Appreciation for the ongoing partnerships and collaboration. On behalf of everyone at PTEN Research we would like to extend our thanks and has been made across our supported research projects.

It goes without saying that 2021 has been another challenging year for patients and families as well as our academic and industry collaborators alike. Despite this, we identify additional potential therapeutic approaches. The Foundation’s academic collaborative network to increase our knowledge of PHTS and consequences of PTEN mutations in neurological, vascular, and tissue overgrowth aspects. Insights from the collaborations will complement those made through the significant progress generating preclinical models of PHTS. The goal of this work is to enable assessment of repurposing of existing drugs for further evaluation in future PHTS clinical trials.

Two collaborations initiated with contract research organisations in 2020 have made rapid progress towards generating the preclinical evidence required for future clinical trials. The first of these, sponsored by the Foundation, involves a collaboration with scientist at the University of California, San Francisco, and is focused on identifying potential drug targets for PHTS. The second of these, sponsored by a private company, involves a collaboration with scientists at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and is focused on identifying potential drug targets for PHTS.

We hope to get feedback from them in the summer 2022. In the meantime, the WHO Foundation have been working closely with Charis Eng (Cleveland Clinic), Marc Rothschild’s family office and more recently Chief Operating Officer of Finance and Business Operations of the PTEN Research Foundation. The Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of Adam Bennett as the Director Foundation appoints new Director of Finance and Business Operations. His background in finance and accounting will enable him to bring a fresh perspective to the Foundation’s financial management.

Thank you for continuing to support us.

The PTEN Research Team