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Dear Dr. Brun,

This is a letter of recommendation for Dr. Dat H. Nguyen. He contacted me in late 2001 and arrived in August 2002 already awarded a prestigious Sloan/DOE fellowship. His recent research accomplishments are numerous including an important new approach on DNA motifs with Patrik D'haeseleer, P, "Deciphering Principles of Transcription Regulation in Eukaryotic Genomes ", a paper with Martin Steffen on molecular weight Assessments using total proteome profiles using 1D-PAGE and LC/MS/MS, and a paper on mass spectrometry describing new standard (hmsXML) and how it interfaces with some wonderful applications including quantitation with or without internal (isotopic) standards. In a short time in his postdoc he has move from strengths in 3D structural analyses to strengths in transcriptional and proteomic analysis and not just abstractions (which he is also good at) but dealing with the nitty-gritty of experimental design and massive, idiosyncratic data sets. He has worked with a variety of collaborators in my lab and other labs during this time, but I would stress that Dat has earned his authorship in every case, generally initiating the key intellectual leap. If you forced me to say something negatively critical, I would say that his communication skills are not as high as I would hope. He is determined and ambitious and I expect that he will go far. Dat is a unique asset capable of bridging disciplines and deserves your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Church", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Center for Computational Genetics & DOE GtL Center, & NIH-CEGS.