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Dr. John Bergen  
Chairman  
Membership Committee  
Society of Biological Psychiatry

Dear John,

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Richard Abrams for membership in the Society of Biological Psychiatry.

Dr. Abrams is a full time member of the research staff of this Department and has been an active leader in our studies of Convulsive therapy both during his residency training and as a member of the clinical and teaching staff.

After completing one year as resident, he served his tour of military duty. During that time, he undertook independent research into the variety of modifications of electroconvulsive therapy, including multiple treatments in one session and unilateral electrode placements. His work served to establish the parameters of these treatments, and he is now responsible for this clinical program in the Department.

In addition, he is studying the effects of penicillamine in schizophrenia and the role of lactate in the precipitation of anxiety.

He is an industrious and serious worker, an avid reader of the scientific literature, and an excellent teacher. I am pleased to recommend him for membership in our Society.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry