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Cover Letter

Dear Hiring Manager,

I am interested in applying for the position of Clinical Research Associate at Precision Medicine Group. Throughout my medical studies, extra-curricular activities, and scientific research participation, I have had the privilege to gain skills and knowledge in clinical research that I believe make me an ideal candidate for this position at Precision Medicine Group. I am committed to the field of medicine—and through research—I am confident that I can contribute positively and hope to make an impactful difference to your clinical research team and projects.

I am a recent medical graduate of Jagiellonian University Medical College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Boston College. Through my studies, I have had the honor and privilege of working with some of the best researchers in the field of surgical anatomy and orthopedic surgery. My current enrollment in a Masters in Data Science has allowed me to understand and apply principles of data analysis using R, Python, and SQL both directly and translationally to systematic review and meta-analysis projects.

During my medical studies, I participated in scientific research as a member of the International Evidence-Based Anatomy Working Group (iEBA-WG) and the Artromedical Orthopedic Clinic. I was responsible for protocol development, data collection—including data extraction, transformation, and meta-analysis—and manuscript drafting and revising for various projects that led to the publication of multiple articles at top journals. Inspired by the work ethic, creativity, and cooperation of my supervisors, senior research team leaders and members, I developed a sense of passion and curiosity in the methodology, analysis, and scientific writing. Through continued effort and determination for growth, I have learned to be able to lead team research projects, as well as conceptualize, design and execute independent research projects—a testament to the teachings of my supervisors and peers.

In my first role as project lead as a Senior Graduate Fellow for iEBA-WG, I synthesized quantitative data on the surgical anatomy and location of the greater palatine foramen and artery—for which I became familiar with randomized and non-randomized clinical trial studies as I had to methodically and meticulously assess and grade their risk of bias, quality, and evidence validity. As a Research Fellow for Artromedical Orthopedic Clinic, I led a case-control diagnostic study where we worked with individual patient data to ascertain the reliability and validity of diagnosing anterior cruciate ligament tears from the quantitative measurements obtained from MRI images prior to confirmatory diagnosis from arthroscopic visualization.

My intense passion and determination to be an impactful member of these various projects and contribute to the field of science has led me to many trial-and-error mistakes and failures; and through such experiences and adversities, I have learned not only to be okay with making mistakes but also that they are necessary for continued growth and contribution in the field. As Clinical Research Associate for the Precision for Medicine, Oncology and Rare Diseases CRO, I am certain that my knowledge, experience, and attitude will bring a lasting and impactful difference.

Sincerely,

Dong Woon Kim, MD