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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Reference for Ms. K. Muhamuda

I am writing to you to express my support for Ms. K. Muhamuda in her application for a post doctoral position in your University.

I have known Muhamuda for approximately five years. In the year January 2001, Muhamuda undertook a small project in the Department of Neurovirology as a part fulfillment of the post graduate degree course in the Bharathiar University, Tamilnadu. After obtaining her Masters degree in Microbiology, she was selected as a doctoral student in the department of Neurovirology, NIMHANS, Bangalore. She completed her doctoral work on the topic 'Production and characterization of monoclonal antibodies against rabies viral protein and their utility in immunodiagnosis and immunotherapy'. In the month of December 2005, she has submitted her thesis and is currently awaiting her viva-voce and defense examinations for her Ph.D degree.

Muhamuda scores very good points in her work and attitude. Her doctoral work on production of monoclonal antibodies to rabies has been a very valued piece of work. Besides doing her research work for her degree course, she also helped a great deal in the routine diagnosis of rabies in infected human clinical samples as well as dog brain samples using immunological and tissue culture based techniques. Currently as she is awaiting her Ph.D defense and viva, she is learning molecular techniques such as cloning and sequencing of the street virus (rabies) isolates.

Muhamuda is a very sincere and hard-working student. She is meticulous in her work and is competent to design and carry out research independently. She has pleasing manners, a very good team spirit, helpful and is friendly and popular amongst her lab-mates.

Muhamuda will be an asset to any research team. I am very confident she will contribute a great deal and I strongly recommend her for a post doctoral position in your group.

