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Dear Dr. Rafael J. Yáñez-Muñoz

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I am writing to you in response to your email of 26th November to Earl Howe regarding future ERA-NET calls for research on rare diseases. As per Earl Howe's reply to your email, I am responding on behalf of the Department's Research and Development Directorate.

The Department of Health through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) recognises the importance of collaboration in rare disease research. However, the NIHR does not contribute funding to European Union medical research initiatives. The NIHR works to fund and support research within the NHS in England.

I hope this clarifies the position of the NIHR.

Yours sincerely,

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