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SECTION I
Summary Data

A Program Data

	Integrated	Joint	Total
Number of Participating Programs	56	67	123
Total Number of Positions Offered	239	286	525
Total Number of Positions Filled	239	285	524
Total Number of Unfilled Positions	0	1	1

B Applicant Characteristics

	Registered for Match n = 958	Submitted Rank List n = 812	Matched n = 524	Unmatched n = 288
US Allopathic Seniors	69% (657/958)	77% (624/812)	86% (450/524)	60% (174/288)
US Allopathic Grads	9% (82/958)	8% (65/812)	7% (39/524)	9% (26/288)
US Osteopathic Seniors	8% (77/958)	7% (59/812)	4% (20/524)	14% (39/288)
US Osteopathic Grads	2% (20/958)	1% (11/812)	<1% (4/524)	2% (7/288)
International Seniors	<1% (8/958)	<1% (1/812)	0% (0/524)	<1% (1/288)
International Grads	12% (114/958)	6% (52/812)	2% (11/524)	14% (41/288)

C Comparative Overall Statistics 2019 – 2025

	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2022	Feb 2023	Feb 2024	Feb 2025
APPLICANTS OVERVIEW							
Registered for the match	790	737	829	877	855	917	958
Applied to programs	740	703	767	831	815	877	912
Submitted rank list	649	635	677	748	742	779	812
Ranked by programs	635	617	665	748	723	768	786
APPLICANTS MATCH OUTCOME (n / SUBMITTED RANK LIST)							
Overall % Matched	75% (484)	78% (495)	74% (498)	68% (507)	69% (514)	66% (518)	65% (524)
US Seniors % Matched	93% (449)	90% (444)	91% (455)	92% (469)	90% (464)	89% (463)	90% (470)
US Grads % Matched	4% (18)	4% (22)	6% (29)	5% (24)	6% (33)	6% (33)	8% (43)
IMGs % Matched	3% (17)	6% (29)	3% (14)	3% (14)	3% (17)	4% (22)	2% (11)
Overall % Unmatched	25% (165)	22% (140)	26% (179)	32% (241)	31% (228)	34% (261)	35% (288)
POSITIONS OVERVIEW							
Offered	485	496	499	509	516	520	525
Filled	484	495	498	507	514	518	524
Unfilled	1	1	1	2	2	2	1

Supplementary Applicant Data in Matched vs. Unmatched Candidates

D USMLE Step 2 and COMLEX 2 Mean Scores (Range)

USMLE Step 2 CK	Matched	Unmatched
US Seniors	258 (224-282)	245 (215-271)
US Grads	252 (216-268)	243 (218-265)
Internationals	253 (219-269)	245 (203-271)

COMLEX 2 CE	Matched	Unmatched
US Seniors	622 (510-793)	548 (409-738)
US Grads	587 (468-664)	554 (435-669)

E AOA Status

	Matched n = 524	Unmatched n = 288	Total Rank List Submitted n = 812
Elected	27% (142/524)	5% (15/288)	19% (157/812)
Not Elected	16% (86/524)	24% (69/288)	19% (155/812)
Not Yet Determined – US institution	13% (70/524)	9% (27/288)	12% (97/812)
Not Available – US institution	17% (88/524)	11% (32/288)	15% (120/812)
Not Available – International Institution	1% (7/524)	8% (24/288)	4% (31/812)
No Response	25% (131/524)	42% (121/288)	31% (252/812)

F — Major Publications

MATCHED APPLICANTS n = 524				
	Peer-Reviewed Articles – Published Mean (Range)	Peer-Reviewed Abstracts – Published Mean (Range)	Peer-Reviewed Online Articles – Published Mean (Range)	Non-Peer-Reviewed Online Articles – Published Mean (Range)
First-author	1.8 (0-15)	0.6 (0-5)	0.2 (0-7)	0.4 (0-15)
Co-author	2.9 (0-25)	1.1 (0-19)	0.1 (0-9)	0.2 (0-7)
Total	**4.7** (0-25)	**1.7** (0-19)	**0.3** (0-9)	**0.6** (0-15)

