

MACIAS GINI & O'CONNELL, LLP

Review Report

QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW

For the Firm's Audit of the
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022



MALIA M. COHEN
California State Controller

August 2023



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CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER

August 14, 2023

Kevin Starkey, CPA, Partner
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Dear Mr. Starkey:

The State Controller's Office completed a quality control review of Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP. We reviewed the audit working papers for the firm's audit of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Joel James, Chief, Financial Audits Bureau, by telephone at (916) 323-1573.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

KIMBERLY TARVIN, CPA
Chief, Division of Audits

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California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
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Review Report

Summary

The State Controller's Office (SCO) completed a quality control review of Macias Gini O'Connell LLP's working papers for the audit of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

The firm's audit was performed in accordance with the standards and requirements set forth in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, often referred to as generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS); auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and the Business and Professions Code.

Background

CIRM is a California state agency formed pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, which was approved by California voters in November 2004. Proposition 71 added an article to the California Constitution, amended a section of the Government Code, and added sections to the California Health and Safety Code. The purpose of the legislation was the formation of CIRM to:

- Make grants and loans for stem cell research, for research facilities, and for other vital research opportunities to realize therapies, protocols, and/or medical procedures that will result in, as speedily as possible, the diagnosis, treatment, and cure for, and/or substantial mitigation of, major diseases, injuries, and orphan diseases.
- Support all stages of the process of developing treatments and cures, from basic research and discovery through preclinical and translational research to the conduct of successful clinical trials.
- Establish the appropriate regulatory standards and oversight bodies for research and facilities development.

Health and Safety Code section 125290.30(b) requires CIRM to:

...annually commission an independent financial audit of its activities from a certified public accounting firm, which shall be provided to the State Controller, who shall review the audit and annually issue a public report of that review.

Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP is an independent certified public accounting firm with an office located in Sacramento, California. The firm also has California offices in Irvine, Los Angeles, Mountain View, San Diego, San Jose, San Rafael, and Walnut Creek, in addition to out-of-state offices in Atlanta, Georgia; Boca Raton, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; and Melville, New York. The firm has been the independent auditor for CIRM since fiscal year 2005-06.

**Objective, Scope,
and Methodology**

The objective of our quality control review was to determine whether the firm's audit was conducted in compliance with GAGAS, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the Business and Professions Code. We compared the audit work performed by the firm, as documented in the working papers, with the standards stated in the objective above.

Conclusion

Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP's audit of the CIRM for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was performed in accordance with the standards and requirements set forth in GAGAS, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the Business and Professions Code.

This report is applicable solely to the audit working papers of the CIRM for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 and is not intended to pertain to any other work of Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP.

Firm's Response

We discussed the review results with Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP's representatives on May 19, 2023. The firm agreed with the review results presented in this report.

Restricted Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the CIRM; Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP; and the SCO; it is not intended to be, and should not be, used for any other purpose. This restriction is not meant to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Original signed by

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Chief, Division of Audits

August 14, 2023

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