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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Dr. Nada H. Saab

I, Tamás Lóránd, Ph.D., an Assistant Professor of Organic Chemistry at the Department of Medical Chemistry, Medical University of Pécs, Pécs, Hungary, wish to make a statement about the scientific contributions and international standing of **Dr. Nada H. Saab**. I have been active for over twenty years in synthetic organic chemistry of heterocyclic compounds with potential biomedical activity and published widely on the subject, including in international journals. In 1990 I received my latest degree from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences acknowledging my work. I am familiar with the area of Dr. Saab's activity and with her impact on this field.

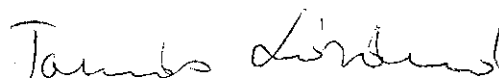
Dr. Saab published during 1993-1995 three very important articles reporting her results relating to her Ph.D. thesis work on unsymmetrical polyamine analogues, potential antitumor agents, carried out under Dr. Patrick Woster's mentoring at the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. These articles were published in the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology, and Cancer Chemotherapy Pharmacology, and they are unique in the area of synthesis and characterization of these agents.

I have recently heard that upon the completion of her work towards the Ph.D. degree, Dr. Saab moved to the University of Tennessee, College of Pharmacy, Memphis, to expand her vista under the guidance of Dr. Duane D. Miller, Van Vleet Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, an acknowledged expert in the synthesis of new drug molecules. In his laboratory, **Dr. Saab** continued making her mark on the field of pharmaceutical agents by her work on the synthesis and characterization of inhibitors of aldose reductase. These inhibitors are potential drugs for the treatment of complications induced by insulin-independent diabetes. I have recently seen preliminary publications at meetings (210th American Chemical Society National Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 20-24, 1995) of this work by her, and was very impressed.

My understanding is that **Dr. Saab's** new endeavors in Dr. Gabriel Elgavish's laboratory, in the field of the synthesis of new drug molecules, are now in the area of agents for Sodium NMR, to be used for the diagnosis of Ischemic Heart Disease. I am particularly intrigued by this new application of her already demonstrated talents as I have personally spent time working in this area. I am looking forward to as significant contributions by her to this area as those she made to the areas of anticancer and diabetes drugs.

In summary, I wish to attest to **Dr. Nada Saab's** high quality of scientific contributions and her internationally known standing in her field of activity.

Sincerely,



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