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Dear Lise:

Viktor has asked me to review the enclosed manuscript, which you had sent him. This is really an intriguing piece of work, which is certain to arouse a lot of interest. Precisely because it will attract so much attention, I wonder if it would not be advisable to try to put it on a somewhat firmer basis. Considering the limited number of data you present, their variability, and the small magnitude of the increase (e.g., in Table I), and adding in the possibility of alternative explanations, I feel that your case is not as strong as it ought to be for so unique a claim.

On page 10 and elsewhere, you suggest that you have obtained a considerable number of data that you have not included. (What has gone in figure 1 is not made clear). I think it would help your case if you were to present more fully some of the other results you have obtained, partly as a means of demonstrating how reliable the methods have been in your hands. Your table II, in which you have had to exclude values in 3 out of 5 pairs of duplicates, particularly does not inspire confidence.

My own feeling is that you would be well advised to repeat the whole story with a chemical method, thus protecting yourself against the possibility that someone else will do this and get different results. But I can understand that you don't want to adopt such a drastic course at this juncture. It is quite probable that Developmental Biology will accept the paper in its present form, but I certainly urge you to strengthen it as far as possible by incorporating more of the data you seem to have at hand.

I am impressed to see how beautifully you have organized the various facets of your life. Good luck in your Bryn Mawr venture!

Sincerely,

Florence Moog

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