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I am extremely grateful to the membership of the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology for granting me a bursary to attend the 2024 Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut-Up Study Days. I wished to attend to both build a strong foundation of knowledge in the increasingly important field of Molecular Pathology and refine my Cut-Up skills and technique at an early stage in my career in order to prime my future career development and progression.

Both days provided me with insights into a previously unknown breadth and depth of information in Molecular Pathology and Cut-Up, and I found the presentations on both areas of seemingly opposite ends of the histopathology specimen journey complementary and mutually reinforcing. I found the information given on unexpected incidental findings in Molecular Pathology panels and specific Cut-Up techniques, for example the six-sided approach to Head and Neck specimen margins, particularly useful and plan to incorporate this into my practise. The Cut-Up study day overall also instilled me with confidence in how to optimally dissect and sample the majority of specimens.

To conclude, the study days exceeded my expectations and I recommend attending to colleagues, particularly those in the early stages of their career like me.