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**Subject:** Comments on Lars-Eric Heimbürger

To whom it may concern,

I know Lars-Eric Heimbürger as PhD student since his arrival at the Laboratoire d'Océanographie de Villefranche (LOV) in early 2007. Since this time, he has spent most of his time (field work, sample analysis, data analysis and writing) directly under my supervision.

Lars-Eric has a very good background in marine chemistry, which appeared very helpful in his work: reactivity during monthly oceanographic campaigns, rapid understanding and mastery of analytical techniques, leading contribution to data analysis. This expertise, as well as his strong motivation, were of great help to face some technical and logistic problems encountered at the beginning of his PhD.

Lars-Eric is very well organised and rigorous. This must be underlined, because his PhD studies gathered the collection and analysis of atmospheric, marine and sediment trap samples, which required strong adaptation skills.

He is able to perform high quality measurements and provide good synthetic comments on his work. Since the beginning of his work here at the LOV, he brought excellent and innovative results, out of which he rapidly made capital.

He is able to adapt himself rapidly to any working conditions (e.g. unexpected analytical problems).

His relationships with other members of the group, or with any other people in the laboratory, researchers and students, including myself, were always excellent.

Ultimately, although my native tongue is not English, I think Lars-Eric communicates in English very easily. His ability to communicate scientific results in front of audience is excellent.

In conclusion, I would rank Lars-Eric at excellent level compared with other students I had the opportunity to manage. I am deeply convinced he is ready to tackle any new challenge in the field of marine chemistry/biogeochemistry.

So many praises might seem excessive, but every point above is what I sincerely think.



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