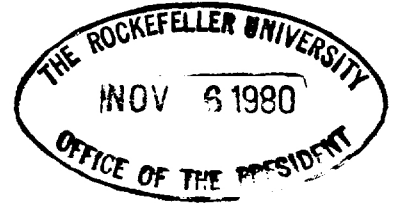


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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for the copy of the article from the Times on hydrazine toxicity. I find it fascinating that, in addition to hydrazines being present as industrial chemicals, fungi including the common edible mushroom have phenylhydrazines present in amide linkage as a natural product. The fungi also apparently contain the enzyme to hydrolyze this amide bond (Archives Biochem and Biophysics, 1979, 192:235-240; J Amer Chem Soc 1961, 83:503-504). I appreciate your continued interest and encouragement.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcus M. Reidenberg".

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