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Dr. Henry Blackburn
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

I am writing to ask for your consideration in accepting William B. Kerr as a student to work with your group. William, a fourth year medical student here at SUNY-Buffalo, has been interested for years in the anthropological perspective of atherosclerosis and would very much like to spend some of his elective time working with you in Minneapolis on this topic.

As you can see from his C.V., he has spent some time in England both working and reading on the topic of diet and atherosclerosis and the evolution of human diet. William is now in the process of writing a paper summarizing his experiences on the topic, and I think he would greatly benefit from working with you. Your preceptorship would be especially valuable because I think that your example could provide an excellent stimulus for William to join the rank of physicians interested in the prevention of atherosclerosis and chronic diseases. I have only known William Kerr for a short time, but I am impressed with his desire of knowledge and his interest in the anthropology of atherosclerosis.

I hope that your work in Minneapolis is going well. I am personally enjoying my experience here in Buffalo and the interaction with both students and colleagues. Hoping to see you in Washington for the World Congress of Cardiology.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Maurizio Trevisan, M.D.

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