***To whomsoever it may concern***

Mr. Akhil Sanker is known to me through our collaboration on our research projects which involved automating the drug discovery workflow using a programmatic tool, Mining Ancient Text for Human Experience. The research papers produced through the collaboration are listed below for reference and I identify as the first and corresponding author of the work responsible for work design and co-ordinating the implementation among different experts.

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I found the collaboration incredibly pleasant and professional. Akhil’s expertise in web scrapping, data wrangling and implementing Machine Learning – Deep Learning algorithms played instrumental role in the successful completion of our work. I wish him all the best in his future endeavours in which ever institution or organization that provides him a platform for the use of his skills and expertise.

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