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Dear Dr. Lowenkopf:

It was a pleasure to discuss your study program during my recent visit to the New York Medical College. Your proposed comparison of imiprimine and chlorpromazine as anti-depressants is an interesting study, especially if it is carried out in an outpatient population.

I am enclosing the reprint which I promised you and trust that you will find it of interest. You should also know that the USPHS has launched a large scale collaborative study program based on this report. In eight hospitals, consecutive patients admitted to the institution with the diagnosis of depressive disorder will be randomly assigned to three treatment modes, chlorpromazine, imiprimine or placebo. The groups are now undertaking the preliminary studies to determine dosage ranges and complication rates so that their definitive program can be carried out with the best results.

I was also interested in your LSD project and have sent to Dr. Freedman two articles on LSD treatment of drug addicts. I do not know if these will interest you, so I have sent them on to him in the event that there is another member of the staff who may find these of more direct interest.

Good luck in your studies.

Sincerely yours,

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