Dr. Albert B. Sabin  
The Children's Hospital Research Foundation  
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Dear Doctor Sabin:

In addition to the hemagglutinating effect which this bat virus has demonstrated, we have been able to show the agent proliferating in 10-11 day developing chick embryos after inoculation of the chorio-allantoic membrane. The only altered physical appearance noted is the thickening of this membrane at 4-6 days of growth. It does not produce death of the embryos. Harvested 10 percent membranes are infective for 4-week-old mice when introduced intracerebrally.

Thanks for the offer of hyperimmune SLE antiserum; it will be appreciated. Results of tests employing your rabbit serum for its hemagglutination-inhibiting capacity against the bat virus will be forwarded upon completion.

We have experienced considerable trouble in obtaining potent commercial SLE complement fixing antigens. Lack of antigenic qualities has been confirmed upon return to the producing laboratories. Can you help us?

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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