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**Recommendation for Mr. Alexaner Stacul's Application to the Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025**

Dear Members of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum,

I am writing to recommend my doctoral student, Mr. Alexander Stacul, for participation in this year's Hong Kong Laureate Forum. As his supervisor at the Swiss Paraplegic research and his doctoral advisor at the University of Bern, I have had the privilege of closely supervising Alexander since he joined our research program in November 2024. I have been consistently impressed by his intellectual curiosity and dedication to advancing scientific knowledge in the field rehabilitation in spinal cord injury individuals.

Alexander's PhD project focuses on identifying key molecular pathways influencing neurological and functional recovery following spinal cord injury. His work leverages data from the Swiss Spinal Cord Injury Cohort Study (SwiSCI) Biobank and employs a multi-omics approach, integrating proteomics, transcriptomics, and microbiome analyses. By addressing the complexities of data heterogeneity and integrating cutting-edge analytical techniques, Alexander's work has not only the potential to contribute to our understanding of neural repair but has also the potential for clinical applications in regenerative medicine.

Attendance at the Hong Kong Laureate Forum will enable Alexander to engage meaningfully with distinguished scientists and emerging researchers across disciplines. His expertise in bioinformatics, data analysis, and machine learning applications in spinal cord injury research will contribute valuable insights to discussions at the forum. Additionally, his strong aptitude for interdisciplinary collaboration and commitment to advancing data-driven precision medicine align well with the forum's mission to nurture scientific excellence among future leaders. This opportunity will provide him with a platform to expand his professional network, exchange ideas with pioneers in the field, and refine his research approach in ways that will shape the future of computational and biomedical science.

I support Alexander Stacul's application and strongly encourage his inclusion in the Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025. Should further information be required, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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