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Dear Sir/Madam,

I consider it a great pleasure to recommend Dr. Hsiao-Yean Chiu, who is presently applying for the Emerging Nurse Researcher Awards of Sigma Theta Tau International.

In my capacity as professor at Taipei Medical University, I have known Hsiao-Yean for 10 years, as both her professor and advisor on her dissertation work. She was an excellent student and an over-achiever, which explains how she has done a great job in the PhD program of Nursing College, Taipei Medical University.

After Hsiao-Yean received her PhD degree, she worked in my laboratory for one year as a postdoctoral researcher. Sleep and Cognitive Recovery is her major area of research during the postdoc period. Her potential and passion have been growing fast in this field as numerous papers have been published and well presented. On top of that, Hsiao-Yean not only guides master and PhD students in an exceptional way, but also leads the whole lab work to move forwards ahead of schedule. There is no doubt that she is a good leader material. Additionally, Hsiao-Yean had been the Secretary General of STTI Chapter of Lambda-Beta at Large for 2 years when I worked as the president. She had been extremely helpful assisting and organizing all the board affairs and events.

I have always known Hsiao-Yean would excel in whatever she chooses to do. She is an independent self-starter and autodidact and always work pretty well on her own. Besides, she is mature, motivated and personable. I believe she has the ability to succeed in nursing research field in the very near future.

I am thus pleased to give my full support and recommendation to Hsiao-Yean's application for Emerging Nurse Researcher Awards. If any further information required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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