



SCA6 NETWORK

Greetings,

My grandfather was diagnosed with spinocerebellar ataxia-type 6, SCA6, back in the 1970s. He and other members of my extended ancestral family enrolled in a study by Dr. David Zee at Johns Hopkins published in 1976. This family history helped ignite my interest in genetics, which led me to pursue a career in molecular genetics.

I am now organizing the SCA6 Network and would like to invite you to join it. The central purpose of the SCA6 Network is to connect, communicate, and share experiences. It is also my hope that this network will advocate for and promote SCA6 research.

The 1976 publication about my family and interactions with Dr. Zee helped launch Dr. Christopher Gomez into a career dedicated to SCA6 research. His work has been supported with the help of federal grants, pharmaceutical support, and individual donations. I feel encouraged by the amazing progress by the Gomez laboratory to understand the cause of SCA6 and to develop a therapy to stop the progression of symptoms. The immediate vision of the SCA6 Network is to provide help to translate research into a clinical trial to stop the progression of SCA6 symptoms. The ultimate long-term vision is to prevent the development of this disease for future generations. There has been tremendous progress in recent years which offers genuine hope for more effective clinical trials in the future.

Please consider joining me on this journey by joining the SCA6 Network at your leisure and on your own terms, including privacy; official names and personal details are not required to join.

Best wishes,
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The mission of the SCA6 Network is to connect people affected by SCA6, to share information about SCA6, raise awareness and funding for advancement of SCA6 research, and to ultimately contribute to the development of better therapies for SCA6.

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