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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Arlington resident Herbert Kagan, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry at Boston University School of Medicine, recently received funding of \$61,740 from the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases to support a four-year study of the growth and repair of normal or diseased tissue.

The goal of Kagan's research project is to study the enzyme, aortic lysyl oxidase, which plays a critical role in providing structural support to ligaments, skin and other organs. He will also study how the activity of the enzyme may be involved in problems associated with diseases of the lung and cardiovascular tissue.

Kagan received his undergraduate and M.S. degrees from the University of Massachusetts, and his Ph.D. degree from Tufts University.

The author of several scientific articles, Kagan is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society, the American Heart Association, and serves as a consultant to the National Heart and Lung Institute. He lives in Kensington Park with his wife and family.

Boston University School of Medicine is the site of major interdisciplinary research centers, including the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center and the Cardiovascular Institute of Boston University. The School is an innovator in medical education, offering several alternative curricula leading to the M.D. degree.

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