

Within the short time that I was acquainted with Dr. Saab, she has proved herself to be a very hard working scientist. She is very dedicated to her work and strives to achieve the best possible results. She is capable of working independently or in a group. Dr. Saab is very analytical and thinks through her options to select the best possible route to accomplish her synthetic goals. She is a conscientious, highly motivated, hard working individual with great enthusiasm, self confidence and excellent problem solving abilities in synthetic organic chemistry. During her tenure in our laboratory she accomplished the synthesis of a very important compound that will help us study an enzyme called aldose reductase. This enzyme has implicated in the onset of diabetic complications. Hence drugs that can inhibit the enzyme will be very useful in preventing or delaying the onset of diabetic complications. Currently, there is no such drug on the market in the United States. The compound she developed is the first ever of its kind that can completely inhibit the enzyme. We will be using this compound to gain more knowledge about the enzyme so as to be in a position to develop potent specific inhibitors of the enzyme as drug candidates. The accomplishments of Dr. Saab within the short period that she worked in our laboratory clearly demonstrated to me that she is an excellent investigator that will add positively to the scientific accomplishments of this nation. Her accomplishments on the work briefly described above will be published in the near future in the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry which is an internationally reputed journal.

On a personal level, Dr. Saad is a pleasant, caring, reliable fellow who gets along very well with her colleagues. I strongly recommend her for the immigrant visa. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further assistance in your evaluation of Dr. Saab.

Sincerely,



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