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Supervisor's opinion - Zuzana Kotrbova

Zuzka joined the lab as a young student looking around for her bachelor's thesis. Since then a lot of water has passed by and Zuzka has become a valuable member of our team.

Considering that when Zuzka joined the lab she would not say a sentence to Brian as she was too shy to speak English and now she has written and she is presenting her work in this language, Zuzka has grown a lot.

Also her technical skills got much better during the years in the lab. She has learned a plethora of different methods ranging from cloning, recombinant protein purification, enzymatic kinetics, Trypanosoma cell cultures, RNAi, northern, westerns, qPCR .... I can continue for a while. Furthermore she has learned how to critically read a paper, discuss it during our labmeetings and prepare a meaningful presentation.

As Zuzka was working on a side project in the lab and I was on maternity leave last year, sometimes she was left alone without too much guidance. But even these obstacles were passed quite successfully and Zuzka is finishing her MSc after 2 years of studies. Of course, there is always something to improve and I would suggest to focus on critical thinking, being independent and being more aware of the literature around.

But Zuzka will have a plenty opportunity to get better as a scientist as she is starting her PhD next fall in the lab of Dr. Bartek at IMG.

In my opinion, Zuzka has a bright future ahead of her I wish her all the best.

In Ceske Budejovice, 27.5.2014

  
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