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To whom it may concern:

This is a reference letter on behalf of Prof. V. David Sanchez A. He is a well-established research scientist and technology leader. Presently David, Kunihiko Fukushima (Japan), Kris Cios (USA) and myself (Finland) are cooperating as editors of a special issue on advanced methods and applications of neural pattern recognition, an area that has gained a vast amount of interest in the scientific community. Its links to computer science, engineering fields, and computational neuroscience are very strong, thus explaining the resonance.

During his time at the German Aerospace Research Establishment in Oberpfaffenhofen, Bavaria, David founded *Neurocomputing*, an Elsevier Science journal, and has led this world-renowned publication – as Editor-in-Chief from its inception to date – to a premier position in the field. Myself and my research group publish extensively in this well cited journal. I have attended some of David's invited presentations and can attest about his deep expertise in the field. His own work has been specially dedicated to the areas of neural computation, computer vision, and robotics as well as applications in statistics, signal processing, and control, among others. His R&D contributions in space science during his time in Europe and now in the U.S. are also well-known.

Best regards,

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