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Dr. Rafael Palacios  
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Dear Dr. Palacios,

It was a pleasure having the opportunity to visit your institution, review your program, and meet extensively with your students. As an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Professor in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, I have had the opportunity to evaluate and visit training programs at all levels on the national and international levels. I found that your didactic program integrated key areas of current genomics, genetics, and biology and compared favorably with the content and course work of the elite universities in the U.S. I found that the faculty and your institute were committed to providing an infrastructure and environment of learning that was very supportive of your undergraduate students. This was most evident in my many "one on one" interactions with the students. It was clear from these interactions that they were and felt that they were the priority and the valued commodity of your institution. In contrast to many institutions and labs that I have visited in the US and Europe, your institution very much depends on student productivity and emphasizes the undergraduate training program. This was again evident in the quality of the students. I can say that they asked some of the most insightful scientific questions that I have fielded from any student programs that I have visited. The best evidence of this is that our own graduate program has accepted some of your undergraduates. In short, I applaud you on your program and progress and I hope you get continued support to grow this important enterprise for the future of Mexican education.

Sincerely,



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