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Dear Dr. O'Brien -

Thank you for your parastaling and thoughtful reply to my questions.

I will of course honor your confidence. However, I would encourage you to bring any abuses of trust in grant selection to the attention of Dr. Marston as Director of the NIH.

Your critical survey of clinical test methodology in the evaluation of indomethacin was most illuminating. Quite apart from bases of financial interest, I suspect that misguided optimism may be the worst culprit!

I will plan to write something further about tighter controls on licenses to prescribe new drugs. Thank you for your suggestions.

Sincerely,
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