

"TETRAD REPORT FORM"

TO: Qualifying Exam Committee Chair:

FROM: Billy Luh, GH N222, Box 2140, x6-6178,
Fax 6-0961, billy.luh@ucsf.edu

RE: Report on TETRAD Qualifying Examination for: [REDACTED]

Committee Members:

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Please check one:

Student passed the exam.

Student passed the exam providing the following conditions are met:

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Deadline for completion of the condition(s): _____
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Student did not pass the exam and will need to retake
 the entire exam
 part of the exam only:

Deadline for completion of the second exam: _____
(Must be within 6 months of the date of the first exam)

Summary of the comments made to the student at the end of the exam:


[REDACTED] was complimented on an excellent job in the exam. She was advised to set clear decision points and priorities to guide her first year after the exam, and to keep open the possibility of shifting focus if key findings do not support the present course. It will be critical to verify the Test/Mkr 3 double type with independent alleles before proceeding to look for a sequence (A 2)

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- ① Knowledge base of both developmental biology and biochemistry of miRNAs was lower than hoped for
- ② Recommend identification of a faculty mentor to assist with biochemical purification efforts
- ③ Recommend 1st thesis committee mtg w/i 6 months
- ④ Committee troubled by attachment to an approach in the face of alternatives that may be

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■■■■■■ did a superlative job in her qualifying exam. Prior to the exam, she met with committee members, discussed approaches, answered questions, and integrated comments into her proposal. She's to be commended on generating a detailed proposal from rather diffuse beginnings in a short period of time. In the exam itself, ■■■■ displayed an extensive fund of knowledge about both the system and the experimental details, was able to think well on her feet, and was able to interpret experimental outcomes and come up with alternative experimental approaches. Her opening description of her project was clear and succinct. She was able to maintain her thoughts despite repeated interruption. The proposal itself aims to address fundamental aspects of how morphogen gradients are interpreted in zebrafish. Some committee members suggest that ■■■■ think hard about which experiments add descriptive detail to our understanding of Nodal gradient formation and interpretation, and which experiments will discriminate between the fundamentally different models by which Nodal may specify vertebrate germ layers.

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 performed very well and clearly understands every detail of her complex field. The committee is slightly worried about the feasibility of some of the proposed experiments.

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