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Dear Dorrie,

I am writing this letter as co-PI of the Gramene database project (www.gramene.org) and leader of the Plant Ontology Project (www.plantontology.org), to collaborate on your SCRI proposal "**Tree fruit GDR: Translating genomics to Fruit Tree Agriculture**". The project seems very interesting and will develop a number of datasets, tools and community resources that will be of immense value to the Rosaceae and Rutaceae researchers and plant biologists in general. It will also be broadly useful to many researchers seeking to dissect complex traits and gene functions in specialty crops from Rosaceae and Rutaceae or those from other model and crop plant species that can be predicted based on the annotations generated in your project.

Based on our discussion, I will be happy to serve on the project's advisory board, provisional to the project getting funded. My research interests are on Comparative Plant Genomics, Functional genomics, Systems Biology, Bioinformatics, Genome Annotation, Biochemical and Regulatory Pathway Databases, Genome Databases, Ontology Development.

I wish you good luck with the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pankaj".

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