

Burriana, 3rd September 2018.

Dear Mr / Mrs.

The Association **Atypical Haemolytic Uremic Syndrome (ASHUA)** was born in 2012 out of the concern to know more about this ultra-rare disease and to be a meeting point for patients, doctors and researchers. The efforts and the ongoing work of all the people who form the collective interest and the involvement of various professionals as well as Spanish health centres have advanced the knowledge of the atypical haemolytic uremic syndrome (**aHUS**) obtaining a treatment that improves patients' quality of life.

However, the aHUS, caused by a failure of the immune system, remains a condition that can cause death and whose main consequence is a risk of constant thrombosis mainly in the kidneys, but also in the heart, lungs or the brain. In Spain there are 700 people affected by this disease. Early detection is critical to prevent the death of these patients.

Therefore, **ASHUA**, declared Public Interest by the Spanish Home Office, has as one of its goals to raise awareness of the disease and its work as an association, with the intention of stimulating the research into this disease to enable advances in diagnostics and disease treatments.

To be able to reach such a goal, we are kindly ask for your help next **September 24, worldwide aHUS awareness day**, so that our message reaches even more people and that our society becomes aware of the need to advance in research and investigation of aHUS. Despite all the efforts and results achieved, 10% of those affected by this disease still die during the first year following diagnosis and **up to 50% do not recover renal function**.

In case your organization / company can join us next **September 24**, we kindly as you to please contact Mrs. Mireya Carratalá (Secretary of ASHUA) at **(+34) 667 766 179** or by email **info@ashua.es** to organize your participation.

... It is possible to reach **#objetivoCERO ... ZERO** losses of Patients and **ZERO** losses of organs.

Best regards,



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