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Regarding: **Amir Niasri-Naslaji, DVM *Tehran*, PGDipVSc, PhD *Qld***

Amir worked in my research laboratory as Postdoctoral Fellow in the 1996-7 summer. His task was to establish porcine oocyte maturation, fertilisation and culture as a model in my laboratory which had previously relied on the mouse model. He came highly recommended by his PhD supervisor and external examiner and I was fortunate to be able to employ him if only for this short time.

He has made exceptional progress in the few months which he has been with me. The technique is now set up and suitable for an ongoing BSc(Honours) student to use in their research project. His success rate is in the region of those reported in the literature by laboratories with much more experience in this model. Amir has taken responsibility in introducing this student to all of the steps and processes of this technique and she is confident that she can progress from here.

I have complete confidence in his ability to carry out independent research and operate in a university teaching role. I am very disappointed to lose his expertise and would be very happy to have him in my research team if the occasion ever arises. indeed I look forward to an ongoing communication and collaboration.

Peter L. Kaye, PhD
Associate Professor.
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