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Dear Dr. Bingham,

Thank you very much for your kind and encouraging letter of April 2.

I am very much interested in finding a scientific basis for the therapeutic effect of Imidazole drugs on rheumatoid arthritis as you and other physicians have been working clinically. What I have found is interesting, but the results are rather preliminary and I need a more thorough study. That is why I have arranged for me to spend the months of July and August this summer in a rheumatology laboratory at the NIH in Bethesda. There I hope to learn the current trends and new methodologies in arthritis research. At the same time, I have a plan to study the effect of Metronidazole and Clotrimazole on synovial cells of rats with experimentally induced arthritis.

At this time, I do not know if my planned work will produce any results supporting the view that limax amoebae are involved in causing rheumatoid arthritis. Whatever the outcome, I will be satisfied if I can contribute even a little toward establishing a scienfitic basis for the use of Imidazole compounds in treating arthritis patients.

I very much appreciate your willingness to send me more synovial fluids and I will send you sterile containers and mailers when I shall be ready to receive them. My visit to NIH will certainly help me design future experiments with synovial cells.

Thank you very much again for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Kwang W. Jeon

Professor

P.S. The synovial-fluid sample you have sent me arrived here safely today. I will examine it and inform you of any useful findings. Thanks.

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