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To whom it may concern,

Re: Report following attendance at the Experimental Biology meeting 2009, Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology 2009 Annual Conference, and King's BHF Centre of Research Excellence 2009 Symposium

I have returned to Australia on the 21st May 2009, and would firstly like to thank the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (ASCEPT) for your financial support that allowed me to attend the Experimental Biology meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, from the 18th until the 22nd April, the Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. from the 29th of April until the 1st of May, and the King's British Heart Foundation Centre of Research Excellence Symposium in London, UK, on the 11th of May, 2009. All of the conferences were a huge success where a huge number of delegates attended the meeting.

This was my first international conference during my PhD candidature and I felt privileged to be a part these meetings that were regarded so highly by scientists from all over the world. With such a large attendance, and numerous experts specifically in the cardiovascular field, it provided the most up to date scientific knowledge with state of the art lectures, topical workshops, satellite symposiums as well as poster and oral sessions on a wide variety of current cardiovascular topics. Of particular interest to me, were seminars presented by Dr Qingbo Xu and Dr Lawrence Chan, as well as meeting with Professor Alan Daugherty and Professor Ajay Shah which provided new ideas and approaches to my research.

Presentation of my posters entitled "Vaso- and Athero- protective effects of non-AT₁ receptors in apolipoprotein-E deficient mice" and "Vaso- and Athero- protective effects of Angiotensin (1-7) and CGP 42112 in apolipoprotein-E deficient mice" were very well received, and I am grateful for the invaluable experience I gained from presenting my current findings to a large audience who are experts in this field.

This conference has allowed me to network among potential international collaborators and to discuss possible post doctoral opportunities following completion of my PhD. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious scientific meetings and I am pleased to report that this experience has led to new ideas and future studies that I aim to complete. I would like to thank the ASCEPT again for providing financial assistance that made this trip possible.

Yours sincerely,

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