UNMATCHED APPLICANTS n = 288				
	Peer-Reviewed Articles – Published Mean (Range)	Peer-Reviewed Abstracts – Published Mean (Range)	Peer-Reviewed Online Articles – Published Mean (Range)	Non-Peer-Reviewed Online Articles – Published Mean (Range)
First-author	1.3 (0-18)	0.5 (0-7)	0.3 (0-10)	0.3 (0-11)
Co-author	2.9 (0-35)	0.9 (0-17)	0.1 (0-5)	0.1 (0-7)
Total	**4.2** (0-35)	**1.4** (0-17)	**0.4** (0-10)	**0.4** (0-11)

G — URiM Status

MATCHED APPLICANTS	URiM n = 77	Not URiM n = 447	Total n = 524
US Allopathic Seniors	64	386	**450**
US Allopathic Grads	8	31	**39**
US Osteopathic Seniors	1	19	**20**
US Osteopathic Grads	0	4	**4**
International Seniors	0	0	**0**
International Grads	4	7	**11**
%	15%	85%	

UNMATCHED APPLICANTS	URiM n = 67	Not URiM n = 221	Total n = 288
US Allopathic Seniors	42	132	**174**
US Allopathic Grads	8	18	**26**
US Osteopathic Seniors	7	32	**39**
US Osteopathic Grads	2	5	**7**
International Seniors	0	1	**1**
International Grads	8	33	**41**
%	23%	77%	

Match Outcomes

H Match Rates Among Individual Applicant Categories

	Number Matched / Number of Applicants	Category Match Rate
US Allopathic Seniors	450 / 624	72%
US Allopathic Graduates	39/65	60%
US Osteopathic Seniors	20/59	34%
US Osteopathic Graduates	4/11	36%
International Seniors	0/1	0%
International Graduates	11/52	21%

I Match Rates by Combinations of Application Characteristics

Candidates without AOA, without Gold Humanism and No Publications

Matched n = 28	Unmatched n = 40
41%	59%

Candidates with Any Publications without AOA and GHHS

Matched n = 309	Unmatched n = 199
61%	39%

Candidates with AOA and Gold Humanism, No Publications

Matched n = 1	Unmatched n = 0
100%	0%

Candidates with AOA and Gold Humanism and Any Publications

Matched n = 30	Unmatched n = 2
94%	6%

By Gold Humanism Status in Candidates with Any Publications, No AOA

GHHS Status	Matched	Unmatched
I Have Been Selected n = 69	57% (39)	43% (30)
No, I Was Not Selected n = 202	63% (128)	37% (74)
Not Available at My Institution n = 86	53% (46)	47% (40)
Not Yet Determined n = 34	76% (26)	24% (8)
No Response n = 186	59% (109)	41% (77)

By AOA Status – Candidates without GHHS and without Any Publications

AOA Status	Matched	Unmatched
AOA Junior Elect n = 1	100% (1)	0% (0)
I Have Been Selected n = 7	71% (5)	29% (2)
No, I Was Not Selected n = 18	39% (7)	61% (11)
Not Available at My Institution n = 6	67% (4)	33% (2)
Not Yet Determined n = 8	50% (4)	50% (4)
No Response n = 36	36% (13)	64% (23)

By Gold Humanism – Candidates without AOA and without Any Publications

GHHS Status	Matched	Unmatched
I Have Been Selected n = 10	60% (6)	40% (4)
No, I Was Not Selected n = 27	37% (10)	63% (17)
Not Available at My Institution n = 5	60% (3)	40% (2)
Not Yet Determined n = 8	50% (4)	50% (4)
No Response n = 28	39% (11)	61% (17)

J Repeat Applicant Match Rate

Number of Cycles Participating	Matched n = 46	Unmatched n = 46	Number of Repeat Applicants n = 92
2	40 (43%)	39 (42%)	79 (86%)
3	5 (5%)	7 (8%)	12 (13%)
4	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)
Total	46 (50%)	46 (50%)	92 (100%)

