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### REFERENCE LETTER FOR MR. OBED JOSHUA DODO

Obed was the most enthusiastic and promising research student I had during his final year. Obed saw his research work as an opportunity to meet with experts and improve his research skills and he demonstrated this by profound optimism in gaining high-class research experience. He asked for an introduction letter wherein he sorted for permission to carry out part of his work at the National Research Institute for Chemical Technology (NARICT). While at the institute, he worked with professional researchers and laboratory technologists where he used UV Spectrophotometer to determine the retinol, thiamine, and riboflavin contents of a variety wheat flour brands which were stored for varied lengths of time. His skills in statistical interpretation and data analysis were also honed. The final experimental phase of his research was carried out in Kaduna State University (KASU) where he determined the dietary iron contents of the same flour samples he had analyzed at NARICT using Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS). I admired his optimism during his research, and with such a disposition, he was open to gladly receive advice and welcomed new ideas. He interacted easily with the laboratory technicians and built a good relationship with them. With the type of curiosity, consistency and analytical work ethic I observed in Obed, I am very confident that he will do exceptionally well in graduate school and will make an outstanding researcher.

In fact, Obed was resourceful even to me. He was the first student under my supervision to have his manuscript approved for final thesis defense because he was the most committed undergraduate student I had. Obed has the nature of being mindful of even the minutest of details especially when given instruction. So, he helped to review the manuscripts of his colleagues even before they sent it to me for review or approval. His inputs were so remarkable, such that one student sent her manuscripts to me for the first review and I had only few minor corrections to make, she eventually an early approval for her thesis defense. I later learnt Obed had reviewed and effected major corrections in her work before she came to me. This shows his ability to retain instruction and transfer knowledge to others. During his thesis defense, Obed made me proud by proving to the faculty and students how well he had understood the underlying principles of all the techniques and instrumentation he had used during his research. Unlike some students, he responded confidently to all the questions thrown at him without hesitation, he made sure he used the right words and technicality while responding to questions regarding his research methodology, chemical principles, findings, and recommendations. Obed is well disposed at working under pressure and is capable of independent work. He is experienced with instrumental techniques such as UV/VIS spectroscopy, atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS), high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), and gas chromatography/mass chromatography (GC/MS).

Obed was involved in some extracurricular activities while in school. He was an active volleyball player and has taken part in three annual inter faculty competitions where his team had repeatedly made the Faculty of science proud. Obed spends some really good time on this sport and that has been sort of a challenge because it sometimes encroaches into his scheduled time for other activities. However, as it is obvious, his academic performance remains excellent and he is still able to organize free tutorials for his class mates and juniors. Obed has a consistent attitude towards research and is reliable. Given the opportunity, I would not hesitate to have him as a graduate student. With his excellent problem solving, communication, and analytical skills, I am confident that Obed is going to be a remarkable graduate student and will go on to make outstanding contributions to the field of chemistry, both in research and teaching. Therefore, without any reservations, I strongly recommend Mr. Obed Joshua Dodo for admission in your institution. He will surely be an asset to your school, please consider his application.

Signature

Name of recommender and title