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LA CaTs Clinical Research Education, Mentoring and
Development Core

Re: Application of XYZ for Meritorious Postdoctoral Scholar Award Dear Committee Members,

It is a pleasure to provide a Candidate Mentor letter in support of Dr. XYZ's application for the Meritorious Postdoctoral Scholar. Dr. XYZ is an outstanding candidate based on his excellent productivity to date, his career goals, his academic training in translational epidemiology, and his potential to develop into an independent clinical scientist in the epidemiology of [REDACTED]. Of the 8 post-doctoral fellows and 11 graduate students I have directly supervised in my career, Dr. XYZ definitely ranks as the most outstanding for both his current level of expertise and his potential to become an independent scientist and leader in the field.

Dr. XYZ has been very productive during the past 2 years in my laboratory, publishing 16 papers (7 first author) and 15 peer-reviewed abstracts (9 first author), with several additional papers in review and preparation. He submitted and was successfully awarded an intramural project to the His project investigates the comparative effectiveness in the [REDACTED].

I'm fully committed to Dr. XYZ's career development and research plan, which I believe has been carefully conceived and developed in a way that will carve out a scientific niche of his own. The leadership of [REDACTED] and I will do everything possible to facilitate the professional development of Dr. XYZ and help him achieve his goal of becoming an independent research scientist conducting translational epidemiology studies. I will ensure that he has access to the proper resources of the [REDACTED] in order for him to be successful in accomplishing his aims and ultimately obtaining external research funding to bridge the gap to full independence.

Sincerely,

Mentor