K Couples Match Results

Match Results	Number of Couples
Matched at the Same Program	1
Matched at Different Programs	1
Number of Couples Not Matching	0
Total	2

L Match Result by Rank List Position

2025 Ophthalmology Residency Match	Applicants n = 524
Matched at 1st Choice	42%
Matched at 2nd Choice	17%
Matched at 3rd Choice	14%
Matched at 4th Choice	8%
Matched at 5th Choice	7%
Matched at ≥ 6th Choice	12%

27%
4th +

12%

7%

8%

14%

42%

17%

73%
1st, 2nd, 3rd
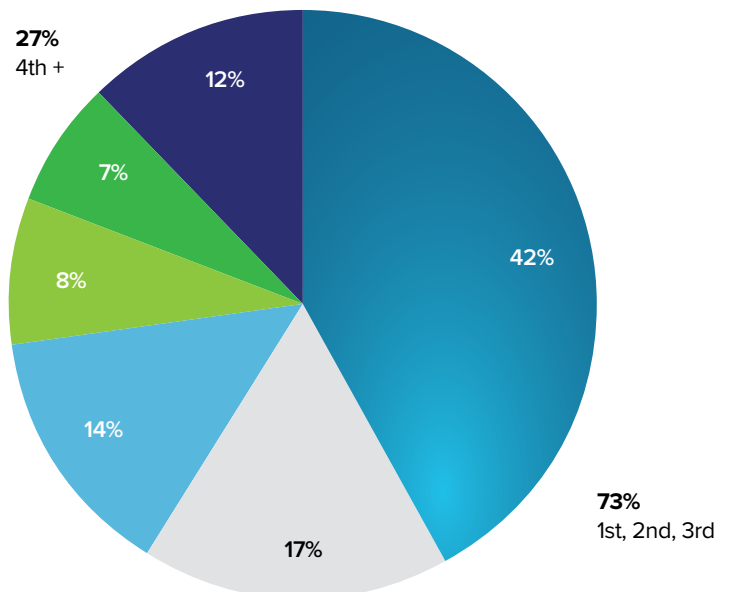
Interview and Signaling Preference Data

M Number of Applications and Interviews per Applicant

	Matched	Unmatched
Mean (Range) of Applications	**82** (10-124)	**84** (1-124)
Mean (Range) of Interviews	**10** (1-32)	**3** (1-16)

