



*Department of Medicine
Division of Hematology*

Elihu H. Estey, M.D.
Professor, Division of Hematology
Member, Fred Hutchinson Cancer
Research Center

Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
825 Eastlake Avenue East
Box 358081, Mail Stop G3-200
Seattle, WA 98109-1023
Phone: (206) 606-7176
Fax: (206) 606-2049
estey@u.washington.edu

RE: Letter of Support for Dr. Marjan Yaghmaie, Ph.D

This is to commend in the strongest possible terms Dr. Marjan Yaghmaie, Ph.D. I got to know Dr. Yaghmaie during her stay here from October 10, 2018, through March 22, 2019. During this time Dr. Yaghmaie worked under Dr. Min Fang's and my supervision on a project entitled "Detection of Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) by Multimodality Testing in AML Patients Post Induction Chemotherapy". This project, which is based on about 150 University of Washington (UW)/ Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA) patients, has been extraordinarily useful for us, indicating, for example, that sole reliance on multiparameter flow cytometry for MRD detection, rather than also employing cytogenetics, FISH, or PCR, will lead to missing MRD in about 20% of cases. Dr. Yaghmaie is currently writing a paper about this work. She will be the first author, and I have no doubt the paper will be published in a highly-regarded journal.

Also while in Seattle, Dr. Yaghmaie has been a regular attendee at our weekly AML research meetings.

Based on her intelligence, obvious competence, and dedication I would have no difficulty recommending Dr. Yaghmaie for a position either here, should one become available, or in Iran.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. Estey" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Elihu H. Estey, MD
Professor, Division of Hematology
University of Washington School of Medicine
Member, Clinical Research Division Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Director, AML Clinical Research UW and FHCRC