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I would like to thank both the Canadian Radiation Oncology Foundation (CROF) and the Flims Workshop staff for the opportunity to participate in the 11th ECCO-AACR-ASCO Workshop on "Methods in clinical cancer research".

The personalized financial support from the CROF Fellowship Grant was an honour and made this learning opportunity possible for me.

The most valuable experience of the workshop was participation in the small group "Protocol Development Sessions". These sessions were chaired by oncologic experts who, together with the other participants in my group, gave valuable feedback regarding my trial design and implementation. With these changes, my protocol will be able to produce more meaningful data to answer the primary hypothesis.

In addition to the protocol group sessions, daily lectures were led by knowledgeable staff who demonstrated a keen interest in our learning experience. I enjoyed the broad range of topics discussed, including clinical trial design, ethics, statistics, predictive markers, safety monitoring, and molecular targeting.

It was also a great experience to discuss the variations in clinical practice amongst participants from different parts of the world. This gave me a better appreciation for the different ways to treat cancer, and in doing so, gave me new ideas for research.

The relationships that I developed at the Flims Workshop will be valuable, both from a clinical perspective and as potential collaborators in future research.

In summary, the Flims Workshop was nothing short of exceptional. I would highly recommend it to junior oncologists of any specialty to enhance their knowledge of good clinical trial design and to maximize the results of their research.

Sincerely,

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