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Memorial of Professor Kazuyoshi Tsutsui (1952-2021): His Effective Role in Reproductive Neurophysiology Research in Iran

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Abbreviations

GnIH, Gonadotropin-inhibiting hormone; RFRP, RFamide-related peptide

Dear Editor:

Professor Kazuyoshi Tsutsui (Figure 1), a specialist in reproductive neurophysiology, was born on September 30, 1952, in Hiroshima, Japan. He died on September 16, 2021 at the age of 68 (1, 2). He received his Ph.D. in Biology from Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan in 1981. His research was mainly on the neurophysiology of reproduction in birds and mammals. In 2000, Professor Tsutsui discovered gonadotropin-inhibiting hormone (GnIH) in quail brain and demonstrated its inhibitory effect on gonadotropin release from the pituitary gland (3).

Professor Tsutsui began his scientific collaboration with Iranian researchers at Shiraz University and Shiraz University of Medical Sciences in 2010. With the beginning of researches by several Iranian researchers on brain neuropeptides, this prestigious scientist accompanied these researchers with all his might with his material and spiritual support. Despite Western biotechnology sanctions on Iran, Professor Tsutsui did not delay his scientific support and supervision of Iranian neuroscientists until a month before pathing away, focusing on prioritizing the development of knowledge and neuroscience in Iran. His research, which has supported Iranian researchers and has been published so far, includes the study of the role of RFRP or GnIH neuropeptide in reproductive activities of rat (4), goat (5), partridge (6, 7), and turkey (8). Also reviewed articles were written under his supervision, including evaluation of the role of RFRP in reproduction (9), the role of 3D imaging in biological studies (unpublished data).

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Figure 1. Professor Kazuyoshi Tsutsui (1952-2021)

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