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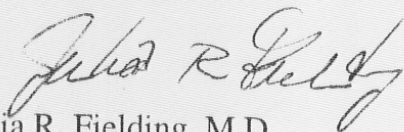
Dear Dr. Barentsz:

This letter is in support of Dr. Rania Farouk el Sayed as a PhD student under your mentorship. As you know, I have spent much of my career developing and promoting MR as a tool for diagnosis of pelvic floor disorders in women. Dr. el Sayed came to me at the ESUR meeting in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, to discuss her research work done in Cairo and to propose that we collaborate on research.

After reviewing her impressive data (particularly in the control subjects), I agreed to work with her on developing a paper based on her results. I have found Dr. el-Sayed to be extremely thorough in her analysis of data. She was open to suggestions and over the course of the last few months, learned much about the organization of a scientific paper as well as the review process. Dr. el Sayed is also very quick to re-write when necessary and has a good grasp of English.

I think that Rania will certainly benefit from working with you. She has a real desire to learn research techniques and publish – something that is in short supply here in the United States and perhaps in the European Union as well. In exchange, I am sure that she will be able to help extend your work to the Arab world.

Very truly yours,



Julia R. Fielding, M.D.