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# In Reference to “The Value of Resident Presentations at Scientific Meetings”

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We would like to thank the editors of major otolaryngology journals for their insightful editorial entitled “The Value of Resident Presentations at Scientific Meetings” published in *The Laryngoscope* and other prominent otolaryngologic journals.<sup>1-14</sup> We strongly agree about the importance of encouraging research among residents and that poster presentations are an effective way to involve residents at scientific meetings and in the peer review process. Encouraging residents to apply for external sources of research support, such as those offered by the American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery Foundation Centralized Otolaryngology Research Efforts (CORE) grant program is also important. In addition to decreasing the financial burden on departments, CORE grants are associated with greater scholarly impact and subsequent National Institutes of Health funding support.<sup>15</sup>

In addition to the valuable points raised regarding resident participation in the editorial just cited,<sup>1-14</sup> we would like to emphasize the value of encouraging and guiding medical student scholarly activity. In our experience, collaborating with medical students on projects ranging from basic to more clinically oriented studies helps build the interest and skill set that make it more likely that they will enthusiastically pursue research activity during residency training. It is also helpful to them in their pursuit of competitive residency positions. Our recent analysis examining authorship trends in *The Laryngoscope* and *International Forum of Allergy and Rhinology* reveals medical students may be underinvolved, and it suggests tangible benefits to the faculty collaborating with students because there is an association between greater scholarly impact and collaborating with nondoctoral authors in these

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journals.<sup>16</sup> Regardless of what level of training one is at, we strongly agree with, support, and praise the editors' valuable points that supporting current trainees in scholarly pursuits is crucial for the continued advancement of our specialty.

## Note

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## Conflicts of Interest

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