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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is a letter of recommendation for Professor V.B.Vinnitsky, Deputy Director of the Institute for Oncology Problems, to be elected as a corresponding member of Academy of Science of the Ukraninian SSR.

Although I have been acquainted much earlier with research work of Dr. V.B.Vinnitsky, I have had a direct possibility to learn more about his scientific achievements during the last seven years. Obviously, he showed a wide scientific interest by reporting and publishing data dealing with: the passage of neuropeptides through the blood-brain barrier; nerve growth factor related to tumor and metastases growth; neurohumoral mechanisms involved in anti-tumor phenomena; the relationship between the activity of deep brain structures and the immune response; brain structure-tumor correlation; topography of neuropeptides; the effect of sialadenectomy on the growth of lung carcinoma metastases; blastogenic action of chemical carcinogenes; and so forth.

This short and conside list of his recent activities in neuro-, onco-, and immunosciences clearly illustrates the high scientific potential of Dr. V.B.Vinnitsky. I remember very well the great interest and discussion that he provoked when presenting orally his results dealing with different topics. Indeed, he demonstrated a great deal of knowledge and criticism, so that the general impression after his talk was always very positive.

On that basis I am fully convinced that Dr. V.B.Vinnitsky is a scientist of the European and world rank, and I am sure that he fully deserves to be elected as a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR. Therefore, I do not hesitate at all in recommending him for that academic and scientific position.

Yours sincerely,

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