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Dear Dr. [Steven Schrodi](https://loop.frontiersin.org/people/120238/overview),

For the purpose of collaboration in clinical research and a joint effort to prepare research grants to study rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis and other rheumatic diseases of Chinese cohort, I’d like to invite you to attend the annual academic meeting of Guanghua Integrative Medicine Hospital (GIMH) that will be held from June 20 to 22 in Shanghai, China, and visit our Division from June 23 to 29, 2018. During this visit, you will have outlook the our latest progress on rheumatology disease and we will discuss the future collaboration between Guanghua Integrative Medicine Hospital and Marshfield Clinic in genetic epidemiology and genetic rheumatology as well as the plan to prepare some international grants between US and China. We will cover the full cost of air travel (economy class) for your visit to Shanghai and to attend meeting of annual academic meeting of Guanghua Integrative Medicine Hospital, as well as the accommodation and meals.

A detailed agenda has been generated for you as below:

June 20-22 (Wednesday -Friday)

GIMH meeting in Shanghai, China

June 23-24 (Weekend)

Visiting Guanghua Integrative Medicine Hospital and Casual activities

Visiting [Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine](http://www.shutcm.com/english/) and Casual activities

June 25 (Monday)

7:30 am – 9:00 am: Rheumatology case studies –in Guanghua Integrative Medicine Hospital

9:00 am – 11:30 am: Meeting with individual faculty member of GIMH Rheumatology

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Lunch

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Research activities – Discussion of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) studies

6:30 pm -9:00 pm: Welcome Dinner

June 26 (Tuesday)

7:30 am -9:00 am: Research conference of GIMH on Rheumatology disease

9:00 am -11:30 am: Clinical visiting in the GIMH Professional Building

11:30 am -12:30 pm: Lunch

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Research activities – studies of rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

June 27-28 (Wednesday-Thursday)

8:00 am -11:30 am: Research activities – studies of RA - in the Laboratory of GIMH Rheumatology

June 29 (Friday) Flight to Marshfield, Wisconsin

Sincerely,

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