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Dear Professor de Ruyter,

The crucial thing about Dr Poznanski is that he has made an impact! His work is singled out in the world's most prestigious journal (Nature) as an important contribution.

I have known Dr Poznanski from the time he was a PhD student. I was on his advisory committee in my capacity then as Head of Applied Mathematics in the Institute for Advanced Studies. His main supervisor W R Levick, FRS was one of the most imminent neuro-psychologists of our time. And here is where Roman made his first real contribution.

Roman was always a gifted mathematician. But, what makes him special is his ability to marry that mathematical skill with biological insight. This marriage is what separates him from the rest of the pack.

As I said from the outset, Dr Poznanski's work has had an impact internationally. Ultimately nothing counts more. In fact, I was surprised but warmed to see how influential his work has been. This has also been reflected in his being invited to so many prestigious laboratories around the globe.

Dr Poznanski's dedication to *mathematical neuroscience* is nothing short of profound. He pours his life into all aspects of his work both in teaching (undergraduate and graduate levels) and research.

Finally, it goes without saying that Roman is an excellent procurer of funding and that he has been a driving force in establishing what is now a major new journal - the *Journal of Integrative Neuroscience*.

If you could attract Roman Poznanski, your department would be greatly enhanced. I am happy to provide additional information should you wish.

Sincerely,

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