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Dear Henry:

Thanks for the copy of the letter you received from Dr. Burchell. Technically, I suppose he is correct. The references cited in support of the statement that "Some studies have disclosed subtle toxicities never suspected by generations of practioners", relate to drugs that have not been around for generations of practitioners. With regard to his second point, namely, the challenge to list the "subtle toxicities" that were discovered, again one might have to agree that they weren't necessarily so subtle, unless you regard death in this class. Perhaps a better reference for subtle side effects would have been the CDP publication on nicotinic acid and CPIB.

I have passed a copy of Dr. Burchell's letter on to Bill Krol, along with ^{the} my reply. Personally, I don't think any formal reply is necessary, particularly in view of the fact that you probably have spoken with him via phone or in person since receipt of his July 3 note.

Sincerely,

Curtis L. Meinert, Ph.D.
Professor

cc: Dr. William Krol

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