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Boston Children's Hospital receives research grant

New England Council Member **Boston Children's Hospital** recently received an \$85,000 grant to support research on tuberculosis (TB) and HIV. The funding was provided by the Florida-based Campbell Foundation, which provides HIV/ AIDS research funding to organizations and hospitals nationwide.

Dr. Shahin Ranjbar and her team at the Program in Cellular and Molecular Medicine and the Immune Disease Institute at Children's Hospital will use the grant funding to investigate how tuberculosis manipulates HIV replication and disease progression. The researchers' goal is to identify host restriction factors that inhibit both infections in order to develop therapeutics that target both. They hope to identify new therapeutic targets within the next five to seven years.

"If successful, this team may find novel treatments aimed at improving current TB/HIV treatment regimens with the ultimate goal of eradicating the HIV reservoirs," said The Campbell Foundation's Program Officer Ken Rapkin, in a release.

According to the World Health Organization, one-third to one-half of the 22 million AIDS deaths that have occurred so far can be attributed to TB. The New England Council commends Boston Children's Hospital on its continued dedication to researching both conditions while working towards a treatment.

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