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Dear SNUCMAA,
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I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible opportunity Seoul National University College of Medicine Alumni Association (SNUCMAA) has provided me through its generous scholarship to continue my graduate studies in Master of Science in Clinical Investigation at Northwestern University. Your support means more to me than words can adequately convey. With your assistance, I was able to pursue my passion for clinical research while undergoing residency training in Internal Medicine, and I would like to share the progress I made in the past several months.

Your belief in my potential and dedication to investing in my education has not only alleviated the financial burden of graduate school but has also instilled in me a profound sense of responsibility and motivation to excel in my academic pursuits. In the summer of 2023, I completed the course, "Antiracist Strategies for Clinical and Translational Research" (MSCI 440-0) followed by the course, "Electronic Health Record Data as a Foundation for Clinical Research" (MSCI 330-0) in the fall of 2023 where I received excellent grades. Since the winter of 2024, I have been attending the course, "Clinical Trials" (MSCI 335-0) which is scheduled to end this month. Afterwards, I will be enrolling in the course, "Clinical Research Design, Methods, and Grant Writing" (MSCI 311-0) for the spring quarter of 2024. As demonstrated by the multiple courses I completed, the scholarship provided by SNUCMAA enabled me to further my education despite the financial constraints of a residency trainee.

In the meantime, I applied for the 2024 Fellowship Match in Cardiovascular Medicine and successfully matched into the Cardiovascular Medicine Fellowship at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. I am eager to continue my academic pursuits in the prestigious program where I will be learning from and working with some of the greatest cardiologists and researchers in the world. As a graduate of Seoul National University College of Medicine, I will do my best to promote my alma mater, set a good example, and lay the foundation for future generations to come.

Despite the busyness of residency, fellowship applications, and graduate school, I continued to grind on my research in cardiovascular medicine whenever I had time. I had the privilege of performing a post-hoc analysis using data from a prior randomized clinical trial for the first time. With Dr. Nanna, my mentor in Yale University, and Dr. Damluji, my mentor in Johns Hopkins University, we compared clinical outcomes and quality of life according to the number of

antianginals in the BARI2D trial. The paper has been published in the *American Journal of Cardiology* (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amjcard.2023.12.045>) where Yasser Jamil, a colleague, and I have shared co-first authorship. My team and I also published the following full manuscripts in their respective journals since the fall of 2023:

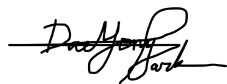
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In addition, I have a first-authored manuscript accepted to *JAMA Network Open* which will be published this month. I have also submitted a case report to *European Heart Journal - Case Reports*, a meta-analysis to *Journal of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions*, another meta-analysis to *JAMA Cardiology*, and an observational study to *Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings*. I am also working on multiple team-projects on pericardiocentesis in malignant pericardial effusion, percutaneous coronary intervention for stable ischemic heart disease in older adults, cognitive performance in cardiovascular diseases, and sex-based differences after percutaneous coronary intervention for ST-elevation myocardial infarction.

I am truly honored to be a recipient of your generosity and promise to make the most of this opportunity by striving for excellence in my studies and future contributions to the field of cardiovascular medicine. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to SNUCMAA for supporting my educational aspirations. Your support has not only enriched my life but will also have a lasting impact on the lives of those who will benefit from the knowledge and skills I acquire through my studies. I am deeply grateful for your investment in my future and look forward to representing your organization with distinction as I continue my journey to become an independent clinician and a clinical investigator.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dae Yong Park". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending to the left.

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