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Subject

Letter of Recommendation

Letter of Recommendation for Aida van Riel

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to recommend Aida van Riel, whose Master's thesis at Erasmus University Rotterdam I supervised. In her thesis, she investigated the cost-effectiveness and budget impact of inavolisib plus palbociclib and fulvestrant versus palbociclib and fulvestrant alone as a first-line treatment for patients with PIK3CA-mutated, HR+/HER2- advanced breast cancer in the Netherlands, and applied a newly developed pricing model as an extensive scenario analysis.

Aida delivered an outstanding thesis that provided little reason for criticism. She demonstrated a very good understanding of the theory behind her research, the relevant methodology, and how to apply the available data appropriately to her case. Her thesis was well structured, her deliberations were appropriately detailed, and her critical reflection on the results and their implications for research and policy was excellent.

Her independence in conducting the research was highly positive, as was her attention to detail during data collection, and no fundamental corrections to her research approach were necessary, especially regarding the economic modelling. She also applied and incorporated a newly developed pricing model for which there is so far no reference in the literature. Where assumptions were needed, she made them explicit and justified them well.

Aida demonstrated a strong understanding of how to build and populate a health economic model for a cost-utility analysis and a budget impact model, as well as how to present and interpret its results. During her defence, she showed ownership of her research and handled the questions from the second assessor and myself well.

It was a pleasure to supervise Aida's thesis trajectory. Based on her performance, I am more than happy to recommend her for positions in market access and health economics and outcomes research, and I am available to provide further information upon request.

Yours sincerely,



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