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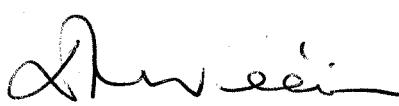
Letter from the President

Dear TERMIS Members,

I write this letter just after the 2015 TERMIS World Congress in Boston has finished. I would like to congratulate Kacey Marra and David Kaplan, co-chairs of the Congress, and all of their colleagues, for organizing and delivering an excellent meeting. There were over 1,800 delegates, from all three of the TERMIS continental chapters, with 370 oral presentations and 1240 posters, together with SYIS events, a business plan competition, pre-congress workshops, a plenary Debate and gala dinner. It was agreed at the meeting of the Governing Board that the 2018 World Congress, which rotates to the Asia-Pacific Region, will be held in Kyoto, Japan.

Within a few months I shall hand over the presidency of TERMIS to the President-elect, Rui Reis. It is therefore a good time to reflect on the society and its activities. During my 6-year period as President-elect and President I have attended both World Congresses and all-but-two of the continental conferences. As I have mentioned before, conferences effectively represent our only activities. I do believe that they are, collectively, of a very high standard and, both in terms of registrations and content, our three Chapters now make equal contributions to these global activities. Nevertheless, improvements are always possible and I would be very pleased to receive any constructive suggestions. One of the major issues, often debated at TERMIS council meetings, is the trend towards determining a scientific program on the basis of proposals from members for specific sessions or symposia. This works well when proposals are submitted from Thematic Groups (indeed this was a principal objective of these groups), but the process does not necessarily lead to a balanced agenda. Another point that has been raised is the choice of plenary and keynote speakers. The plenary speakers at Boston were all exceptionally good, authoritative and informative; the main question here is whether some plenaries should be given by 'less-well-known', younger individuals. My own preference is to say 'yes' to this; after giving many keynote and plenary talks all around the world in the last 10 years, I have personally decided not to accept any more invitations to do so, but I may be in a minority on this matter. A final point concerns the now-ubiquitous taking of photographs of speaker's slides and indeed videos of whole presentations. It would be very difficult to impose, and monitor, a ban on such activities (although several speakers really object to the practice), but it might be appropriate to announce and promulgate a 'Code of Conduct' with respect to this.

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2015 FTERM Class

During the 2015 TERMIS World Congress, the class for the Fellows of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine were announced. The 2015 class includes: Robert Guldberg, PhD; Jin Ho Lee, PhD; Abhay Pandit, PhD; Heinz Redl, PhD; Rui Reis, CEng, MSc, PhD, DSc, MD (Doctor h.c.); and William Wagner, PhD. The FTERM Class conducted a session and spoke briefly on the past, present and future of TERM.



From left to right: William Wagner, Jin Ho Lee, Robert Guldberg, Stephen Badylak, Rui Reis, Abhay Pandit, Heinz Redl, and David Williams.



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TERMIS-EU 2016 Awards Program—Nomination Packages Due: 31 January 2016

All nomination packages should be submitted to swilburn@termis.org.

As approved unanimously by the TERMIS-EU Council the following awards will be given by the TERMIS-EU chapter:

- Career Achievement Award,
- Young Scientist Award,
- Contributions to the Literature Award, and the
- Clinical/Translation Work or Innovation/Technology Award.

Career Achievement Award

The Career Achievement Award will be awarded to an established researcher who has made long-term, landmark contributions to the TERM field. It will be given to a widely respected researcher who has contributed considerably to the tissue engineering and regenerative medicine field. It should acknowledge an individual for his/her outstanding, continued contributions to the field, which includes a sustained in time significant contribution to the literature.

This award is aimed towards a recognition of individuals that have made outstanding contributions to the field of TERM, with outputs of clear professional excellence in their area; for example as scientists, clinicians, educators and/or contributors to TERMIS activities. The awardee must have a proven record of excellence and an outstanding international recognition in the TERM arena. There should be a significant and profound evidence of the awardee's major contributions to the development and status of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine and its evolution as a field. The awardee should have carried out most of his career in the TERMIS-EU geographical area.

