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To whom it concerns.

Thank you for your recent correspondence to me Re mitochondrial disorders.

I can confirm that I am a sufferer of mitochondrial disorders, and have severe symptoms and problems with my legs, I am in constant pain and have to use a wheelchair at all times, also my eyes are effected and I have been told that my eye sight is getting worse. I am also deaf in my Right ear. I also suffer with heart problems and have to have yearly checks. I suffer badly with constipation and may not have a bowel movement for two weeks. I am unable to stand as my legs will not hold me up, they keep giving way under me and I end up falling. I have also had a stroke and one side of my face drooped.

My elderly mother is also suffering with this condition back home in Nigeria.

I completely support any research and experiments that would help prevent transmission of inherited mitochondrial disorders, surely anything that would help prevent this dreadful condition

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and stop babies being born with it has to be a good thing.

Hopefully this condition will be treated successfully in the future.