

Dear Prof. Sheinberg ,

This is a recommendation letter for Dr Claudia Clopath who has applied for a tenure track position in Computational Neuroscience.

Dr Clopath has been my collaborator for a period of over two years during my time at the Ecole Polytechnique Federal de Lausanne (EPFL). We have jointly published (with the group of Prof. Gerstner) two journal publication in leading Computational Neuroscience Journals (Nature Neuroscience and PLoS Computational Biology), with Dr Clopath being the first author, carrying out for the main bulk of the research. From my professional experience, I know very few people at her stage that have been so productive, and able to immediately achieve publications of such a high status within three years of PhD studies. In these papers, Dr Clopath addresses key issues to neural information processing. As a postdoc, Dr Clopath continued producing publications of a high standard, accepted to Science and PNAS.

During the time of our collaboration, Dr Clopath come across as a very enthusiastic researcher and an excellent communicator. Though in an early stage of her career, she already demonstrated skills required for becoming an able science manager. Moreover, she was able to successfully communicate her work or collaborate with researchers coming from a variety of backgrounds (engineers, mathematicians, computer scientists, electrophysiologists etc). Her organizing abilities were apparent in more that one occasion, and both her scientific contribution and friendly character was highly appreciated by all group members.

I strongly support her application, judging that Dr Clopath has all the potential to become a valuable member of the Department of Neuroscience. Her expertise in synaptic dynamics, her commitment to science and her communication skills make her an ideal collaborator who will undoubtedly contribute in many ways to her professional environment.

For any further information, I remain at your disposal.

Sincerely yours,

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