N Number of Interview Invitations vs Applications Submitted

Average of Invitations Total
$R^2 = 0.6622$

Average Number of Invitations

Number of Applications Submitted
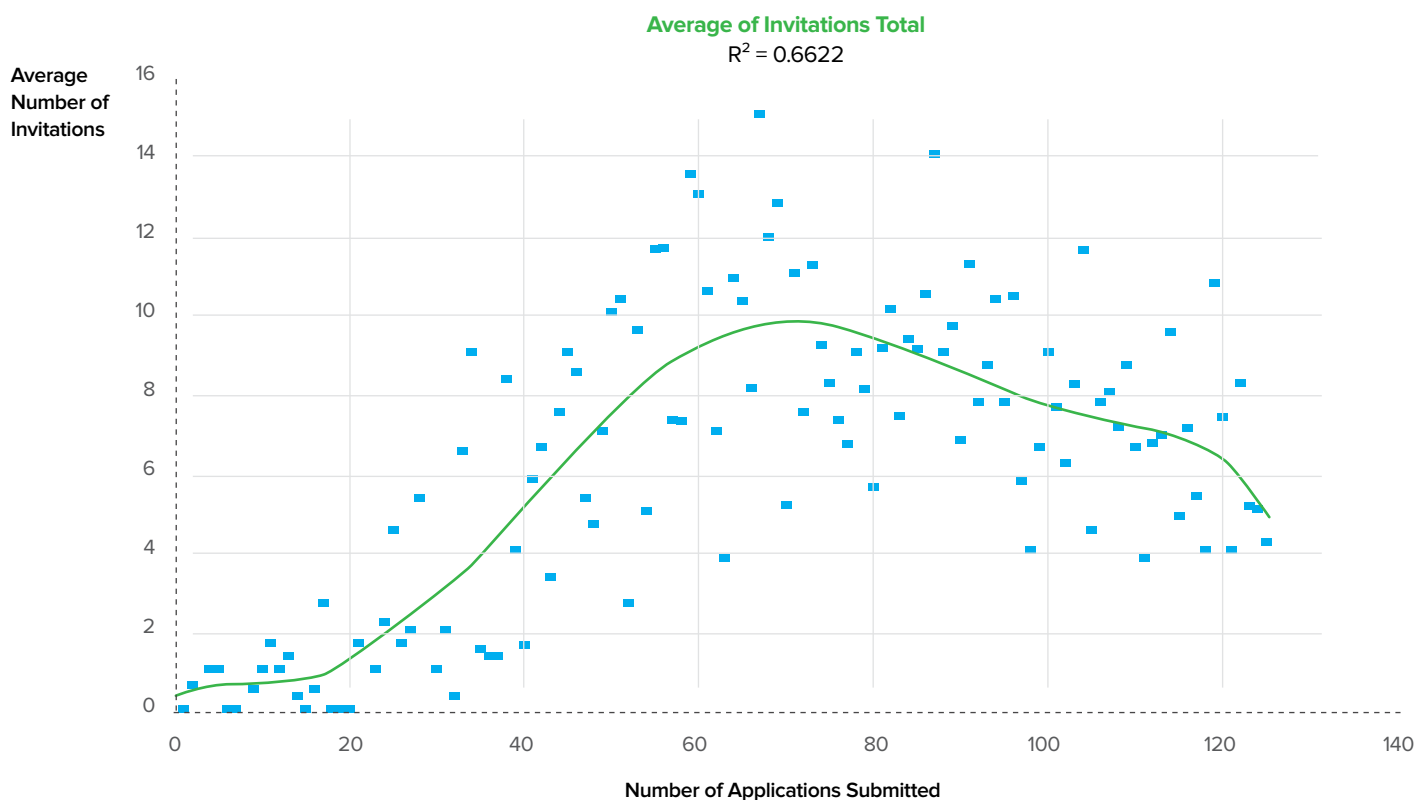
O | Applicant Signaling Data Use

APPLIED TO PROGRAMS n = 912

Number who used signals Number who used all 7 signals: 875 Number who used fewer than 7 signals: 25	**900** (98.68%)
Number who did not use signals	**12** (1.32%)

SUBMITTED RANK LIST n = 812

Number who used signals Number who used all 7 signals: 801 Number who used fewer than 7 signals: 7	**808** (99.51%)
Number who did not use signals	**4** (0.49%)

RANKED BY A PROGRAM n = 786

Number who used signals Number who used all 7 signals: 779 Number who used fewer than 7 signals: 5	**784** (99.75%)
Number who did not use signals	**2** (0.25%)

P | Signal Data Use vs. Any Interview Invitation from Signaled Program

Number of Signals Applied	Applicant Count	Number of Applicants Invited by at Least 1 Signaled Program
0	12	n/a
1	6	**2** (33%)
2	1	**1** (100%)
3	3	**2** (67%)
4	2	**0** (0%)
5	7	**2** (29%)
6	6	**3** (50%)
7	875	**786** (90%)
Total	**912**	**796** (87%)

Q Interview Invitation Rate from Signaled Programs

APPLICANTS WHO USED 1 OR MORE SIGNALS	
% of Signaled Programs Offering an Interview	**Applicant Count** n = 900
100%	31 (3%)
86%	82 (9%)
71%	135 (15%)
57%	165 (18%)
50%	1 (<1%)
43%	148 (16%)
33%	2 (<1%)
29%	127 (14%)
20%	2 (<1%)
17%	3 (<1%)
14%	100 (11%)
0%	104 (12%)

APPLICANTS WHO USED ALL 7 SIGNALS	
% of Signaled Programs Offering an Interview	**Applicant Count** n = 875
7 (100%)	29 (3%)
6 (86%)	82 (9%)
5 (71%)	135 (15%)
4 (57%)	165 (19%)
3 (43%)	148 (17%)
2 (29%)	127 (15%)
1 (14%)	100 (11%)
0	89 (10%)

