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Dear Sjögren's Patient:

Are you between the ages of 18 and 75 and suffer from Sjögren's syndrome in the absence of other rheumatic conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis or lupus? If so, I am excited to inform you of a Sjögren's clinical research study that is ongoing at a medical center in your area. The investigational medication being researched looks to target the underlying causes of Sjögren's rather than just relieving the symptoms.

Sjögren's is characterized by symptoms such as dry eyes and dry mouth which you may have to deal with every day. However, the disease may also cause other, more widespread symptoms such as skin rash, joint and/or muscle pain, and salivary gland or lymph node swelling.

There is no cure for Sjögren's. Current medications available are designed to relieve the symptoms of disease. You can help change this. The involvement of Sjögren's sufferers, like yourself, in these trials is critical in order to uncover breakthroughs that will help Sjögren's patients worldwide.

I encourage you to learn more about the study by reviewing the enclosed brochure and by contacting the clinical trial team at:

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Qualified participants will receive all study-related care and study medication at no cost. Compensation for travel may be provided.

On behalf of the millions of Sjögren's sufferers in this country, I thank you for taking time to learn more about this clinical trial and consider participating.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Steven Taylor  
Chief Executive Officer

*Note: You received this notice because of your participation and/or interest in the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation. The SSF sends this research notice for information only. It does not represent an endorsement of this study but only makes you aware of this research project for your participation if you choose.*