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Dear Dr. Saito,

It is a great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected from this year's submitted abstracts to be the recipient of the SAGES Foundation Gerald Marks Rectal Cancer Award for 2015.

This award is chosen by a special committee of reviewers from hundreds of submitted abstracts and given to one individual each year.

We congratulate you and look forward to your award presentation at the Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. The SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon will take place at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center on Wednesday, April 15 at 12:00 PM. Please kindly be available immediately after the presentation for photos.

Your award entitles you to complimentary registration fee for the Scientific Session portion of the SAGES meeting, one paid hotel night, and two complimentary tickets to the Awards Luncheon.

Please email Evelyn Rodewald, Executive Director of the SAGES Foundation to confirm that you will accept this award during the SAGES Annual Meeting.

Once again, on behalf of the SAGES Foundation please accept our congratulations.

Yours truly,

Bruce Schirmer, MD

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