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Dear Colleagues:

Re: CMI Open House Invitation Letter

The mission of the Center for Molecular Imaging (CMI) at the VCU Medical Center is to nurture and foster multidisciplinary molecular imaging research using state-of-the-art non-invasive imaging technologies. The center's research involves the development of targeted probes; and imaging strategies to study biological processes of disease and the working of therapies, *in vivo*, and within the intact environment. Multi-modal hybrid probe development is a research focus of the center and nanoparticle-based imaging strategies are being developed for a number of applications, including targeted imaging, drug delivery, as well as pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic imaging.

The Center is holding an Open House to highlight the CMI multi-modality molecular imaging research and capabilities. The purpose of the event is to make academic and industrial researchers aware of the CMI infrastructure capabilities, research, and its vision for collaboration, for both preclinical and clinical translational research. For VCU principle Investigators, the event will be a good opportunity to familiarize them with the center activities, showcase the CMI capabilities and most importantly how to conduct collaborative and core support research with the center.

We are delighted to invite you to join us on the day and learn more about our center, its vision, research program and overall research capabilities.

Two flyers are attached with this invitation, to briefly introduce the center and provide some information which you may find useful prior to attending the event.

We envision participants from academia, imaging industry, biotechnology and drug pharmaceutical companies to attend the event.

We hope that you can join us for an exciting and stimulating event.

When: Tuesday April 24th - 11:00am – 3:00 pm

Where: Molecular Medicine Research Building, MCV Campus, First Floor

1220 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia

Sincerely,



Jamal Zweit, PhD, DSc