation on the progress made in your project. The precise details are still being arranged.

Congratulations on your achievement and good luck in your research.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Jarrell M.D.

Vice Dean for Academic Affairs

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Cc: Margaret McCarthy, Chair, FY07 Intramural Committee Department Administrator

