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Prof. Shohei Hattori  
International Center for Isotope Effects Research (ICIER)  
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Modern Engineering Plaza No.163 Xianlin Avenue, Qixia District, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China

Dear Professor Shohei Hattori:

Thank you so much for promoting our joint research between Nanjing University and The University of Tokyo.

In the experiments conducted in March, we jointly discovered technical problems related to sulfur isotope analysis using the MC-ICP-MS, and you spent more than two weeks resolving them and analyzing samples to international standards. As a result, we are now ready to conduct highly accurate sulfur isotope analysis, and we thank you for your cooperation.

However, as a result, we were not able to complete the sulfur isotope analysis of Arctic and Antarctic ice cores planned by Prof. Shohei Hattori. Moreover, the fiscal switch in Japan from the end of March to the beginning of April has made budget execution difficult, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The next experiment is scheduled to begin after around April 20, and we expect that the experiments can be completed within 2-4 weeks. However, just to be sure, could you consider extending your stay a little longer? For example, we would be grateful if you would extend your stay for three months until July 20, 2022.

Moreover, we would like to ask you to give a seminar for our students and young researchers at Geochemical Research Center, The University of Tokyo. The seminar and subsequent discussions with young researchers are tentatively scheduled around May 15, 2022. We would appreciate your cooperation in encouraging young Japanese researchers to learn more about your activities at the leading universities.

Of course, once you have completed your isotope analysis and the seminar, you are free to return to your home country.

Once again, we are very grateful to your stay at Geochemical Research Center.

With my best regards,

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