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**“Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation
Honors H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute with a
\$100,000 Grant for Breast Cancer Research”**

Hallandale, FL (November 19, 2008) - The Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation (FBCCRF) has awarded Dr. Dayami Lopez of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute a \$100,000 fellowship grant to support studies for “CG/LH Receptor as a Target for Treatment of Breast Cancer,” a research project to determine the exact mechanism involved in the hCG-dependent induction of apoptosis in breast cancer.

The long-term goal of this study is to determine the mechanisms of apoptotic induction by hCG in breast cancer cells and to examine whether the expression levels of CG/LH receptors could predict response to hCG treatment. Studies will also investigate whether major prognostic indicators in breast cancer could influence the function and/ or expression of the CG/LH receptor.

Congratulations to Dr. Dayami Lopez whose outstanding efforts to end breast cancer through strategic research help bring us one step closer to ending breast cancer. The \$100,000 grant period is set for October 2008 to August 2010.

FBCCRF fellowships were designed to fund post-doctoral research fellows in basic and clinical breast cancer studies. It is available for all MDs, PhDs, or MD-PhDs in the state of Florida who are interested in pursuing a career in breast cancer basic or clinical research. FBCCRF is particularly interested in the establishment of research fellowships that doctors in medical oncology, surgical oncology, and radiation oncology may want to pursue after completion of their formal residency/fellowship. FBCCRF is confident in its decision to fund H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute’s “CG/LH Receptor as a Target for Treatment of Breast Cancer” research project. Within the next two years, FBCCRF looks forward to reporting results that will benefit all who are or will be affected by breast cancer.

About The Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation

The Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation (FBCCRF) is a 501 (c) (3) grassroots organization with the mission to end breast cancer through education, advocacy, and research. FBCCRF works statewide to raise awareness and mobilize Floridians to ensure sufficient public funding for breast cancer research, quality health care for all without fear of discrimination, and an environment free of carcinogens.

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