Young Scientist Award

The Young Scientist Award recognizes an individual, who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in the field of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine research, during the early stages of his career with clear evidence of a growing profile.

Candidates for the TERMIS-EU Young Scientist Award must have been awarded his/her first PhD (or equivalent doctoral degree) more than 2 and less than 10 years prior to the deadline of the call.

The awardee must demonstrate evidence of high quality publications in highly cited journals, leadership activities, grant income from major funding bodies and external recognition amongst the wider international TERM community.

Contributions to the Literature Award

The Contributions to the Literature Award is aimed to recognize the outstanding publication records of researcher in the TERM field. The awardee will have made significant contributions to the literature on the basic and/or applied areas of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. The importance of the contributions will be evidenced by an outstanding bibliometric record, namely systematic publications in relevant good quality scientific journals, including original and review papers, as well as, when appropriate, monographs, textbooks, edited or short communications. The recipient of the award should also show evidence of highly and frequently cited research.

Clinical/Translation Work or Innovation/Technology Award

The Clinical/Translation Work or Innovation/Technology Award aims to recognize successful clinical and translation work that leads to the development of relevant products or therapies used in the treatment of patients.

The awards will be presented alternately at the annual meeting.

The first year will offer the Clinical/Translational Award which will be given for individuals who have demonstrated they have made a major contribution to bringing new therapies to the clinic through translation. The Innovation /Technology Award also recognizes the application of basic and/or applied TERM research for the development of innovative medical products and therapies that have an ultimate impact on health care provision and treatment of patients. TERM must be a major part of the innovation. For the innovation award relevant patents should have been awarded.

In summary the award aims to acknowledge relevant clinical/translational work and/or specific technological innovations that are significant improvements over the state-of-the-art and show clear evidence of patient benefit and improved quality of life.

particular year. He/She will be replaced by another member proposed by the awards committee under approval of the TERMIS-EU Council.

Some Guidelines

- The council members will not be able to apply while in office.
- Self nomination is not permitted.
- All the awardees will be selected by the TERMIS-EU Awards Committee.
- All nominated candidates must be Members of the TERMIS-EU Chapter.

Each nomination to be received by the Awards Committee must include the following information:

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae of the nominee;
- One (1) page summary detailing the major achievements of the nominee; and
- Three (3) letters of recommendation written by respected scientists/professionals working within the TERM field that are members of any chapter of TERMIS. Letters by members of the Awards Committee are not acceptable.

The recipient of each one of the awards will:

- Be presented with an honorarium of 1500 Euros;
- Be presented with a plaque;
- Be provided with 1000 Euros to be used toward travel expenses (air ticket, hotel) to attend the TERMIS-EU Annual meeting;
- Be provided with complimentary registration to the TERMIS-EU Annual Conference.
- Each awardee must confirm his/her attendance at the TERMIS-EU Annual Conference (by the first week of April).
- Each awardee will be provided with 30 minutes to present a Plenary Award Lecture at the TERMIS-EU Annual Conference.

TERMIS/Springer Updatable Book Project



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Author Guidelines, Aim & Scope are available
for viewing on the TERMIS homepage.

Dear Colleagues,

I welcome you as the Editor in Chief of the Springer Reference book series "Biomedical Engineering - Tissue Engineering and Regeneration", being developed to be the premier scientific updatable information source for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine published in cooperation with TERMIS (Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society).

Tissue engineering/regeneration covers multiple disciplines from (developmental) cell biology to medicine, from chemistry /physics to material sciences and engineering, from imaging to pathology, from preclinical to clinical studies. In recent years the field has expanded exponentially, so it is becoming more difficult to keep a certain overview in such a large scientific area. It is the aim of this book series to support researchers, clinicians, students as well as other interested parties to keep the pace with this expanding multidisciplinary field.

