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To whom it may concern:

I have known Prof. V. David Sanchez A. for thirteen years. We have interacted in different ways, most notably through my involvement as Associate Editor of the Neurocomputing journal. David in his role as founding Editor-in-Chief invited me and my involvement in the journal has been uninterrupted ever since. He also has led this eminent Elsevier science publication as Editor-in-Chief from the very beginning.

We have personally met several times over the years and our interaction was always at the highest level of professionalism and cordiality. Most recently we met in Korea to make public the mutual organization of the special issue on Blind Signal Separation and Independent Component Analysis, currently one of the key research topics in the areas of neurocomputing, advanced signal processing, and computational neuroscience. I am happy to report that we have enjoyed extraordinary resonance from the scientific community.

David has contributed in the areas of neural networks, robotics, computer vision, signal processing, space science, and affine fields. He has deep knowledge and creativity on these wide fields. Moreover, one of his key capabilities is R&D leadership and his accomplishments have won world-wide recognition. This is the reason why he has so successful in developing "Neurocomputing" as the founding editor-in-chief. From a personal standpoint, David is a very polite gentleman, excellent researcher and reliable person. It is my great pleasure to recommend him very highly without any hesitation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.I. Amari".

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