

## 追查迫害法輪功國際組織（追查國際）

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**Subject(s):** Han Weili, Chief Physician and Director of Lung Transplant, the First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine

### Summary

1. When it comes to a lung transplant, an 83-year old senior should be considered as taboo. We normally keep the age limit below the 80-year mark.
2. We've been doing it for two years. We had a few patients in their 80's. We ended up not doing it for them.
3. In our country, it is generally not recommended to do it for patients in their 80's.
4. Normally when the age is too high, a lung transplant will have severe indications. The risks are too high!
5. As for the novel coronavirus, if all the indications are evident, the lungs would be in a very, very bad shape.
6. For someone over 80 years old, it is done very, very rarely in our country. Unless the (patient's) physical condition is exceptionally good, it can't be considered. Regarding lung transplants, those indications are very rigorously checked in selecting which one can be done.
7. How long can patients survive after lung transplantation? Normally they can survive five years, accounting for about 50% to 60% of all those patients, according to the international statistics.
8. Two cases were done in Wuhan. Those are okay, and their recoveries are okay.

They've still been in recovery.

9. If he wants to get a lung transplant done due to the novel coronavirus, surely it can be done in Anhui Province. Surely he will not come to us.
10. In Anhui there are (hospitals) that do it. There are provincial hospitals that do it in Anhui, as I knew.
11. There are no guidelines on lung transplantation for the novel coronavirus, none, aren't there? This is still exploratory.
12. Investigator: In case our national leaders, at the very high, high level get infected, what could be done? How to treat them?  
Doctor Han Weili: I don't know. That I don't know. Any ways, the two cases that I did were both peasants.
13. Investigator: Oh, peasants, they have a lot of money?  
Doctor Han Weili: How can those peasants have a lot of money! Okay, for any detailed questions, you can ask me later. I am being busy now. I need to go for an operation.

## **Translation**

Investigator: Hello!

Doctor Han Weili: Hi!

Investigator: Hi, hello. Is this Director Han Weili at the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University School of Medicine?

Doctor Han Weili: Ah.

Investigator: Hello Director Han. I am calling from the USA. My father-in-law wants to get a lung transplant done. Because he is quite old, we found a friend of yours who gave us your number. My father-in-law's case is like this. He is over 80 years old. Some time ago, he got the novel coronavirus. Later he tested negative. Right now, well, the doctor suggested that we make up our mind to get a lung transplant done for him. However, I'd like to consult Director Han about it. Can it be done for an 83 year old senior?

Doctor Han Weili: When it comes to a lung transplant, an 83-year old senior should be,

should be considered as taboo, from the age perspective.

Investigator: Oh, it cannot be done.

Doctor Han Weili: Nope, because he's too old. Generally, we keep the age limit below the 80-year mark. However, there were international cases even going beyond the limit. That mainly depends on the (patient's) health condition. The physical condition must be very good. Otherwise, he may not recover from the operation. Which state are you in the U.S.?

Investigator: I am in New York State.

Doctor Han Weili: New York State?

Investigator: Yeah.

Doctor Han Weili: The doctor there recommended that you get it done?

Investigator: Here it depends on how determined we are to get it done. So I think, as I know you are an authority figure, I, I'd like to consult with you about it.

Doctor Han Weili: Right. We have been doing it for two years. Regarding those seniors, I think for those who are over 80 years old...we had a few patients over 80 years old, we ended up not doing it for them.

Investigator: You didn't do it, either?

Doctor Han Weili: You, how about this, I think over the phone...how is this? Could you add me as a contact on WeChat?

Investigator: On WeChat? If we decide to get it done, we will add you, as I am abroad, I, I ...

Doctor Han Weili: No, don't wait until then. Regarding your current, current situation, I could get to know more about it, right? Mainly I'd like to know how your overall situation is, so it'd be more convenient to do so *via* WeChat, on WeChat.

Investigator: Well, that WeChat, I rarely use it. Because we basically, as you know, we are abroad. (Han Weili: Don't use it? Okay.) Right, I rarely use it. So I just want to have a consultation....

Doctor Han Weili: Right, right, in the U.S., it's rarely used.

Investigator: So, I'd just like to consult about it here. As I am very concerned about it, the main issue is (Han Weili: Ah), could good lung organs be found? That is the most important, isn't it?

