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Dear Yves,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Pablo since he arrive at Carnegie with Kathy Barton's group in 2002. Carnegie has had the good fortune of having a series of superb post docs in the last several years, people who have gone on to take faculty positions at Stanford, Berkeley, Cold Spring Harbor, Purdue, Illinois State, and your own Department. I count Pablo among the very best of these individuals. Pablo is a first rate developmental biologist who has a true feel for the organism. He has taken on the considerable challenge of plant embryonic pattern formation and has all the key abilities that are required to dissect this complex problem: he is a careful observer, a meticulous experimenter, and a subtle and imaginative thinker. Pablo has become the "go to" person here at Carnegie if one discovers an unusual or novel phenotype. His knowledge, insight and advice in these situations have always proven to be invaluable. Pablo is extremely generous with his time and shows great patience and skill when helping and instructing others, whether they are students, other post docs, or technicians. In my own case, Pablo not only taught someone in my group with the basic techniques for preparing embryos for observation, but also went on to help her understand what she was seeing. He helped us to see important patterns in our embryonic lethal mutants that we had overlooked, patterns that change the way we think about the possible range of functions of these genes. I believe that Pablo will make important contributions to plant developmental biology and that he will be a fabulous colleague.

Sincerely,

David Ehrhardt