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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Shaimaa Masry is a PhD student at our Centre, under the joint supervision of Professor Richard Olsen and myself. Started in January 2008, she has done a substantial amount of work. Her progress has been excellent. Her results have been published in conferences. One of her papers has been submitted to a top class journal. I rate her as an outstanding scholar.

It is never easy to predict progress, but I expect Shaimaa to complete her PhD before the end of 2012. To continue, she needs frequent discussions and presentations. Therefore, she must reside in UK. I therefore support without reservation her application for visa to enter UK. It would be injustice to prevent her to come back to complete her study. It would also be a waste of talent to prevent her from advancing knowledge. I am happy to be called or Skyped if that could help her application.

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