

September 27, 2017

Re: Noory Kim

To Whom It May Concern:

Noory Kim has asked me to provide him an open letter of recommendation. I do so with great pleasure.

I first met Noory in 2012, when he was a graduate student at the University of North Carolina(UNC) at Chapel Hill. Together with the Department of Statistics at UNC, our department was working on a European Union funded project on publication bias and we needed a student-programmer with exceptional skills in R. Noory joined our team and developed a program in R that predicted the impact of unpublished studies on effect estimates of meta-analyses. Noory quickly grasped the methodological underpinnings of publication bias and worked with the lead investigators to develop the program which was later published under the acronym of SAMURAI (Sensitivity analysis of a meta-analysis with unpublished but registered analytical investigations). Throughout our work together, Noory stood out as a highly motivated, very reliable individual who dedicates himself to the projects he participates in. The fine quality of his work combined with the amiable and cooperative nature of his character made him a welcome addition to our team and no doubt contributed to our ultimate success.

For these reasons I can highly recommend Noory as a dedicated and creative statistician and programmer who goes to great lengths to learn new things and to understand the needs and concerns of collaborating investigators. I am therefore convinced that he will be an asset to any project he works on and a welcome addition to any team he joins.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gerald Gartlehner'.

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