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Dear Dr. Hodel,

I was delighted to learn that you have been selected as the 2008 recipient of an Astellas USA Foundation Award, administered by the American Chemical Society (ACS). This award carries a \$30,000 prize and an invitation to speak at a ½ day symposium,

The Astellas USA Foundation Awards were established to identify individuals or teams who exemplify the criterion of having significantly contributed to scientific research that improved public health through their contributions in the chemical and related sciences. Through its Awards Program, ACS encourages the advancement of chemistry in all its branches and the promotion of research in chemical sciences.

The American Chemical Society is proud to recognize you for your pioneering work to help establish facilities for the production of pharmaceuticals, in particular generic drugs for the African continent. I am personally delighted to add my congratulations.

To honor the 2008 Award Recipients, the ACS will host a special symposium and luncheon during the 238th ACS National Meeting in Washington, DC, in August 2009. You will be receiving additional information about the program and the event from ACS staff.

Once again, I congratulate you on receiving this honor, and thank you for your contributions to the chemical enterprise.

Warmest regards,

Eric C. Bigham, Ph.D.  
Chair  
ACS Board Committee on Grants & Awards