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To whom it may concern.

This is a letter of recommendation written in support of Dr. Le Tong.

I know Dr. Le Tong since the time she arrived at Karolinska October 2019 from Peking University. She was registered then as a PhD student in the group of Professor Andreas Lundqvist (A.L.), a close collaborator of mine. Already upon her arrival at Karolinska she was well trained and mastered several techniques, such as molecular cloning, gene editing, and human primary cell culture from patients and had experience in stem cell biology. During her time as PhD student in the group of A.L. her project was focused on improving immunotherapy against kidney cancer, with a special focus on NK cells and patient-derived organoids.

She showed a passionate interest in pursuing her research project and in cancer immunology and in clinical translation of immunotherapeutic approaches in general. She gradually developed a considerable skill in several techniques used in A.L.s and my laboratories, such as PBMC isolation from human buffy coats, subsequent monocyte and cytotoxic T lymphocyte purification, tumor cell culture, T cell activation assay, Flow Cytometry, IFN γ -ELISAs and in establishing patient-derived organoids. I found Dr. Le Tong to be a hard-working student who used to spend long hours in the laboratory. Although I did not supervise her bench-work myself directly, I know that A.L. was very impressed by her laboratory skills. She participated regularly in the weekly group meetings and presentations and discussions of experimental data and in journal clubs shared between my laboratory and that of A.L.s group. She has a most pleasant personality, always positive and happy and was very much liked by members of our groups here at Karolinska.

In summary I would place her among the top 10% of our students. Therefore, it is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Le Tong for a postdoctoral position. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Best regards,

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