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Dear Sir and Madam,

I am writing this recommendation in support of Dr. Chiu, Hsiao-Yean's application to Emerging Nurse Researcher Award. I feel strongly that Dr. Chiu is a well-qualified candidate as she is an extraordinary assistant professor in School of Nursing, College of Nursing, Taipei Medical University.

I have known Dr. Chiu since she was hired as assistant professor of College of Nursing, Taipei Medical University back in 2014 when I was the dean of the Nursing department. She has out-performed our expectations at teaching, research and extracurricular service. In the aspect of teaching, she dedicated to several specialized courses, e.g. Adult Nursing, Fundamental Nursing, Nursing Theory, Research Methodology, etc. with condensed teaching material and vivid atmosphere. The result of student qualitative evaluation was excellent and the teaching grade average(量性平均教學分數?) was 4.6 out of 5. I have never heard any complaints from the students she taught.

In research respect, Hsiao-Yean has even more remarkable performance. She devoted herself to the research field of the assessment and management of sleep. Lots of articles have had exceptional contribution and impact on clinical trials and have been published in multidisciplinary high-impact journals. Recently, she receives a 3-year grant from Taiwanese Ministry of Science and Technology to investigate the effects of neurofeedback on sleep disturbance and cognitive impairment in patients with traumatic brain injury. I believe she has the ability to succeed in this project as she has been a tremendous asset to our school.

When it comes to leadership, Hsiao-Yean is a hardworking, courageous and self-confident person who is eager to take on new opportunities and challenges. She is also a generous person who is always willing to share her opinions with other faculty members in order to lead and guide them. These are all essential qualities of becoming a great nursing leader.

Based on Dr. Chiu's excellent research achievement and demonstrations of leadership potential, I recommend her to apply for Emerging Nurse Researcher Award without hesitation and would appreciate your consideration for her application. If I can be any further assistance in your evaluation of Dr. Chiu, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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