Supporting Letter for CTRMS Scientific Abstract Travel Awards

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Dr. Kaoru Okada Graduated from Tohoku University School of Medicine in 2015 and obtained his medical license in Japan. He then trained as a surgeon for 5 years before joining our department.

Since joining the department, he has been engaged in basic research in the field of regenerative medicine using human amniotic epithelial cells (hAECs). His current research theme is "overcoming early islet damage by intraportal co-transplantation of islets and hAECs. Overcoming early islet damage is an urgent issue in islet transplantation. His research on overcoming this problem by using stem cells is a very promising theme that may have a great impact on cellular medicine and regenerative medicine in the future.

He has presented his research results at many domestic and international conferences. He is expected to be an international researcher in the future.

I would like to nominate him for the CTRMS Scientific Abstract Travel Awards for its academic significance.

Sincerely.

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