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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter to the Director of the Clinical Investigation Center of the Naval Regional Medical Center, Oakland.

You state in your letter that the AIM advisory committee has decided to refuse the CIC access to SUMEX for research on our algorithms for control and treatment of hypertension. I find remarkable your phrase:

We have to allocate our limited resources to those applications that relate to the development of Artificial Intelligence for medical research...

Apparently you find a computer program which can replace a physician in the selection and variation of regimen, according to the course of disease and the occurrence of side effects, as well as seeking to optimize among several alternative regimens, as falling outside "Artificial Intelligence for medical research..."

I would like to know the definition of artificial intelligence for medical research, the invocation of which excluded our access to the SUMEX resource.

Sincerely,



R. M. Baer

cc: Carl R. Brewer, Biotechnology Resources Branch, NIH

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* Did he submit any evidence of this ability to optimize? J.C.