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Dr. Jerome L. Kohn
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Dear Dr. Kohn:

I have only just returned from a trip to Europe, and I deeply regret that your letter of September 10 had remained unanswered this long. We have used human dengue virus in a certain number of patients with the nephrotic syndrome and have found that where the syndrome is not complicated by nephritic manifestations (increased non-protein nitrogen in the blood, hypertension, or large numbers of erythrocytes and casts in the urine) that an effect was obtained comparable to that which has been described after infection with the virus of measles. The advantage thus far of using dengue virus is that it can be employed in individuals who are immune to measles, as well as in those who have relapsed after a remission following measles.

I have not published anything on this as yet, because we want to treat several additional cases to permit a more critical evaluation of the results. As soon as we are able to say something more definite about this mode of treatment, and as soon as I have more lyophilized human serum proved to be free of hepatitis virus, I shall be glad to write to you again about this matter.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.