Doctor Han Weili: Yeah, that should be. In such a case as his, he can look for it in the U.S., as it will surely get, it should get at least qualified for you there. This needs to be evaluated for sure.

Investigator: Ah, it cannot be found in the U.S., Director. It takes two years here in the U.S., as we've had a consultation. Besides, my father-in-law cannot take a flight and get it done in the U.S.

Doctor Han Weili: Where is he?

Investigator: He is in Anhui.

Doctor Han Weili: In Anhui? He wants to get a lung transplant done at the age of 83? So you can ask one of his family members, one family member to add me as a WeChat contact. That would be very convenient. It would be more convenient that way.

Investigator: My siblings are all elsewhere away from my parents-in-law, who are at their home by themselves.

Doctor Han Weili: Oh.

Investigator: Yeah. So we cannot go back to them right now. That's why I am calling you, getting up in the midnight to call you.

Doctor Han Weili: He had the novel coronavirus?

Investigator: Yes.

Doctor Han Weili: In our country, it is normally not recommended for a patient over 80 years old.

Investigator: Not recommended? He is....

Doctor Han Weili: He is too old, simply too old!

Investigator: He is too old, to have it? Well, but....

Doctor Han Weili: Usually when a patient is too old, he or she would face severe indications after a lung transplant.

Investigator: Oh, is that so? Because it is very difficult for us to make such a decision, it feels just, just too difficult.

Doctor Han Weili: It's not about making up the mind. I think the doctor should not be able to make up his mind, either. For someone over 80 years old, the risks are too high, the age is too high!

Investigator: The age is too high.

Doctor Han Weili: Besides we're talking about the novel coronavirus here. With the virus, if all its indications are evident, the lungs would be in a very, very bad shape.

Investigator: Yes, yes. It's been hard for us. So we want to consult you. You are experienced! It cannot be done, right?

Doctor Han Weili: First, regarding this person, I need to know the patient's condition. I can, I can first make an assessment on him. Normally for a lung transplant, it is rarely done for an over 80-year old (patient) in our country, very rarely. Unless the physical condition is exceptionally good, then, then it can be considered. For lung transplants, those indications are very rigorously checked in selecting which one can be done.

Investigator: As I know, you went to Wuhan and did two cases with great success, did you?

Doctor Han Weili: Those two cases in Wuhan, those are okay. Their recoveries are okay. They've still been in recovery now.

Investigator: Oh, as for lung transplantation, normally how long can such a patient survive? Are there any statistics on that?

Doctor Han Weili: How many years to survive? Such information is all available out there. Internationally it is normally five years. Such cases account for 50% to 60% or so.

Investigator: Oh, that's 50.

Doctor Han Weili: Yeah. That's overall statistics, worldwide.

Investigator: So that means the patients who are 50 to 60 years old can survive for around five years, right?

Doctor Han Weili: Not necessarily those of 50 or 60 years old. That is an overall statistics, based on all international lung transplants compiled together. Okay, if he wants to get it done for the novel coronavirus, surely it can be done in Anhui Province. Surely he will not come to us.

Investigator: Those that do it well in China are only handful hospitals such as yours. How can there be such (hospitals) that do it in Anhui? They don't do it there.

Doctor Han Weili: In Anhui there are (hospitals) that do it. There are provincial hospitals that do it in Anhui, as I knew.

Investigator: But their experience is much less than yours. I know you and the one in Wuxi do the most cases, right?

Doctor Han Weili: Yeah, we should be the ones who do the most as far as the novel coronavirus is concerned.

Investigator: So are you very experienced in dealing with the novel coronavirus? You did it, I saw that you did a few cases.

Doctor Han Weili: Ah, in fact we are not that experienced. There are no guidelines in the field itself, none, aren't there? It is still exploratory. It is exploratory work. The selection bar is high, so we must select patients very carefully. It's not that any patient with the novel coronavirus can get it done.

Investigator: But in case....

Doctor Han Weili: Right, the patients must be very carefully selected.

Investigator: But in case our national leaders, at the very high, very high level get infected, what could be done? How to treat them?

Doctor Han Weili: I don't know. That I don't know. Any ways, those that I did, the two cases that I did, were both peasants.

Investigator: Oh, peasants, they have a lot of money.

Doctor Han Weili: How can those peasants have a lot of money?! Okay, about those

details, you can ask later. I am being busy, so I must go for another operation.

Investigator: Good, good, thank you!

Doctor Han Weili: Good bye!