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### RE: Does Up-regulation of COMP Gene Confer Aggressiveness in Early-onset Colon Cancer?

Dear Dr. Valentine Nfongen Nfonsam,

On behalf of SAGES Research & Career Development Committee and the SAGES Board of Governors, I would like to congratulate you on receiving a SAGES Research Grant for 2017. We are pleased to present you with a check in the amount of **\$30,000.00** which will be forwarded, separately, after the SAGES Annual Meeting. This award was made possible through a grant from the SAGES Education and Research Foundation.

**Research grant winners will be announced during the SAGES Foundation Awards Lunch during the Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 12:00pm-1:30pm. Your presence or that of one of your co-investigators is requested.** The luncheon will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center in room 332. Please make sure to complete the attached forms to confirm that one of you will participate. If you should have any administrative questions regarding the award, please contact Diana Muñoz at the SAGES office via email [diana@sages.org](mailto:diana@sages.org).

According to the grant terms and conditions which you agreed to when you submitted your grant, requested follow up information must be provided to the SAGES Research and Career Development Committee. Investigators are required to submit semi-annual updates to the SAGES Research Committee during the course of the research project, starting 6 months after the grant has been awarded. At the conclusion of the project, the investigator is required to submit a final update report to the Research Committee. An abstract must be submitted for the SAGES Scientific Session, which immediately follows the successful completion of the work. Additionally, a manuscript on the study and your findings must be sent to *Surgical Endoscopy*. A copy of the final manuscript must be sent to the SAGES office in order for the grant to be considered complete. SAGES must be acknowledged as a funding source. If these requirements are not met, all investigators may be denied future funding through the SAGES research grant program for 2 years. If the money used as stated in the grant and/or is not returned to SAGES if requested, the PI and the responsible Co-PI will be ineligible for future SAGES funding.

Sincerely,

David Urbach, MD  
Chair, SAGES Research and Career Development Committee

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