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Rory James Tinker, MD Receives the 2024 Richard King Award for Best Publication by a Trainee in *Genetics in Medicine*

BETHESDA, MD – March 13, 2024 | Rory James Tinker, MD is the recipient of the **2024 Richard King Trainee Award**. This award was instituted by the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine to encourage American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMG), international equivalents, or genetic counseling trainees in their careers and to foster the publication of the highest quality research in *Genetics in Medicine (GIM)*, an official journal of the ACMG.

Each year the editorial board reviews all articles published in *GIM* by eligible trainees who were either a first or corresponding author during that year. The manuscript considered to have the most merit is selected by the editors. Dr. Tinker received the award for his article, "[Phenotypic Presentation of Mendelian Disease Across the Diagnostic Trajectory in Electronic Health Records](#)," which was published online in *GIM* in October 2023.

Dr. Tinker hails originally from London, United Kingdom. Currently, he is a combined pediatrics and genetics resident at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where his work with children with genetic disorders inspired him to pursue a career in Pediatric Genetics. His principal academic interest is how genetic technology can identify, diagnose, and ultimately, treat rare disorders.

"I am so happy to have received the King Trainee Award from the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine. I would like to dedicate this award to my fantastic genetic mentors at Vanderbilt, including Drs. Phillips, Bastarache, Peterson, Hamid, Agrawal and Grochowsky. But above all I am incredibly grateful for the inspiration my patients with genetic disease provide every day," said Dr. Tinker.

"One of my favorite activities as *GIM* Editor-in-Chief is helping to choose the winner of the King Award every year. I always look forward in December to reviewing papers we've published by trainees the previous year. 2023 was a great year for trainee publications at *GIM*. We had a truly impressive selection of outstanding publications authored by trainees this past year. I am thrilled to announce that Dr. Rory James Tinker has been selected for his authorship. It will be a real delight to officially honor the awardee at this year's ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting," said Robert D. Steiner, MD, FAAP, FACMG, editor-in-chief of *GIM*.

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The award is given by the ACMG Foundation and is named for Dr. Richard King in recognition of his instrumental role in creating *Genetics in Medicine* and serving as the first and founding editor-in-chief of the journal.

About the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine

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