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Performance testimonial for Drs. Ming Yi and Robert Stephens, Advanced Biomedical Computing Center

To whom it may concern:

I am the Principal Investigator of the Breast and Prostate Cancer Unit in the Laboratory of Human Carcinogenesis at the NCI. Drs. Ming Yi and Robert Stephens have performed biostatistical analyses of Omics data for my group at numerous occasions. The provided services have been outstanding.

Drs. Ming Yi and Robert Stephens have been supporting our group with software development and biostatistical analysis of large-scale gene expression profiling data from breast and prostate studies. The projects are part support service by ABCC for NCI investigators and part collaboration between our groups for mutual benefit of both parties. Drs. Yi and Stephens performed analyses that are both standard for these types of dataset but also cutting edge and novel, and are supported by highly innovative software that was developed by Dr. Yi. For example, novel pattern extraction and integrated pathways analysis tools that were developed by Dr. Yi have been very successfully applied to our datasets. Using these analysis tools, we have made novel discoveries that resulted in several high impact publications. Dr. Yi and Stephens have always been very supportive of our studies. In all aspects of their work, they have been very pro-active and creative, and clearly exceeded of what was expected of them. Thus, our experience with them has been extremely positive. Without their involvement, we would not have been able to do our studies. I have only praise for their outstanding work and look forward to future collaborative work between us.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stef Ambs".

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