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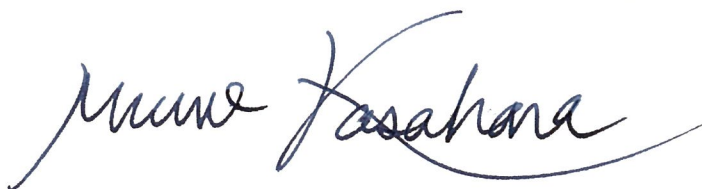
I am writing this letter to ensure that Dr. Yusuke Tokuda is a current trainee in our residency program so he can apply for an IPTA 2023: IPTA Congress Scientific Award for young investigators.

Dr. Tokuda is a trainee of PGY5 level training program in pediatrics at National Center for Child Health and Development, Tokyo, Japan.

Our center, which is the only government-owned tertiary children's hospital, cares for a large number of children who will undergo or who have already undergone solid organ transplantation and who suffer from infectious diseases.

Dr. Tokuda was engaged in a research project to investigate ampicillin rash after pediatric liver transplantation to correlate their clinical outcome. He investigated the Epstein-Barr virus DNA levels and the frequency of ampicillin rash among pediatric post-liver transplantation patients. He found that penicillin derivatives can be used safely even in LT patients with persistent Epstein-Barr virus infection. I believe this qualifies him to be an IPTA 2023: IPTA Congress Scientific Award for young investigators.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification.



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