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Dear Dr. Nieman,

Thank you again for your excellent research proposal to the American Pistachio Growers. I am pleased to let you know we've received all the necessary approvals; therefore, the American Pistachio Growers is pleased to fund your grant proposal "Influence of pistachios on performance and exercise-induced inflammation, oxidative stress, and immune dysfunction in athletes: a metabolomics-based approach." We need to draw up a contract, schedule of payments and deliverables. We would like to have monthly reports of the grant's progress and a yearly financial report, along with a final accounting.

If you have a standard grant contract from your University, please use it as the basis for this project and send a draft for our review. Also, we would like to conduct a site visit at both locations. Judy Hirigoyen, Global Marketing Director would like to meet with Dr. Scherr and his group during her time in Europe at the end of January and early February 2013. I would like to visit your facilities in North Carolina, perhaps sometime in March 2013 depending on your schedule.

We should set up a conference call to discuss this project in further detail in the next week, if you are available. Do let me know what days and times, might work for a call.

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We certainly look forward to working with you on this research.
Thank you for your interest in pistachio research.

With best regards,
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