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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Edward (Lex) Pelger who worked as research technician in the laboratory of Renal Research Institute, New York Medical College.

During this 18 month period, Lex worked closely with me on several ongoing research projects on dissecting the mechanisms and manifestation, in vitro and in vivo, over endothelial cell, endothelial cell progenitor cell, and bone marrow stem cell senescence and apoptosis. The long term goal is to evaluate the pathological impact on the development of diabetes vascular complications. Lex was able to rapidly embed himself into the thick of the problem and learn quickly the basic techniques including cell culture, protein separation, PCR, assays of senescence and apoptosis, and small experimental animal surgical skill. He worked efficiently, kept everything well organized and labeled. Lex impressed me as a thoughtful, analytical, diligent and very accurate investigator. Lex's contribution to this NIH-funded project has been well recognized. He is included as a co-author on two of the manuscripts summarizing these studies.

In the position of lab manager, I found Lex to be outstanding. He took over ordering when he arrived and efficiently kept the supplies stocked. He took it upon himself to empty all the waste bins, restock the shared lab supplies and sterilize equipment. He repaired machines when they broke down and took care of all computer problems including hardware breakdowns and software installation.

I found Lex to be a bright and engaging member of our lab. He is a pleasant and confident young scientist. He was quick to help and always had an optimistic and energetic attitude. He is a good team player with high moral standards. In conclusion, I strongly recommend Mr. Edward (Lex) Pelger with no hesitation for any work in the vibrant life sciences.

Sincerely,

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