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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Yaffa Schaum
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I am the treating pediatric neurologist for Yaffa Schaum, a 13-year-old girl who has a history of an undifferentiated epileptic encephalopathy. She has been treated with anticonvulsant medications for her seizure disorder with reasonable success. She also has acquired diagnoses of hypotonia and sleep difficulties along the way, as well as self-injurious behaviors. She has had self-stimulatory behaviors as well. They have involved the region of her eyes which has been problematic in the past with risk for self-injury. She has been treated successfully with medication and this risk has gone down substantially. She is currently on a combination of mirtazapine 15 mg each night along with aripiprazole 2 mg twice per day. She has tolerated the medication well and seems to be benefiting from it.

She has had difficulties with behavior and display of cognitive function given her condition. She has been managed with special educational support systems since the time she was little and seems to have responded appropriately. It is my understanding that the information regarding her school activity and programs is being provided separately.

She still has low tone which interferes with posture. This has been problematic and in the past she has had the opportunity to use orthotic devices which have been helpful with regard to maintaining better posture. She has progressed in her tone gradually over time and it is not as low as it used to be.

It is my expectation that she should integrate into a special educational academic setting relatively well and as long as she continues to respond to her medication should be able to have control of her self-stimulatory behaviors which sometimes place her at risk. She may need adjustments of her medication as she gets older and goes through

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the adolescent years. She should be kept active during the day so that she may continue to have a good sleep schedule at night which should further reinforce the effect of all of her medications and also keep her seizure disorder in check. Please contact me if there are any questions with regard to the above information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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