It was my distinct pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with Andrei early in his career. He was always eager, inquisitive and insightful in everything we did (we published four papers together). Andrei had realistic but ambitious goals for his work that never failed to impress me. He was imaginative yet thorough. Most importantly, he was a trusting colleague whose honesty and integrity could never be doubted. He was a wonderful man. I am going to miss his presence at our meetings and we will all miss his input into the field of innate immunity. His premature death leaves me terribly saddened and I want to extend my condolences to his family and friends.

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