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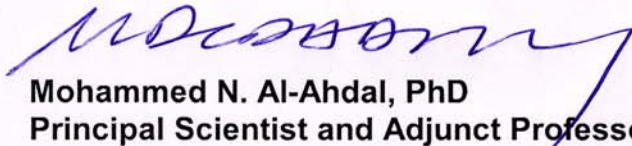
Re: Dr Nisreen T Tashkandy

Dr Tashkandy was working with us from September 2001 until March 2003, first as a trainee and volunteer, and later as a co-investigator on a project entitled "Investigation of the potential adjuvant activity of deacylated lipooligosaccharide from *Neisseria meningitides*." In early 2003, she was able to secure a full scholarship to pursue postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom.

During her time with us (as noted above), it was evident that she was an exceptional individual. She demonstrated a sharp mind and excellent skills. Even though she had little previous expertise in immunology and molecular biology, she was able to attain knowledge and proficiency fast.

Dr Tashkandy had a pleasant personality. Her conduct in the laboratory demonstrated seriousness, maturity and responsibility. She was polite though challenging, industrious, and enthusiastic.

It is with great pleasure that I write this reference as per her request. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.


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