

Dear members of the commission,

It is a pleasure for me to write this report as a supervisor of Eva Drskova. Eva started on this project at the same time that I was establishing the groundwork for studying various European *Borrelia* species for undertaking genetic manipulations. There were a lot of methods that were being attempted for the first time and it was important to prepare our own media, plate out borrelial cultures and then to grow out into media individual colonies that were obtained on plates. All of the techniques Eva learnt and then did were being attempted for the first time in the Czech Republic, but she was very careful and systematic in the manner of her work. Working with the isolation of DNA and PCR with so many clones of different borrelial species was not easy, but she created her own tables while determining the plasmid content for each clone and was very thorough. She is meticulous and most importantly tried to resolve or come up with an answer when there was a problem with the method that she was using. Overall Eva, with her easy demeanour, has shown herself to be a quick learner, having a careful set of hands, a logical thinker, patient and has been an important asset to the lab for this project. As I write this I would like to say that her work is currently being presented, as a poster. at the Biology of Spirochetes Conference in Ventura, USA.

Ryan Rego,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Rego', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.