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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that Mr Ali Hroobi who is currently registered for his PhD studies within the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Aberdeen was awarded "Best Poster" award at the School of Biological Sciences Postgraduate Research Conference 2018.

His poster entitled "A comparison of deformed wing virus variant strains in the indigenous and imported honey bee races in Saudi Arabia" was deemed the highest calibre in his cohort.

Mr Hroobi was awarded this accolade for his innovative design and scientific contribution to the work being conducted within in the School.

I wish him my personal congratulations in this award.

Yours faithfully



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