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Dear Dr. Girardi:

One of the visitors who passed through my laboratory during recent months told me that you have a cell line or cell lines in which all Coxsackie A viruses produce a cytopathogenic effect. Is this correct? If ~~no~~, do you have any information as to whether the newborn mice <sup>and</sup> or the tissue culture<sup>s</sup> are equally sensitive in the detection of minimal amounts of virus or whether one method is superior to the other for this purpose?

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you about this because Dr. Barnes in my laboratory intends to carry out gradocol membrane filtration tests on all Coxsackie A viruses and the information that we might get from you is of obvious importance.

With many thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M. D.

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