R Number of Candidates vs. Number of Interview Invitations to Signaled Programs (Candidates Who Used All 7 Signals)

Number of Candidates (y-axis), Number of Interview Invitations to Signaled Programs (x-axis): 0/7, 1/7, 2/7, 3/7, 4/7, 5/7, 6/7, 7/7
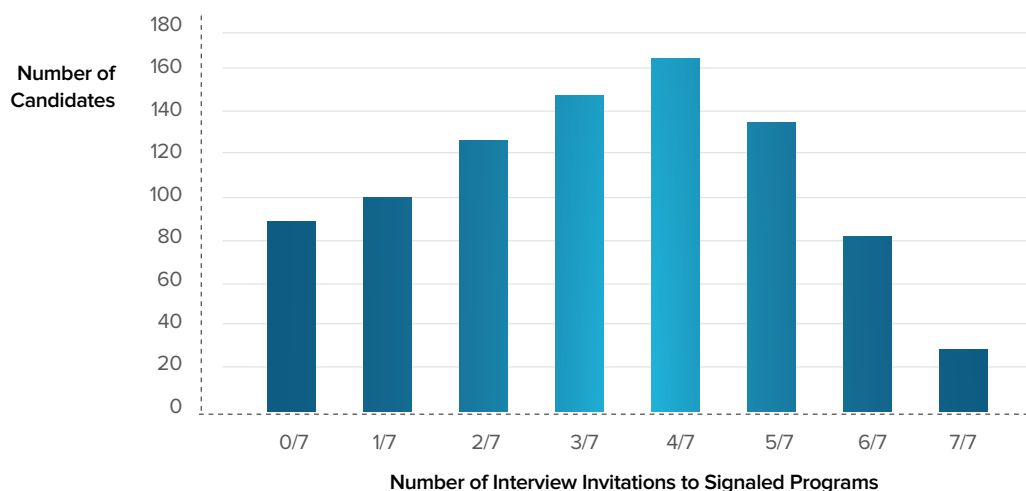
S Signaling Use Match Outcome

Matched Applicants	Applicants n = 524
Matched at a Signaled Program	**338** (65%)
Matched at a Non-Signaled Program	**186** (35%)

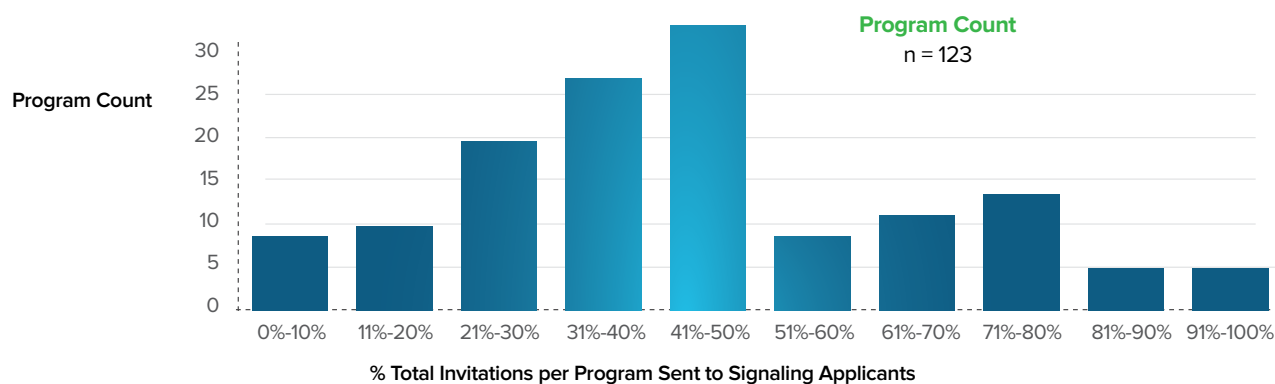## T Applications with Signals Received by Programs