This is achieved by gathering a multidisciplinary editorial board and author panel with specialized scientists, engineers and clinicians from top academic institutions and companies to provide a platform for state of the art information and fruitful exchange.

Your contribution in this Reference Work series is highly welcome to support this goal with comprehensive information in the specific area of your expertise. I thank you for your highly valuable participation. Please feel free to forward any suggestion, critique, new avenues and ideas at any time.

Sincerely

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2015 TERMIS World Congress Overview

Over 1,800 people attended the 2015 4th TERMIS World Congress held this September in Boston, MA. The World Congress is the premier international networking and educational event for the regenerative medicine and tissue engineering industry.

This year's meeting was co-chaired by **Kacey Marra, PhD** of the University of Pittsburgh and **David Kaplan, PhD** of Tufts University, who worked together with an international Scientific Advisory Committee to create the 2015 TERMIS World Congress program. The theme of this year's meeting was "Past, Present, Future: The Evolution of Regenerative Medicine, reflecting the impact of tissue engineering throughout the past two decades, and focusing on the future. To this end, the 2015 scientific program focused on the innovative technologies focused in regenerative medicine.

The opening symposium, "TERMIS: The Origins and Evolution" featured talks from transplant surgeons, who first highlighted the critical need of engineering tissues and organs decades ago and provided a glimpse of the future of regenerative medicine and the synergies with the transplant community. **Joseph P. Vacanti, MD, Charles A. Vacanti, MD**, and **Peter C. Johnson, MD** spoke about the development of TESI (Tissue Engineering Society International); **Alan J. Russell, PhD** and **Jöns Hiborn, PhD**, talked about the development of TERMIS.

The scientific program was further led by six keynote lecturers including **Dr. Robert S. Langer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology** who discussed "Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering", **Molly Stevens, FREng, Imperial College London** who spoke about "Exploring and Exploiting the Cell-Material Interface for Regenerative Medicine", **Anthony Atala, MD, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine** who discussed "Advances in Regenerative Medicine", **Jeong OK Grace Lim, PhD, Kyungpook National University** spoke about "Translational Clinical Research on Functional Soft Tissue Regeneration" and **Laura Niklason MD, PhD, Yale University** discussed "Platforms and Complexity in Tissue and Organ Regeneration" and finally **C. James Kirkpatrick, MD, PhD, DSc, FRCPath, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany ; University of Gothenburg, Sweden** spoke about "Cellular Crosstalk as a Principle in Regenerative Medicine."

To accommodate the record breaking number of abstract submissions, over 2,500, abstracts, the program consisted of seven parallel (concurrent) technical sessions (total of 67 sessions) in topic areas including cardiology, neurology, 3D printing, silk, vascular and veterinary medicine; four separate poster sessions were presented. Two additional general sessions featured the International Fellows of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (FTERM) newly inducted 2015 FTERM Class as presented by **Dr. Stephen Badylak** and a Debate Session which focused on *Tough Regulation in Clinical Applications of Regenerative Medicine*, chaired by **Dr. David Williams**.

Many parallel sessions were co-chaired by members of the TERMIS Student and Young Investigator Section (SYIS). Furthermore, there was an emphasis on promoting the careers of women and underrepresented groups in the tissue engineering and regenerative medicine fields through generous grants.

Prior to the Opening, three preconference workshops focused on various aspects of Tissue Engineering. The first workshop, **Women in TERM Luncheon: Evolution of Tissue Engineering from Academia to Industry**, supported the career development of women in TERM through discussion of best practices in bringing tissue engineered products to market by women leaders in the field throughout the world, who have been successful in this pursuit. Panelists included women from academia who have successful collaborations with industry, women from industry who have successful collaborations with academia, and women from academia who have licensed technologies and/or started companies to facilitate translation of their technologies to clinical application. The goal of the discussion was to share positive and negative experiences that have taught valuable life lessons about how to best navigate these interactions and collaborations, and was chaired by Drs. Pamela Yelick and Kara Spiller.

