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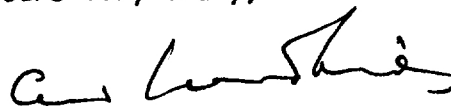
Dr. J. Lederberg  
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Stanford, California

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I have never worked on or given thoughts to hypochlorite.  
I have considered with my patent only chlorine which I expect  
will simply be reduced by ascorbic acid.

With the best regards and wishes,

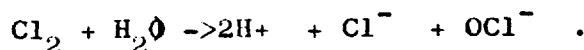
Yours very truly,



Albert Szent-Györgyi

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If you really mean that, your patent is vacuous, since  $\text{Cl}_2$   
promptly reacts with water:



However, I take it that the reaction of aqueous chlorine with  
ascorbic acid simply hasn't been studied. I agree there is no reason  
to believe that chlorine-containing organic products are made (contra  
amines) but it might be worth more explicit examination.

Sincerely,



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