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To whom it may concern

Re: Jiayu (Cynthia) Xiao

Cynthia Xiao has recently completed the 2nd year of her degree in Biomedical Science at King's College London. I know Cynthia through teaching her on a small practical based 2nd year undergraduate module that I run entitled "Animal models of disease and injury". This is a highly popular capped module where students gain a place through academic attainment and a personal statement. Students gain a UK government (Home Office) Licence to carry out *in vivo* based practicals including glucose tolerance tests in mice and behavioural tests in rats. During this module I have noted that Cynthia is punctual, well-organised and has a genuine interest in research. She has worked well with the animals, showing maturity in her attitude. She has shown determination and resilience while learning difficult skills such as i.p. injection of mice and has shown that she is technically capable.

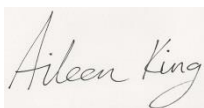
Academically Cynthia has done very well so far. Her first year average was 85% and her second year average was 74%. With these marks Cynthia is on track to gain a first class degree when she graduates in July 2024.

Cynthia has also contributed to the University in other ways. She was a student representative on the staff student liaison committee, which involves feeding back student opinions to members of staff regarding their education. She has also been a deputy director of the King's College London Chinese Alumni Association and an active member of King's 100 project.

Her commitment to her studies and general university life is impressive. She has also made full use of her Summer vacation to gain more relevant experience. She has been working as a research assistant where she has used her research skills to help develop new treatments for stretch marks.

Overall Cynthia is a highly motivated, intelligent and hard-working individual. She has proven herself to have good scientific skills and has a keen interest to pursue a career in science. I therefore highly recommend Cynthia.

Yours faithfully,



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