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Dear Dr. Palacios:

It is my great pleasure to write to you concerning the Undergraduate program in Genomic Sciences. As you know, I visited your institute last year, and was able to spend an exciting few days meeting members of your staff, and also the undergraduate students.

I was greatly impressed by the outstanding quality of the students. In fact, of the two seminars that I gave (one to your students, and one to a general audience), I felt that the seminar to the students was much more exciting as their response and participation in the discussion was simply fantastic. All of the students seemed to have read the material that I sent them ahead of time and were therefore able to ask intelligent and well-thought out questions. The discussion was stimulating, and I also gained some excellent new ideas for my own research based on these interactions with the students.

In addition to the formal seminars, I also was able to spend quite a bit of time with the students in informal meetings. I was impressed by their mature attitude, and by their deep understanding of genomics and bioinformatics. One of the students, Claudia Gonzales, had previously spent a few months in my lab as a summer student, and she typifies the excellent qualities of the students in this program. Indeed, in my opinion, your program in Genomic sciences is as good as any similar program anywhere else in the world, and I believe you are training the next generation of genomic scientists in Mexico.

In summary, I have nothing but praise for the excellence of the program.

Sincerely yours,

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