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2016 ACMG Foundation / PerkinElmer Diagnostics Travel Award Winner Announced

BETHESDA, MD – **March 11, 2016**| Jessica Tenney, MD was honored as the 2016 recipient of the **ACMG Foundation/PerkinElmer Diagnostics Travel Award** at the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) 2016 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Tampa, Florida.

Dr. Tenney was selected to receive the award for her poster presentation, "Loss of Function Mutations in the Splicesome Component SF3B4 Produces Acrofacial Dysotosis, Rodriguez Type."

Dr. Tenney completed her MD at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Currently, she is a Clinical Instructor for the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and is also a Research Fellow for the International Skeletal Dysplasia Registry at UCLA.

"I am grateful for this generous award and appreciate the ACMG Foundation and PerkinElmer for their commitment to geneticists-in-training. I would also like to thank my P.I. and mentor, Deborah Krakow, for giving me the opportunity to work with the International Skeletal Dysplasia Registry at UCLA," said Dr. Tenney.

This award was created in 2008 by Signature Genomics to recognize an ACMG member, and first author of a platform presentation abstract for the scientific program. The ACMG Program Committee selects the Travel Award recipient based on scientific merit. In recognition of the selected presentation, PerkinElmer Diagnostics covers the travel costs for the recipient to the ACMG Meeting.

"The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine is grateful to PerkinElmer Diagnostics for its continued generous support of the development of medical genetic researchers through this Travel Award," said Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD FACMG, President of the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine.

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Note to editors: To arrange interviews with experts in medical genetics, contact Kathy Beal, MBA, ACMG Director of Public Relations at kbeal@acmg.net or 301-238-4582.

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