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Skolnick*

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Mrs. E. L. DeRubeis
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Dear Mrs. DeRubeis,

I am pleased to recommend the election of Dr. Philip Skolnick for membership as a Scientific Associate of the ACNP. Dr. Skolnick is a senior investigator at the NAIMDD in Bethesda and despite his years, has already made an excellent reputation as a pharmacologist. He has published more than 40 papers and his work has been accepted as pioneering.

Dr. Skolnick has developed a methodology to demonstrate that brain tissues have benzodiazepine receptors. This striking finding (Did God really anticipate that Hoffmann La Roche would develop and sell benzodiazepines ?) has been replicated by others and is the subject of a U.S. patent held by Dr. Skolnick.

I have known of his work for the past two years, and have heard him present his findings with clarity and enthusiasm. He is an experienced investigator and his contributions to the ACNP could be important. I would welcome him as a member of the College.

Sincerely yours,

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