



To whom it may concern,

Chung Young Kim is a truly exceptional young scientist, whose passion for ophthalmology and translational research is evident in his numerous contributions to the field. As a clinical fellow and Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Ophthalmology at Seoul National University Hospital, Seoul National University College of Medicine, he has already made significant strides in advancing our understanding of corneal xenotransplantation.

Dr. Kim's dedication and enthusiasm for his work is not only an inspiration to his fellow colleagues but also to his advisors in the department. His research interests in immunological mechanisms related to corneal xenotransplantation are not only novel but also crucial in addressing the unmet clinical needs in this field.

Dr. Kim's commitment to excellence is further exemplified by his efforts in preparing the 2023 IXA abstract. His research for this abstract reflects the highest standards of scientific rigor and innovation, and it promises to shed new light on the mechanisms and potential of corneal xenotransplantation.

As an IXA Scientific Abstract Travel Awards recipient, Dr. Kim would have the opportunity to further his research and innovation in ophthalmology, making valuable contributions to the scientific community both in Korea and abroad. His exceptional achievements and potential as a researcher make him an ideal candidate for this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

Chair, Department of Ophthalmology

Seong-Joon Kim

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read '김성준' (Kim Seong-jun).