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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my unreserved support for the for the MIISSB grant application entitled "Millennium Institute for Integrative Systems and Synthetic Biology", in which Francisco Cubillos participates. Our teams have been collaborating for the past years in different quantitative genetics and populations genetics projects, which have yielded a series of highly cited manuscripts, thus we would like to continue pursuing complementary projects. My group is particularly interested in natural variation together with genetic and phenotypic differences between isolates and the access of Cubillos' team to new *Saccharomyces* species and isolates for basic and applied research would certainly be of interest for us and the genetics and yeast community. The new aims within this grant towards understanding how fungi systems respond to the environment and to untangle regulatory networks represents a key subject within our research lines. In conclusion, I can nothing but express my unconditional support for Dr. Francisco Cubillos' application for the "Millennium Institute for Integrative Systems and Synthetic Biology".

Yours sincerely,

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