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## Dear Georgia:

This is Quentin, a 3<sup>rd</sup>-year student in pharmacology and Master of Management dual degree. I hope you are doing well, staying healthy and happy in this pandemic. I also hope that your Co-op in the Lockwood lab is going well. I was wondering if you would be willing to provide me with a strong reference for a summer studentship in therapeutic strategies in combating lung cancer at the Lockwood lab at the BC Cancer Research Centre.

As a student who is going into the Co-op program in September, I think that this summer opportunity would be a great prelude, giving me the upper hand in the competitive Co-op environment. Additionally, although I have not done much bench research, I believe this would be a terrific first opportunity, as I am extremely passionate about oncology. My passion is most notably showcased as a prospective summer student of Dr. Lim's at the Perelman school of medicine in pediatric hematologic oncology (unfortunately, COVID prevented this amazing research opportunity from proceeding). In addition, I have a lot of clinical research background and believe that I could bring a unique perspective to the table.

Your reference would be of utmost importance, considering that you come from a similar background and can vouch for my pharmacological skills. In addition, since you are a student in the lab, your recommendation is of high significance to those considering my application and whether I would be a good fit, such as your lab mates and your Principal Investigator.

Please let me know if you have any further questions in order for me to learn a little more about you and vice versa, which will contribute to the sincerity of the strong reference letter. I have attached my application package so you can view my credentials more easily.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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