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The Awards Committee
30th International Congress of The Transplantation Society
Istanbul, Turkey

Letter of support for Sanjay Dutta – TTS Congress Awards

To whom it may concern,

I am currently supervising Sanjay Dutta complete his PhD in my laboratory at the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute (Sydney, Australia) and The University of New South Wales (Sydney, Australia). Sanjay is currently in the second year of his PhD, and recently completed his Research Progress Review and was deemed to be satisfactory to proceed with his PhD research project.

Sanjay is completing basic science research into methods to improve donor heart preservation, with his current focus of work examining the impact of funnel web spider derived acid-sensing ion channel 1a (ASIC1a) inhibitors in a rodent model. He was recently awarded a National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia (NHMRC) Dora Lush Basic Science Research Post Graduate Scholarship to support him during his PhD studies.

Both Sanjay and I are active members of TTS and the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ), and will both be presenting at the TSANZ ASM in June 2024. I strongly support his application for an International Basic and Translational Science Mentee-Mentor Award, and TTS Scientific Congress Award for the 30th International TTS Congress.

Yours truly,

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