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Ms. Miriam Belmonte
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Dear Miriam,

I am pleased to invite you to accept a position of Visiting Student in the Terry Fox Laboratory (TFL), British Columbia Cancer Agency (BCCA). This position is a term appointment for a period of 4 months from October 1, 2013 to February 1, 2014 without salary or benefits. This appointment is subject to the approval of the Office of Research Facilitation (ORF), Technology Development Office (TDO) here in Vancouver and Citizenship & Immigration of Canada.

The term "Visiting" is the official title used by the BC Cancer Agency to signify that you will be involved in active scholarship/internship/graduate program at this institution during a specified period at the end of which you will return to your home country.

It is understood that during your stay in the TFL, you will participate in a research project titled: "*Analytical methods for the identification and characterization of cancer stem cells*" hosted by the program "Messengers of Knowledge" at the University of Palermo. You will conduct molecular and cellular biology experiments and perform computer analysis of data and will also observe our laboratory operations, research methodology and lab procedures and techniques.

I also understand that your salary/stipend, travel, medical insurance and living expenses will be supported by yourself and the University of Palermo. We will, of course, supply all the equipment and software that are necessary for your research while you are here. Please note that you will need to obtain sufficient personal travel and medical insurance to cover you during your stay in our laboratory.

In order to comply with Canadian immigration regulations, please contact the nearest Canadian Embassy, Consulate, or Visa Office to arrange for a temporary resident visa (TRV) which may require an interview and/or medical examination. For further information, please refer to the Immigration Canada website at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca>. To obtain a visa, please submit this letter of invitation as well as a statement from your home institution confirming that you hold a position there, to which you will return when your visitor status at the BC Cancer Agency terminates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Weng, MD, PhD
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Associate Professor, Pathology & Lab Medicine, University of British Columbia

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