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The second workshop, **The Tissue Engineering-Developmental Biology paradigm - a tool for developing successful therapies** focused on recent developments in orthopaedic tissue engineering. The session drew expertise from researchers who have used applied developmental biology approaches for their work and demonstrated how this can lead to positive outcomes for tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. The workshop Co-chairs were Girish Pattappa and Oliver Gardner.

The third pre-conference workshop, a symposium organized by the NIH/Interagency Modeling & Analysis Group's working group on Integrated Multiscale Biomaterials Experiment and Modeling Group (I μ BEAM), was titled, **Intelligent design: multi-scale modeling of cells, tissues, and organs** whereby chairs Markus J. Buehler and Guy Genin brought together thought leaders in the development and application of hierarchical modeling tools to discuss the state of the art and to identify challenges and opportunities.

The conference had over 360 oral presentations, 1,200 poster presentations, and 55 sponsors and exhibitors. The meeting drew attendees from over 53 countries. The TERMIS World Congress, which is held every three years, brought together over 1,800 researchers, scientists, trainees, and students from both academia and industry to discuss critical developments and milestones in the field as well as breakthroughs in various specialties.

TERMIS has established several award mechanisms to recognize outstanding scientists in the field, including the **Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) Young Investigator Awards** that were awarded to **Nathalie Block**, an early career researcher at the Translational Research Institute of Australia and **Katharine Glass** candidate in Biomedical Engineering at Duke University. The **2015 TERMIS Travel Awards** were awarded to ten recipients so they would be able to attend the conference in Boston. **Student Poster Awards** were distributed to students and young investigators for the best posters and best oral presentations. Award winners received special recognition among peers and received cash prizes.

SYIS Oral Presentation Awards

1st place: Jacqueline Biley (University of Pittsburgh, USA)

"Regeneration of long gap median nerve defects and functional reinnervation of the abductor pollicis brevis muscle using novel tissue engineered nerve guides in a non-human primate model"

2nd place: Michelle Xuanyi Ma (University of California, San Diego, USA)

"A 3D printed human iPSC-derived hepatic model that can improve in vitro liver functional maturation"

3rd place: William Chen (University of Pittsburgh, USA)

"Controlled delivery of angiogenic factor FGF2 and immunomodulatory cytokine IL-10 cocktail by heparin-based coacervate synergistically enhances ischemic heart repair"

4th place: Robert Wieduwild (Technische Universitaet Dresden, Germany)

"3D bioprinting of physical hydrogels based on peptide oligosaccharide interaction"

5th place: Annika Weigand (Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuernberg, Germany)

"Vascularized bone tissue engineering under xenogeneic-free conditions in a large animal model as a basis for early clinical applicability"

SYIS Poster Awards

Prof. Dame Julia Polak Best Poster Award

Asha Patel (Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA)- *Synthetic Substrates For Serum Free Culture Of Human Stem Cell Derived Cardiomyocytes With Improved Maturity And Toxicological Sensitivity Identified Using Combinatorial Materials Microarrays*

Poster Awards

1st Place - Bhushan Mahadik (Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Urbana, IL)- *Instructive Biomaterial Platform to Engineer Hematopoietic Stem Cell Activity*

2015 TERMIS World Congress Overview Cont...

2nd Place- Gregory Nierode (Chemical and Biological Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY)- *Three-dimensional Cellular Microarray Platform for High-throughput Screening of Human Neural Stem Cells.*

3rd Place - Vineet Gupta (Bioengineering Graduate Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS)- *Gradients Of Decellularized Cartilage And Demineralized Bone Matrix In Microsphere-Based Scaffolds For Regeneration Of The Osteochondral Interface in Rabbits.*

The Commercialization and Regulation Thematic Working Interest Group invited attendees to participate in the **Business Plan Competition**. From sixteen submissions, the top three rated plan submitters competed in the Finals, by giving podium presentations during their own session in the Congress. Following the oral presentations, each Finalist answered questions from a panel of judges who announced the winner live. **1st Place – Viapore: Nathan Evans; 2nd Place – Ingenium: Phuong Dang; 3rd Place – Vitality: Suzanne Tabbaa.** The honorable mention was awarded to Cryo43: Carlos Carballosa and Jordan Greenberg. The remaining business plan proposals received were presented as posters in Poster Session 1.

