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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of reference for the VERSA NGLP (Next Generation Library Preparation) Workstation, manufactured by Aurora Biomed Inc, currently used at the University of Arizona Genomics Core (UAGC) for the automation of library construction protocols.

After realizing the benefit of introducing consistency to the library construction protocol for our Illumina HiSeq 2000, I began to search for an appropriate automated liquid handling workstation. After some market evaluation, I was convinced that Aurora's VERSA platform would be able to handle the critical points of the workflow via accurate liquid handling and effective sample processing that maximized the recovery of sequenceable DNA library fragments.

The VERSA Mini NGLP is capable of producing libraries that have a similar quality to those prepared through manual means. The software allows for simple manipulation of the workstation to optimize library construction while maintaining the flexibility needed to accommodate 3<sup>rd</sup> party reagent kits. Furthermore, Aurora Biomed's staff provide quick and effective responses when they receive troubleshooting requests. Having completed a successful library preparation for a project that sequenced the entire genome of a mouse, The University of Arizona Genomics Core now aims to incorporate the use of this system at a production level.

I highly recommend Aurora's VERSA automation workstations to any lab requiring a flexible liquid handling system with reliable customer service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew E. Kaplan".

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