Letter of recommendation for Mark Zurbrügg

To whom it may concern:

It is a true pleasure for me to recommend Mark Zurbrügg for a PhD position. I met Mark during his Licentiate in the lab of Prof. Per Svenningsson at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. During that period he distinguished himself with a combination of a willingness to work hard and a deep interest in the both technical and theoretical aspects of the work.

During his project in Prof. Svenningsson's lab he studied the role of glucocerebrosidase mutations in Parkinson's disease.

Methodologically, Mark successfully learned and applied a variety of biochemical and molecular biology techniques. He has significant knowledge in cell culture and generation of stable cell lines. He is also proficient in running western blots and immunohistochemical staining and imaging. He also has experience in running metabolic assays and production of recombinant proteins.

Apart from working on his project, Mark also significantly contributed to other ongoing projects in our lab.

Mark is an absolutely reliable co-worker, independent in his lab work with honest and kind personality. Socially he is easy-going, interacting efficiently and pleasantly with other group members.

I enthusiastically recommend Mark as a prospective PhD student and I am sure that he will definitely be an asset to any lab that employs him.

Please, feel free to contact me again in case any further information is required.

Sincerely,

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