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To: Maine Entrepreneurial Resource Corps (MERC)

Re: *Professional Letter of Reference for Tomoko Tabuchi Morin,*

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To MERC personnel and users of MERC-supported services:

It is my pleasure to write this professional letter of reference for Tomoko Tabuchi Morin, Ph.D., and provide a direct account of her comprehensive skills in projects related to genomics, next generation sequencing, bioinformatics and data analyses.

Tomoko worked in my biomedical research laboratory for a relatively short period. However, from that time, I had a first-hand experience of the quality of her work and I can attest to her strong computational skills, deep knowledge of technical approaches to sequencing and bioinformatics work and holistic understanding of the underlying biological questions of the projects at hand. I was particularly impressed by her extensive expertise and profound understanding of genomics, her thoughtful assessments of sequencing feasibility, and her effectiveness in the establishment of efficient and sound workflows for sample processing, library preparation, RNA sequencing and bioinformatics pipelines.

After she established herself as an independent consultant, Tomoko managed for us an RNA-sequencing project from raw data processing and quality control to gene expression and pathway analyses and biological interpretation of the data. During this project, I was further impressed by her ability to work independently, thoughtful management of outside vendors, and her capacity for clear and efficacious communication.

Thus, it is without any hesitation that I strongly recommend Tomoko for any consulting work involving genomics, next generation sequencing, bioinformatics and analysis and management of scientific data related to such projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arturo Hernandez", enclosed within a blue oval.

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