

Press Release

# Hospital Universitario Puerta de Hierro Majadahonda (HUPHM) Hosts Ceremony for EUR 134,000 Grant Award to Angelman Syndrome Research Project

**Majadahonda, Madrid, Spain – November 21, 2024** – In a landmark event, the Hospital Universitario Puerta de Hierro Majadahonda (HUPHM) proudly hosted a ceremony to award a EUR 134,000 grant by FAST Spain to a pioneering research project on two novel biomarkers for Angelman Syndrome. The research, led by doctors Belén RUIZ ANTORÁN and Antonio SÁNCHEZ LÓPEZ, marks a significant step forward in the understanding and treatment of this rare genetic disorder.

This grant was made possible through the efforts of the Angelman syndrome community of Spain, whose fundraising activities enabled FAST Spain to open its first-ever call for proposals and award the grant.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of several distinguished guests, including Dr. Inmaculada IBÁÑEZ DE CÁCERES, Director-General of Research and Teaching of at the Madrid Secretariat of Health; Dr. Julio GARCÍA PONDAL, Hospital Manager; Dr. Mariano PROVENCIO, Scientific Director of IDIPHISA Research Institute; Mr. Juan José PALOMARES DEL AMO, Chair of the Scientific Committee of FAST Spain; Dr. Enriqueta ROMÁN, Head of the Paediatrics Service; and Dr. Cristina AVENDAÑO, Head of Clinical Pharmacology. The event also saw the attendance of numerous families from the community, underscoring the widespread support and hope vested in this groundbreaking research.

This first-ever research grant award by FAST Spain is a testament to the commitment and dedication of the medical and scientific community towards advancing the understanding of Angelman Syndrome. The identification of two novel biomarkers holds the promise of improved diagnostic tools and therapeutic strategies, potentially transforming the lives of those affected by this condition.

Dr. Belén RUIZ ANTORÁN and Dr. Antonio SÁNCHEZ LÓPEZ expressed their gratitude for the support and emphasized the importance of continued research in this field.

"This is not only one step closer to a cure for Angelman syndrome but also an example of the commitment, perseverance, and hope we share as a community.," said Mr. Juan José Palomares del Amo.

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