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Dear Mostafa,

I would like to strongly support the publication of a special "Festschrift" issue of the Journal of Physical Chemistry A in honor of Richard Bersohn. Making the case for such an issue is very easy, and it is my pleasure to do so. Professor Bersohn has done pioneering experiments on stereodynamics that inspired the chemical physics community for decades. These experiments characterized his scientific style: a seemingly simple experiment that addresses a fundamental issue and opens a window to a whole new way of looking at chemical reactions. His seminal contributions from that time are still used today, and have become textbook material. Richard is a modest man who does not advertise his achievements, and I am sure that many of us in the scientific community would like to honor him in this way, and to thank him for his many contributions and inspiration to all of us.

I am planning to contribute an article to this issue on the study of transient species using the imaging technique, a technique that was spawned by Richard's pioneering experiments.

Best wishes,

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