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Dear Bernie:

Thanks for your April 10 letter concerning the project on amino acid anticonvulsants.

My associates indicated we should follow up, but focus on a few issues. Are the compounds orally active (this is not clear) and what is the mechanism? Also, in our view these compounds do not appear that potent, and mention is made of a former licensee. We would appreciate answers/comments on these issues, and then we will be in a better position to decide on the next steps.

Sincerely yours,



Lewis R. Mandel

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