



Travel Grant Report Form

Name and origin of applicants

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Purpose granted

The purpose of the travel activity was a research exchange to the Department of Transplantation Medicine, Rikshospitalet in Norway. The focus was to facilitate cooperation and to ensure practical and feasible workflow in a clinical study of Epstein-Barr virus infection in kidney transplant recipients taking place at the Department of Transplantation Medicine, Rikshospitalet, the Department of Nephrology, Odense University Hospital and the Department of Renal Medicine, Aarhus University Hospital.

Amount granted

21.000 DKK

Time and place of visit

November 8th to November 20th, 2021, and August 28th to August 31st, 2023.

Report

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the travel activity was rescheduled on several occasions. I visited the Department of Transplantation Medicine at Rikshospitalet for 2 weeks the first time in November 2021. During my stay, I had the opportunity to attend clinical conferences and participate in the follow-up care of kidney transplant recipients at the outpatient clinic. Additionally, I was able to gather clinical data for the multicentre study and contribute with a presentation at a study meeting involving 10 collaborating hospitals. In August 2023, a brief stay in Oslo provided another chance to hold several project meetings at Rikshospitalet. The inclusion of participants in the clinical study ended in December 2022. Two-year follow-up data on all participants is expected by 2025.

Evaluation

The travel was essential in the coordination of the clinical study at Oslo and Aarhus University Hospital. In addition, it was a great opportunity to exchange evidence-based knowledge and clinical experiences on prevention and treatment of complicated opportunistic infections and PTLD in kidney transplant recipients.
