

December 18, 1995

Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Eastern Service Center  
75 Lower Welden Street  
St. Albans, Vt 05479-0001

Dear Immigration and Naturalization Service:

This is a letter of reference for Dr. Nada Saab who has been working in my laboratory as a postdoctoral for the past year. Dr. Saab's past research activity and experience qualify her for the design and synthesis new drug molecules. She has had exceptional training in the area of making enzyme inhibitors. The molecules that she prepared at Wayne State University under the direction of Dr. Patric Woster have shown very good activity. Others have already used some of her ideas in very recent research and reported in J. Med. Chem. publications.

In the time that she worked as a postdoctoral for us she has shown that she can synthesize make potent inhibitors of aldose reductase. Thus, far we are very happy with the progress she has made and we are now putting her on one our most challenging problems. She has also worked some with Dr. Isaac Donkor on a synthetic pathway to some novel inhibitors of aldose reductase. We will soon be initiating a study in which we will be investigating the binding of our drugs irreversibly with the enzyme aldose reductase. She will be involved in the purification and identification of the point that our new inhibitors bind to the enzyme. This work should lead to new drugs for the prevention of cataracts, retinopathy and neuropathy in diabetic patients.

She is a very hard working person that has a strong independent nature to how she likes to carry things out in the laboratory and in her library searches. She was very helpful to Dr. Donkor and I in writing our most recent grant on aldose reductase. She is a very dedicated scientist and one that will be very productive in the laboratory and putting together research ideas and proposals for important research areas in the future.



Dr. Saab is a very caring individual and has strong family ties to her mother and brothers in the United States. She is an excellent scientist and one that will make significant contributions to find new drugs to be used in the practice of medicine in the United States. She has recently moved to Alabama to continue her research.

I strongly recommend Dr. Nada Saab for becoming a citizen of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duane D. Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Duane D. Miller, Ph.D.  
Van Vleet Professor