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February 14, 2022

Philip T. Gu, MD  
Fellow  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
8730 Alden Dr.  
E220  
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Dear Dr. Gu:

We are pleased to notify you that you have been awarded a Clinical Research Award from the American College of Gastroenterology in the amount of \$47,271 for your project entitled, "Thinking outside the bowel: The prognostic potential of the mesentery for post-operative recurrence in Crohn's disease." Please use the attached Reply Form to notify Sarah Richman in the College's office by email ([research@gi.org](mailto:research@gi.org)) of the correct institution to which the funding should be made payable along with a copy of your institution's W-9.

This grant is provided with the following stipulations:

1. **Restrictions:** The funds are restricted to usage for the specific project, investigator(s) and institution(s) stated in the proposal you submitted. Within that project, the funds are largely unrestricted and can be used for whatever phase of the research you deem necessary, subject however to the limitations of the ACG Clinical Research Award announcement. In particular, indirect/university overhead expenses are not permitted and funds cannot be used for investigator salaries.

2. **Budget:** Listed below for reference, is the budget included in your application:

Research Needs	Budgeted Cost with Fringe Benefits* for Personnel
Computational Biologist (Shishir Dube, PhD)	\$21,538
Advanced Imaging Specialist (Norman Gellada, BSHS, ARRT)	\$9,066
Clinical Research Scientist (Shaohang Yang, MD)	\$16,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,271</b>

\* Fringe benefits are calculated at Cedars-Sinai's DHHS-negotiated rate of 29.5%.

**PERSONNEL:**

**Clinical Research Scientist: 25% effort, 3.0 calendar months.** A Clinical Research Scientist, under the guidance of Drs. McGovern and Gu, will help manage and conduct research for Specific Aim 1. The responsibilities will include assisting with maintaining and quality control of the data in the database and participating in the writing and editing of peer-reviewed publications. Cedars-Sinai will support a portion of the Clinical Research Scientist's salary and fringe.

**Computational Biologist: 14% effort, 1.7 calendar months.** Under the guidance of Drs. McGovern and Gu, the Computational Biologist will use statistical software such as R to conduct the statistical analyses and maintain documentation of statistical coding to support further research. Additionally, the Biostatistician will report data to the research team and provide support in interpretation of the statistical results. Finally, the Biostatistician will write technical reports of statistical analyses for all IRB submissions and peer-review publications. Cedars-Sinai will support a portion of the Computational Biologist's salary and fringe.

**Advanced Imaging Specialist: 3.71% effort, 0.4 months.** Under the guidance of Drs. Gu, Saouaf, and Kallman, the Advanced Imaging Specialist will perform visceral adipose tissue (VAT) and subcutaneous adipose tissue (SAT) segmentation on cross-sectional imaging of included patients. The Advanced Imaging Specialist will also provide instruction and support for using the imaging software. Cedars-Sinai will support a portion of the Advanced Imaging Specialist's salary and fringe.

3. **Protocol requirements:** You must forward evidence that the protocol has been approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board for Human Research. For proposals that involve payment of human subjects, please also forward the IRB approved consent form. No funds will be released without IRB approval.
4. **Acknowledgement in Publications:** Publications that arise from this effort should acknowledge that the work was supported by a Clinical Research Award from the American College of Gastroenterology.
5. **Presenting Research at ACG Annual Scientific Meeting:**
  - i. You are encouraged, but not required, to submit the results of this work for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Gastroenterology and for publication in The American Journal of Gastroenterology.
  - ii. If an abstract of this work is submitted to, and accepted by, the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting of the American College of Gastroenterology, travel expenses not to exceed \$500 (coach airfare) to and from the meeting may be requested from the College; this will be given in addition to the award.
6. **Grant Period:** The one-year funding period begins on July 1, 2022 and concludes June 30, 2023. If a no-cost extension is required, it must be requested in writing to [research@gi.org](mailto:research@gi.org), and include the following information:
  - 1) PI Full name
  - 2) Year of Award and Type of Award
  - 3) Title of project
  - 4) Reason for the request – any additional information on challenges with completing the project, patient recruitment, etc.
  - 5) Update on the progress to date for the project
7. **Reporting:** We require a final report by December 31, 2023 through the ACG website <https://gi.org/reporting-form-for-past-acg-grant-recipients/>
8. **Unspent funding:** If any of the funding is unspent at the end of the grant period, a no-cost extension may be requested if appropriate. Any unspent monies should be returned to: ACG Institute, 6400 Goldsboro Rd, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20817. Include Memo: Research Funding – PI name & year of award (e.g. CRA 2021 – Jane Smith )

9. **Acceptance:** Please note that if the Primary Investigator is a Trainee, the attached reply form should be signed by the Responsible Investigator named in the proposal. The Responsible Investigator shall fulfill the reporting requirements of the grant and be accountable for the funds.

10. **Photo:** Please provide a high-resolution headshot to be used in promotional materials.

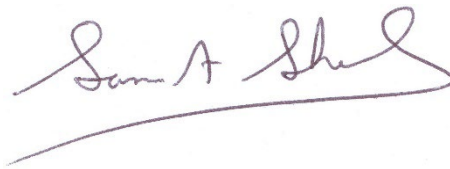
Support for this program is from the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education. Please notify us of your decision as soon as possible but no later than February 24, 2022.

Congratulations, and we wish you the best of success with this project.

Yours Sincerely,



Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (EPID), FACG  
ACG Institute Director



Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG  
ACG 2021-2022 President



**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GASTROENTEROLOGY**

**2022 RESEARCH AWARD ACCEPTANCE FORM**



**Project Title:**

**Principal Investigator\*:**

**Responsible Investigator (only applicable if PI is a trainee):**

**Institution:**

**Contact Information for Award:**

**Principal Investigator Address (for correspondence):**

**Name & Email of Institution's grant officer/post award contact (*do not list the PI*):**

**Payment Information**

**1. Payee (Name of Institution):**

**2. Attach a copy of your Institution's W-9**

**3. Payment method:**

**Check**

**ACH - electronic transfer (preferred)**

**a. IF a check payment is selected, indicate the address below:**

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

- b. IF ACH is selected, attach your institution's banking information. Include the following information:

Bank Name:

Address of bank:

ABA number:

Bank account number:

**4. Reference number or Information which will help direct the funds:**

Certification and Acceptance of Funding:

1. I understand that the ACG Institute does not provide duplicate funding and recognize my obligation to inform the ACG of any additional funding approved for this project.

2. Check one of the following:

This project has not received additional funding support or commitments of support since submission of the original grant proposal.

This project has received additional funding support or commitments of support.  
(describe sponsor, amount)

*Please note:* Funding will not be released until ACG has received all the requested information listed in the award letter including a copy of the IRB approval or exemption. Funding will be released prior to the start date of the award (July 1, 2022 for all award types except the Medical Student Research Award which begins May 1, 2022).

Signature of Principal Investigator\*: 

Date:

**Institutional Signature (authorized signature for funding):**

**Date:**

*\*If Principal Investigator is a trainee, this should be signed by the Responsible Investigator named in the proposal. The Responsible Investigator shall fulfill the reporting requirements of the grant and be accountable for the funds.*

**Please return at your earliest convenience but before February 24, 2022 to:**

**ATTN: Sarah Richman, [research@gi.org](mailto:research@gi.org)**