Program Type	Programs n = 123	Mean Applications per Program	Mean Applications Received with Signals to Program
Integrated	56	585	50
Joint	67	589	51
Total	123	587	51

U Interview Invitation Rate for Signaling vs. Non-Signaling Applicants

Programs n = 123	Applications Received n = 72,244	Applications with Signals n = 6,221	Total Interview Invitations Sent n = 6,896	Total Invitations Sent to Signaling Applicants n = 2,843	Total Invitations Sent to Non-Signaling Applicants n = 4,053	Overall Interview Invitation Rate for Signaling Applicants
56 (Integrated)	32,749	2,772 (9%) (2,772 / 32,749)	3,095	1,270 (41%) (1,270 / 3,095)	1,825 (59%) (1,825 / 3,095)	46% (1,270 / 2,772)
67 (Joint)	39,495	3,449 (9%) (3,449 / 39,495)	3,801	1,573 (41%) (1,573 / 3,801)	2,228 (59%) (2,228 / 3,801)	46% (1,573 / 3,449)

Frequency Distribution of % of Interview Invitations Sent to Signaled Applicants

Program Count
n = 123

Program Count (y-axis): 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30

% Total Invitations per Program Sent to Signaling Applicants (x-axis): 0%-10%, 11%-20%, 21%-30%, 31%-40%, 41%-50%, 51%-60%, 61%-70%, 71%-80%, 81%-90%, 91%-100%

Distribution of % of Signaled Applications Received by Programs

% Applications with Signals	Integrated Programs n = 56	Joint Programs n = 67	Total Programs (Count and %) n = 123
3%	1	1	2 (2%)
4%	2	3	5 (4%)
5%	7	8	15 (12%)
6%	9	11	20 (16%)
7%	5	9	14 (11%)
8%	7	5	12 (10%)
9%	6	5	11 (9%)
10%	9	3	12 (10%)
11%	1	6	7 (6%)
12%	1	5	6 (5%)
13%	1	6	7 (6%)
14%	1	2	3 (2%)
15%	5	3	8 (7%)
17%	1	0	1 (1%)

SECTION V

Open House Data

X Open House Summary

	Count
Total Number of Programs	**123**
Programs Offering Open House Tours	**55** (45%)
Mean Number of Tour Sessions	**1.81**
Total Number of Tour Slots Offered	**1,653**
Total Number of Tour Slots Filled	**370** (22%)

Y Open House Details

Programs with OH Tours	Number of Tours Offered	Total Slots Offered	Total Slots Taken
Program 1	1	2	2
Program 2	1	4	1
Program 3	1	6	1
Program 4	1	8	6
Program 5	1	8	3
Program 6	1	10	10
Program 7	1	10	3
Program 8	1	11	11
Program 9	1	12	3
Program 10	1	14	9
Program 11	1	15	2
Program 12	1	15	6
Program 13	1	15	12
Program 14	1	15	6
Program 15	1	15	2
Program 16	1	15	9
Program 17	1	20	9
Program 18	1	20	7
Program 19	1	20	12
Program 20	1	20	1
Program 21	1	20	3
Program 22	1	20	3
Program 23	1	22	17
Program 24	1	24	4
Program 25	1	25	6

Program 26	1	30	3
Program 27	1	30	9
Program 28	1	30	5
Program 29	1	30	7
Program 30	1	30	9
Program 31	1	35	8
Program 32	1	36	7
Program 33	1	36	3
Program 34	1	40	5
Program 35	1	40	24
Program 36	1	40	8
Program 37	1	40	4
Program 38	1	42	1
Program 39	1	48	6
Program 40	1	48	5
Program 41	1	50	3
Program 42	1	50	12
Program 43	1	54	14
Program 44	1	56	10
Program 45	1	68	8
Program 46	1	70	6
Program 47	1	75	9
Program 48	1	76	6
Program 49	2	72	7
Program 50	3	12	2
Program 51	3	21	5
Program 52	4	10	8
Program 53	4	20	11
Program 54	16	16	2
Program 55	20	82	15
Total	**100**	**1,653**	**370**

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