

## 追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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**Subject(s):** Doctor Li Zhaoguo, Respiratory Medicine, the Second Affiliated Hospital, Harbin Medical University

### Summary

1. Most lung transplants are done by Chen Jingyu, who is the lead surgeon.
2. I support (their medical needs) in Wuhan right now.
3. I haven't heard of such a lung transplant program to be implemented for Covid-19 in Harbin.
4. We did two cases last year, but not for Covid-19. I've never heard of such a lung transplant done here for Covid-19.
5. Treating Covid-19 requires specially that the patients be quarantined. I've never heard of such a program development here.
6. I guess Chen Jingyu is the only one who can do that and dares to take the risk to do so in the country now.
7. Not many cases are put on ECMO. There have been just a few such cases nationwide.
8. If you can recover from it without a lung transplant, you won't need to spend those big bucks, and won't have to worry about those postoperative things, either!
9. Our program director is Zhang Linyou.

## **Translation**

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Hello.

Investigator: Hi, hello there. Is this Doctor Li Zhaoguo, Doctor Li? Right?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Ah. Who's this?

Investigator: Ah. Hi there. May I ask if you're still with the Second Affiliated Hospital of Harbin Medical University, still with Respiratory Medicine?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Yes. Who's this?

Investigator: Ah. It's like this. My friend gave me your cell phone number. I was wondering if you do lung transplants at the hospital regarding Covid-19?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: What? Regarding a lung transplant for Covid-19?

Investigator: So, about the lung transplants for Covid-19, I saw that...there were two reports in the news all across the country, right? Several those lung transplants had been done in Wuxi and Zhejiang. Let me ask now....Is it available there in Harbin?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: No.

Investigator: In Harbin, don't you do that at your hospital?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: No, we don't.

Investigator: Oh.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Most of the lung transplants are done by Chen Jingyu right now.

Investigator: Oh. Lung transplants....

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: He does them all as the surgeon.

Investigator: It is Chen Jingyu who does them all. You did that at your hospital before, didn't you? You don't do lung transplants for the Covid-19 patients or not at all for all patients?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: I haven't heard of such a case done for Covid-19. But I'm no longer

there either, not in Harbin now, so I'm not sure about that.

Investigator: Ah. Are you not in Harbin now?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: I haven't heard they've done that for Covid-19, the lung transplant for Covid-19.

Investigator: Ah. You haven't heard of that. Where have you moved to? Are you not in Heilongjiang any longer?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: I haven't moved to another place, but come to Wuhan to support them now.

Investigator: Ah. Huh, you've come to Wuhan....

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Who's this exactly?

Investigator: Ah. Since my relative tested positive for that Covid-19, I'd like to get some information.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: To what extent?

Investigator: Since his condition pretty severe, very severe, he's already tested positive, his lung condition has become pretty severe. So, we'd like to ask...

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: How severe is it? Is he on a ventilator or on ECMO?

Investigator: For the time being, he's not put on ECMO yet.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Then he, he, he is still a bit far from going for a transplant.

Investigator: Right. We're just wondering if he waits until...as you said, does he need to wait in line?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: I guess it cannot be done in Harbin right now. It cannot be done in Harbin, I'm afraid.

Investigator: Is that so? Oh.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Right, that's right. I've never heard of such a case done in Harbin, such a lung transplant for Covid-19. Right.

Investigator: None.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Even previously in Harbin, all lung transplants had to be performed by Chen Jingyu.

Investigator: Ah. Could patients travel from Harbin to Jiangsu for their transplants? Does he do all the domestic operations?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: No. No. Most of the domestic operations, 90% of them, are done by Chen Jingyu, Professor Chen Jingyu.

Investigator: Ah, as I heard about it, as my friend told me, at your hospital, you did lung transplants before, didn't you?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Yes, we did. We did two cases last year, but none for Covid-19. I've never heard of such a lung transplant program to be implemented here for Covid-19.

Investigator: Ah, ah, two lung transplants were performed last year. Ah, that attending physician....

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Right. Since treating Covid-19 requires specially that the patients be quarantined, I've never heard of such a program development here.

Investigator: Ah, no such cases done there, huh. Is it Director Jiang, Jiang Shulin, who does the transplants? Does he do that?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Professor Jiang Shulin does brain surgeries.

Investigator: He does brain surgeries. So who is the director of this program now?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Zhang Linyou.

Investigator: Zhang Linyou, ah.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Right.

Investigator: Heard of him. Well, now how long have you been in Wuhan?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: I've been here for more than one month.

Investigator: More than one month. When are you going back? How're things going there?  
Pretty serious....

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Have no idea.

Investigator: Pretty serious...have no idea?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: There is not much to be said here. Just take care of the inpatients here. It's pretty much like that.

Investigator: Right then.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: ? (It sounded inaudible.)

Investigator: Take care, yeah, be careful....

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: You can contact Professor Chen Jingyu. I guess he is the only one who can do that and dares to take the risk to do so in the country now.

Investigator: Need to get on the waiting list?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: But it's not yet to the extent that you need to do that, isn't it? It's possible that your patient gets well before a lung transplant is scheduled for him.

Investigator: Gets well on his own!

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Because Covid-19...

Investigator: Right. He can recover from it. We also hope he could!

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: How could he not get well? Most people could recover from it. Most cases are just with mild symptoms.

Investigator: Uh. Your patients are all with mild symptoms. How do you treat them there in Wuhan?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: That's... antiviral, usually supportive therapy.

Investigator: Antiviral?

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Many of our patients are put on ventilators and then removed from

the ventilators. Not many cases are put on ECMO. Just very few cases are put on ECMO nationwide.

Investigator: Ah.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: There are even fewer cases of lung transplants for Covid-19 unless there're complication symptoms from other illness. Just Covid-19 itself doesn't need a lung transplant. Not necessary.

Investigator: As I was told by a relative of my mother-in-law, at Zhejiang University, they did two to three cases where patients all were put on ECMO, being seniors themselves. The transplants were done as soon as they tested negative.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Yeah. It's doable but the question is if you really need it. For example, if someone gets injured in the leg(s), he or she could just be fine by using crutches or a wheelchair. But not everyone needs a wheelchair!

Investigator: Right. The key is the risks involved. As many people said, after a huge amount of money is spent, lung transplants wouldn't last as many years as liver ones. But for many, lung transplants would....

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Exactly. Lung transplants wouldn't do.

Investigator: Yeah.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Right. If you can recover from it without a lung transplant, so you won't need to spend those big bucks, and won't have to worry about those postoperative things, either!

Investigator: Yeah. The key is that we're not sure about it.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: It's not necessarily needed. It's not necessarily able...

Investigator: So, I was just wondering, hopefully...

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: You get yourselves ready first. But I'm not sure about that. It seems that there has never been such a precedent case in Harbin.

Investigator: No precedent in Harbin. All right then. Please take care of yourself. This pandemic is quite serious.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Thank you.

Investigator: If there's a chance, we can meet and talk later. Alright then, thank you.

Doctor Li Zhaoguo: Sure. Sure. Good bye!