Dear Leslie,

I am sending you a copy of my latest manuscript, entitled “Ellicular galaxies and their supermassive black holes”. The Main text contains ~1900 words and 4 figures; the Method section contains ~300 words. I am also sending you 2 supporting manuscripts, which have been submitted to the *Astrophysical Journal* and are currently under revision.

After watching your (very informative and extremely useful!) SETI talk on Youtube, I decided not to put too much effort in the writing of this cover letter (and I’m very glad to hear that you don’t care much about cover letters, as I personally don’t like writing them either). The manuscript presents the need for introducing a new class (Ellicular) in the morphological classification scheme of early-type galaxies. Ellicular galaxies are different from lenticular galaxies in the sense that they have intermediate-scale, rather than large-scale, discs. Over the past 3 years of my PhD, I had the chance to talk to many astronomers whose main area of expertise is bulge/disc decomposition of galaxies, and realized that the majority of them consider intermediate-scale discs (see Figure 1 in the manuscript) as something unphysical. This bias seems to always be in the back of their minds when they are modeling galaxies, although it s not easy to track down in the literature. Beside galaxy modelers, the manuscript is also addressed to anyone interested in supermassive black holes or the evolution of high-redshift compact massive quiescent galaxies. These are two hot topics of today s Astronomy, thus I feel that the manuscript should have the broadest possible visibility, as that provided by *Nature*. I hope you enjoy the reading.

Sincerely,

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