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To whom it may concern

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Yukio Tsushima, MD PhD, Associate Professor of General Thoracic Surgery at the Department of Surgery at Juntendo University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan, was Research Fellow at the Division of Thoracic Surgery of the UniversityHospital Zurich, Switzerland from March 28, 2012 to March 20, 2013.

During his stay doctor Tsushima was part of the lung transplantation team and actively performed as first assistant harvesting of lungs, preparation of the lung hilum for transplantation. and was involved in ex-vivo lung perfusion. He assisted during lung implantation and took part on regular rounds at the intensive care unit and the transplantation unit. Furthermore he assisted multiple complex thoracic procedures such as tracheal resection, sleeve resection for lung cancer, volume reduction surgery, thorascopic lobectomy, extrapleura pneumonectomies and other procedures. During his stay he learned lung transplantation in mice and was involved in several research projects using the mouse lung transplantation model as well as ex-vivo perfusion of pig lungs followed by lung transplantation.

Dr. Tsushima was a highly respected colleague and an excellent researcher in our laboratory. We plan to collaborate also in the future in research projects .We wish doctor Tsushima a successful continuation of his career.

Prof. Walter Weder



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