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Dear Dr. Smith,

Thank you very much for sparing your time for our meeting during JCS2015 on April 24th, which, I believe, was very fruitful in strengthening our close relationship.

This is to confirm that the Japanese Circulation Society (JCS) agreed to start working on the program "Get With The Guideline" (GWTG) in coordination with the AHA and by utilizing the JROAD data that the JCS holds. We further agreed that, when the AHA succeeds in the necessary funding in near future, the AHA and the JCS will discuss further to broaden the scope of GWTG.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hisao Ogawa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hisao Ogawa. MD, Ph.D
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