The Student and Young Investigators (SYIS) organized a number of exciting activities at the meeting. Students and young investigators had the opportunity to serve as co-chairs for scientific sessions at the 2015 TERMIS World Congress Meeting in Boston. SYIS hosted the Student Meet Mentor Lunch, which provided students and young investigators the opportunity to enjoy an invigorating lunch with a mentor of their choice. Additionally, a career Opportunities Discussion Panel was held consisting of scientific leaders representing careers in academia, industry, government agencies and institutes and entrepreneurial activities.

The Gala event was held at the Boston Museum of Science and provided attendees with exclusive use of the entire museum, including the Theater of Electricity and Hall of Human Life.

Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine have become critical scientific disciplines. The TERMIS World Congress continues to grow and mature every year, and it has now become the major venue for the presentation of basic research, and its clinical application. For over a decade, this meeting continues to foster interactions among basic scientists engaged in discovery and development, translational researchers, who bring scientific discoveries to the clinical forefront, clinicians, and those engaged with funding, regulatory and commercial endeavors.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The TERMIS World Congress, held every three years offers a venue for the members of the three TERMIS Chapters to meet, interact and share their latest research. **The 2018 TERMIS World Congress will be held in Kyoto, Japan from September 4-7.**

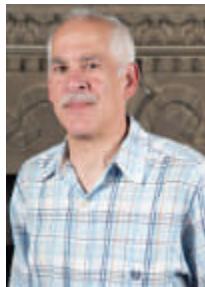
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2015 TERMIS-AM Awards Recipients



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Antonios G. Mikos, Ph.D.

Antonios is the Louis Calder Professor of Bioengineering and Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Rice University. He is the Director of the J.W. Cox Laboratory for Biomedical Engineering and the Director of the Center for Excellence in Tissue Engineering at Rice University. Dr. Mikos is a Member of the *National Academy of Engineering*, a Member of the *Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of the United States* and a Fellow of the *National Academy of Inventors*. He is a Founding Fellow of the TERMIS, and a Fellow of the AAAS, AICHE, AIMBE, BMES, CRS, and IUSBSE.



SENIOR SCIENTIST AWARD: Robert T. Tranquillo, Ph.D.

Robert is the Department Head of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Minnesota. Prof. Tranquillo has used a combined modeling and experimental approach to understand cell behavior, in particular, directed cell migration and cell-matrix mechanical interactions. More recently, his research program has focused on the role of cell behavior in cardiovascular and neural tissue engineering applications. His research has resulted in over 90 peer-reviewed publications. Prof. Tranquillo is a Fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering and the Biomedical Engineering Society, and a Distinguished McKnight University Professor.



EDUCATIONAL AWARD: Eric M. Brey, Ph.D.

Professor Eric Brey is Duchossois Leadership Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology and Research Health Scientist at Edward Hines, Jr., Veterans Administration Hospital. His research is focused on the engineering of vascularized tissues and the application of new tools for imaging and assessment of engineered tissues. His educational research involves the development of innovative outreach programs for broadening engagement in biomedical engineering, tiered mentoring programs in research programs and building ethical cultures in research.



YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD: Lauren D. Black III, Ph.D.

Lauren D. Black III has been an Assistant Professor in Biomedical Engineering at Tufts University since 2010. His lab focuses on the development of new therapeutic strategies to treat cardiac injury and/ or malformation in both pediatric and adult patients. The target of many of these strategies is extracellular signaling in the cardiac microenvironment and particularly the role that changes to the properties of the extracellular matrix in health and disease play on cell fate and function. Prior to joining Tufts he completed his postdoctoral work under Dr. Robert Tranquillo and Dr. Doris Taylor at the University of Minnesota and his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Boston University in 2006 in the lab of Dr. Bela Suki.



