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To whom it may concern,

This statement confirms that Samuel Carleial Fernandes has assisted me during the practical of a course called "Compact course Plant Physiology", in the years 2014 and 2015. The course is organized yearly within the third year (fifth semester) of the Biology and Life Science curriculum at the University of Konstanz. Student numbers fluctuate around 150.

Specifically, the practical that Samuel assisted with addressed the question whether *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants have induced resistance to herbivores. Practically, this involved protein extractions, protein concentration estimations (Bradford assay) and a kinetics assay (spectrophotometric assessment of peroxidase activity). The format is such that 20-30 students at a time work as a team to produce a dataset on one practical day, and then analyse these data the next day. Hence the supervision did not only involve the molecular work, but also the statistical evaluation of results and guidance for data management. In total, he was employed as teaching assistant for 120 hours (60 hours in 2014 and 60 hours in 2015).

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Marc Stift (practical organiser on behalf of Prof. Dr. Mark van Kleunen)

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