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**Date of association with the candidate - From/To: 2011-2014**

**Position: (referee)** Course co-ordinator, third year tutorial tutor

**Student Rank: upper 10%**

**Comment:**

It is a pleasure to support Mark Zurbreugg's application for a PhD position. Mark is an excellent student who has performed at a high level throughout his undergraduate years. I first got to know Mark in third year when he was in my tutorial group. Mark already had an excellent knowledge of neuroscience and had developed a good capacity for analytical thinking. In 4<sup>th</sup> year Mark has proved to be a very enthusiastic member of the class who is highly motivated and is committed to his subject. He has completed a laboratory-based lab project under the supervision of professor Andrew Todd where he acquired skills in immunocytochemistry and confocal microscopy. He clearly enjoys working in a laboratory environment. At present, Mark has a grade point average that is on the borderline between first and upper-second class and he is one of the top four students in a class of 26. In my opinion, Mark will make an excellent PhD student and I have no hesitation in supporting his application.