



May 1, 2012

The Blazeman Foundation for ALS
c/o Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blais
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blais

I would like to express my warm and sincere gratitude for the opportunity you have awarded me as the first Blazeman Foundation Fellow in ALS Research under the direction of Dr. Teepu Siddique at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Neurology. I am honored to have been a part of John's mission to fight this terrible disease known as ALS. With your generous contribution, extremely important discoveries were made in the understanding of the disease progression that will hopefully help shorten the time for exploring therapeutic approaches.

I personally consider myself as having made tremendous progress in my scientific career and the fellowship has prepared me well to embrace my future challenges with confidence. Thank you for this journey that without your contribution would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

Kaouther Ajroud PhD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaouther Ajroud", written over a horizontal line.