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It’s my pleasure to offer my unreserved recommendation of Carola Davila as a recipient for the CTRMS Scientific Abstract Travel Award. As the principal investigator and Director of the Institue for Cellular Transplantation (ICT) at the University of Arizona Department of Surgery, I first met Carola when she was hired as a Research Techinician in 2021. Immediately it was evident that she was eager to learn labortory techiques and become involved in various studies.

Carola’s positive demeanor and work ethic has led her to continually grow professionally and she was quickly promoted to a Research Professional position. Carola oversees multiple cell lines and is adept in many different assays throughout the lab. She has served in her role for about two years and continues to show proficiency. Carola has become a valuable team member, as she has contributed to high profile studies by culturing and preparing cells and performing vital cell quality assessments. She has also been trained in aseptic techniques and helps in the clean room. Carola is constantly seeking new opportunities, including working with research and clinical human islet isolations in the near future. She is always willing to help fellow team members when needed and is a dependable employee.

Carola has demonstrated a great interest in research and has worked tirelessly alongside the team to meet goals and aspirations. ICT has benefited from Carola’s hard work and effort in bringing forward new ideas and expertise into the lab. Her contributions to cell culture have ramped up the quality and quantity of in vitro and in vivo studies.

Moreover, I support and fully recommend Carola’s nomination without any hesitation for the CTRMS Scientific Abstract Travel Award. It is my greatest hope that you will provide the opportunity for Carola to participate in this program. For any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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