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To: Nicholas Ayache

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Dear Nicholas,

I am delighted to support your INRIA - Boston equipments associates proposal. We share many research interests in the biomedical image analysis, including statistical shape modeling, image registration, diffusion tensor image analysis and microscopy image analysis. I am confident your stay here will lead to great interactions between our groups and will allow us to bootstrap collaborative projects. Given our close ties with Brigham and Women's Hospital, we are particularly interested in jointly developing methods for detection and monitoring of tumors during treatment. Your extensive expertise in the mathematical methods for image analysis will be a great asset for our students during your visit.

I am looking forward your visit and the fruitful research resulting from it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Polina Gollaud". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a solid black horizontal line.

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