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Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Dean, University of Michigan Medical School Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs 4107 Medical Science I, Box 5424

Dear Dr. Runge:

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Marcus Welby, M.D., Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences as the inaugural Marie Curie Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Dr. Welby earned his M.D. from Pennsylvania State University in 1989. He completed his internship and residency at Harvard University, and followed that with a postdoctoral research fellowship in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Welby joined our faculty in 2010 and has a joint appointment with the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. His research program investigates the formation and loss of the blood-brain and blood-retinal barrier in normal vascular biology, diabetes, cancer and stroke. His long-term goal is to contribute to the development of novel treatments to prevent or reverse the debilitating loss of vision from diabetes.

Marcus has been extremely successful in all aspects of his career and will be named Medical Director of our department later this year. His grant funding has been exceptional and his contributions to science make him a recognized and respected global leader in our field. His trainees have been very successful in their own careers as well.

I hope that you will agree that Dr. Marcus Welby is a tremendous choice to be the inaugural Marie Curie Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Gregory House, M.D. Chair, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences