

October 19, 2023

Dear Xuemei,

I am writing to provide my enthusiastic endorsement for Li Shen in his pursuit of the Principal Bioinformatician position. As Professor and Chair of the Department of Translational Molecular Pathology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, I have had the privilege of working closely with Li Shen for an extended period. I can confidently attest to his invaluable contributions to our department and his exceptional skills in the analysis of data from cutting-edge technologies, such as nanostring spatial transcriptomics data.

Li Shen's work in this field has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of its intricacies. He has pioneered innovative data analysis pipelines for mRNA, protein, and spatial compartment assessments, leading to significant publications and offering promise for future breakthroughs. Beyond his technical expertise, Li possesses a strong work ethic, remarkable problem-solving abilities, and an unwavering dedication to advancing knowledge. His collaborative nature and ability to translate complex data into actionable insights make him a highly regarded member of our department.

I am confident that Li Shen's dedication, knowledge, and accomplishments make him an outstanding candidate for the Principal Bioinformatician position. His work has not only advanced our department's research but has also enriched the broader scientific community. I wholeheartedly support his application for this role and am readily available to provide any further information or answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Ignacio I. Wistuba, M.D.