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## To whom it may concern

## **Recommendation for Seyed Mohammad Mahdi Rasa**

It is my great pleasure to write a recommendation letter for Mahdi Rasa.

Mahdi Rasa started in February 2017 his PhD project at the Leibniz Institute on Aging in the group of Prof. Dr. Neri working on epigenetic changes using global analyses of genetic and chromatin changes including bioinformatic tools to analyze the aging process. He gained a rich profile of knowledge and high experience in bioinformatics and computer programming skills.

He was recommended by Prof. Dr. Neri as a reliable interacting partner for our research. In May 2019 we started a collaboration on a project addressing transcriptome analyses in prostate cancer changed by treatments. Mahdi Rasa interacted with my group very well and rapidly responded to questions. His bioinformatic and programming analyses were very important to us leading to several publications with my group on which he is co-author with the recent publication in 2022. He developed into an independent researcher that was very helpful to our group members and who understands both the Biology, biological pathways as well as the Bioinformatics and programming.

Mahdi Rasa is very intelligent, very reliable and hard working. He rapidly and consistently strives to work at the highest level and delivers professional standards at all times. I was also impressed about his very good communication skills at his presentations of progress reports held in English language. He also demonstrated to have an excellent team-oriented handling, the ability to manage a laboratory project and communicate with colleague and discuss the obtained results critically.

I am certain he will be very successful and therefore I enthusiastically recommend him.

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