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Dear Allison:

On behalf of KDIGO we are happy to write in support of the SONG initiative. We have followed this closely over the past two years and are very impressed with the involvement of the global kidney community and patients and family members. This is valuable work

that will benefit all stakeholders in the future.

KDIGO supports standardization of trial outcomes because this facilitates comparison of data from different trials and enhances the

development of robust clinical practice guidelines.

We agree that your work can improve the relevance and value of trials for informed shared decision-making among patients with

chronic kidney disease and their healthcare providers.

KDIGO will keep the SONG results as a resource for future guideline and conference activities. We are pleased to contribute personally to

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the research you have done and will put it to use whenever

appropriate.

Thank you very much for taking on this project and making this

valuable contribution to global nephrology.

Sincerely.

David Wheeler

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