MARY ANN LIEBERT, INC. OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD: Timothy J. Keane Jr.

Tim Keane is a third year PhD student in the Department of Bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh in Dr. Stephen Badylak's laboratory. He's a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, has co-authored 16 publications and is co-inventor on 3 filed patents. His research is focused on regenerative medicine therapies for gastrointestinal diseases.

All conferences listed have been reviewed and approved for endorsement by the TERMIS Endorsement Committee.

Upcoming Conferences

October 2015

[bone-tec 2015](#) Conference Dates: 8-10 October 2015 Conference Location: Stuttgart, Germany Conference Chair: Prof. Katja Schenke-Layland

November 2015

[13th Annual IFATS Conference](#) Conference Dates: November 5-8, 2015 Conference Location: New Orleans, LA TERMIS members receive a reduced registration rate. Contact [Michele Nilsson](#) for information.

[International Biofabrication Conference](#) Conference Dates: 7-9 November 2015 Conference Location: Utrecht, The Netherlands Conference Co-Chair: Jos Malda and Lorenzo Moroni

December 2015

[Cell Therapy Manufacturing and Gene Therapy congress](#) Conference Dates: December 2-3, 2015 Conference Location: Brussels, Belgium TERMIS members receive a 25% registration discount.

[BSRT PhD Symposium](#) Symposium Dates: 2-4 December 2015 Symposium Location: Berlin, Germany

May 2016

[10th World Biomaterials Congress](#) Congress Dates: May 17-22, 2016 Congress Location: Montreal, Quebec, Canada TERMIS members receive a reduced registration.

June 2016

[2016 TERMIS-EU Conference](#) Conference Dates: 28 June - 1 July 2016 Conference Location: Uppsala Konsert & Kongress, Uppsala, Sweden Conference Chair: Prof. Jöns Hilborn

September 2016

[2016 TERMIS-AP Conference](#) Conference Dates: September 3-6, 2016 Conference Location: Tamsui Town of New Taipei City Conference Chairs: Shih-Chieh Hung and Ming-Thau Sheu

December 2016

[2016 TERMIS-AM Conference](#) Conference Dates: December 11-16, 2016 Conference Location: San Diego, CA Conference Chairs: Anthony Ratcliffe, PhD; Robert Sah, PhD; and Bill Tawil, PhD

June 2017

[2017 TERMIS-EU Conference](#) Conference Dates: 26-30 June 2017 Conference Location: Davos Conference Center, Davos, Switzerland Conference Chair: R. Geoff Richards, PhD Conference Program Chair: Mauro Alini, PhD

September 2017

[2017 TERMIS-AP Conference](#) Conference Dates: September 21-24, 2017 Conference Location: Nantong, China Conference Chairs: Prof. Dr. Xiaosong Gu, Dr. Xiaobin Fu, and Dr. Yilin Cao Program Chairs: Dr. Fei Ding and Dr. Wei Liu

December 2017

[2017 TERMIS-AM Conference](#) Conference Dates: December 2017 Conference Location: Charlotte, North Carolina Conference Chair: Anthony Atala, MD Conference Program Chair: Shay Soker, PhD

September 2018

[2018 TERMIS World Congress - Kyoto, Japan](#) World Congress Dates: September 4-7, 2018 Location: Kyoto, Japan



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To accomplish its mission, TERMIS brings together the international community of persons engaged or interested in the field of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine and promotes education and research within the field of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine through regular meetings, publications and other forms of communication. The Society also serves as an international forum to promote the informed discussion of challenges and therapeutic benefits of the application of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine technologies.

Most importantly, the Society is committed to bringing you closer to key professionals to support your mutual understanding of the field, accelerate your research in the field and to enable you to contribute to the ultimate care of patients in this very important way.

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