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It has been a true privilege to receive the 2025 PACE Career Development Award. Following completion of my PhD in 2023, I have been working to establish an independent research career while balancing clinical responsibilities and family commitments, including caring for two young children. The PACE Award provided essential support that enabled me to develop a research program while working part-time during this early career transition.

During the award period, I achieved several important academic milestones. I published my first senior-author manuscript in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism* and contributed to an international collaborative study published in *The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology*. These publications represent significant steps toward establishing my independent research profile in endocrinology.

I was also honoured to be invited as a speaker at the Annual Conference of the Association of Clinical Endocrinologists and Diabetologists of Bangladesh, reflecting growing international recognition of my work. In addition, I contributed to the academic community through peer-review activities for the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism* and *Endocrine Connections*.

Capacity building and mentorship have been key components of my development. I supervised six junior doctors undertaking research projects related to primary aldosteronism. I am currently leading two prospective clinical studies: one investigating the gut microbiome in individuals with primary aldosteronism, and another aimed at improving detection rates of primary aldosteronism among patients with hypertension and cardiovascular disease.

The PACE Career Development Award has provided important support during this early career stage, enabling me to continue developing my research alongside clinical practice. I am grateful for the opportunity and the support provided.