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Dear Jolly,

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the promotion of Dr. LEWIS BAXTER to the rank of Associate Professor in Residence I at UCLA. I have known Lew for about four years, initially through his research writings, and more recently as a contributor and reviewer for CONVULSIVE THERAPY. Two years ago, when I was a visiting lecturer at UCLA, Lew was my host and showed me through his laboratory, introduced me to his co-workers, and shared his interests. I also have seen the ECT videotape which he produced for his research and teaching.

Lew is a well trained psychiatrist, with skills and interests in psychopharmacology and brain imaging. He has published more than 30 good scientific articles on a wide range of topics -- PET scans, neuroleptic malignant syndrome, ECT, and clinical psychopharmacology. Lately, he seems to have focussed on imaging studies as his particular interest, and I believe he is making useful contributions to that preliminary and complex literature.

He is among a small band of young, articulate, and enthusiastic researchers in clinical psychiatry. In late 1986, when Fritz Henn sought a candidate to head our imaging programs in conjunction with Brookhaven Laboratories, I sent him Lew's c.v. for I thought then (and do today), that Lew, (like Eric Reimann of Washington U.), is a leader in psychiatric brain imaging.

I recognize Lew as a dedicated and responsible researcher and excellent clinician. He is friendly, interested, and enthusiastic about his work. He lectures well, and responds to questions with a relaxed and non-hostile demeanor. He is an established independent researcher and teacher. He meets the standards for promotion at this University and I recommend him for promotion with much enthusiasm and without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

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