

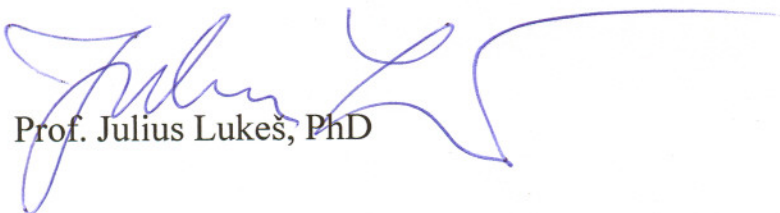
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It is my pleasure to provide the supervisor's letter for Piya Changmai. Piya did his undergraduate studies elsewhere and joined our laboratory at the beginning of his master studies. He managed language barriers with a surprising ease and became a respected member of the laboratory almost instantly.

After becoming quickly familiar with basic methods in the lab (PCR, cloning, sequencing, Northern, Westerns, phylogenetic analyses, immunolocalization, overexpression, protein purification etc.), Piya started to work under the supervision, on the daily basis, of Mgr. Zdenek Paris on functional analysis of an interesting eukaryote-only protein Isd11. This certainly speeded up generation of results, which are pretty good given the relatively late start of Piya in our lab. His contribution was critical to the current status of the study and his being second author is fully appropriate.

It was only during writing of this thesis when I learned that Piya is already at this early stage capable of writing a very good English scientific text. He single handedly wrote the thesis and also participated in writing of the Isd11 manuscript, the early version of which is part of the thesis. Piya in the meantime became a valued member of our team, who is also an excellent cook (which btw. does not seem to be a co-incidence for molecular biologists). Moreover, he is also civilizing the lab by his courteous manners, which teach us that the way Czech behave to each other might not be something to be proud of.

Piya expressed his interest to proceed with his graduate studies in our laboratory and I gladly accepted his proposal. I consider his master thesis excellent and hope that we will have a pleasant and mutually beneficial collaboration in the future.



Prof. Julius Lukeš, PhD