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Candidate Bio:

Dr. Kou obtained a Ph.D. degree in 2011 from Peking University. From 2011-2014, he worked as a Research Associate at Peking University School and Hospital of Stomatology. From 2014-2018, he worked as a visiting scholar/Postdoc at the University of Southern California and the University of Pennsylvania for research on mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs).

Dr. Kou is currently a professor and the Deputy Director of Orthodontics Department at Guanghua School and Hospital of Stomatology, Sun Yat-sen University. His research interests focus on mesenchymal stem cell and extracellular vesicle-related craniofacial tissue regeneration and disease treatment.

He has authored over 70 peer-reviewed papers, with an H-index of 43 (Google Scholar). He has published 30 research papers as the corresponding or first author in *Sci Transl Med* (2018, 2022), *Cell Res*, *The Innovation*, *ACS Nano* (2021, 2024), *Mol Ther*, *JDR* etc. He has applied for over 30 patents (8 authorized). Dr. Kou was supported by projects such as the Ten Thousand Young Talents program, the National Natural Science Foundation of China, and the Pearl River Young Talent Project.

Candidate Statement:

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Director of the IADR Craniofacial Biology Group. As a committed member of our community, I value the Group's role in advancing craniofacial biology research, fostering collaboration, and supporting investigators at all career stages. Serving as Director would provide an opportunity to actively contribute to our mission by participating in Executive Committee discussions, supporting the abstract review process, and contributing to group communications. I am particularly enthusiastic about promoting scientific excellence, encouraging interdisciplinary exchange, and strengthening engagement among trainees and early-career researchers. I believe thoughtful leadership, inclusivity, and consistent communication are essential to sustaining a vibrant and impactful scientific group. If elected, I will dedicate my time and energy to representing our membership, supporting our annual activities, and helping shape initiatives that enhance the visibility and impact of craniofacial biology research within IADR and beyond.