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Dear Dr. Simoons;

I feel a very shamed of myself not answering your kind letter of December 29th, 1978. The following are actual reason unable to answer it much sooner.

In the first place, I spent much time trying to obtain Bayer's new Basic experiments of Clotrimazole, administered orally. At same time Nipon Kayaku research groups after two years stop experimentation (August, 1978) because they discovered there were slight adverse reaction on animal livers, although no actual reaction in the gastrointestinal disturbances. But, their clinical physician advise them to dis-continuation of further experiments.

Daiichi Seiyaku independently took up with a new dosage form (powder in oil) base) which worked by Bayer, Leverkusen. You can see it in the separate enclosed. Although, here again we are facing the difficulty obtaining the Canestan powder. I was explained by the Bayer-Yakuhin, Tokyo that Canestan powder is not available since Leverkusen discordest manufacturing the same. Therefore, Daiichi is unable to work for the Clotrimazole in oil base. Unless, Daiichi themself manufacture the same at their research laboratory.

Yamanouchi Seiyaku, concentrating on Tinidazole. Yet, there is no material (in powder form) available at present moment. I was hoping that you might in the position to secure some powder form for me, which you promise in your previous letter. Although, Pfizer-Taito, Tokyo working on systemic Trichomonas vaginalis infection in animals by oral administration. But, direct application to vagina showed only moderate activity.

Kyorin Seiyaku is keenly interested in metronidazole (Fasigyne). And, they will soon take this matter seriously and start to do laboratory experimentation. Shionogi and Kanebo marketing it already for using Trichomonas vaginalis trophozoide. Although not in Rheumatoid Diseases. Fortunately, Metronidazole is easily available in Japan since May and Baker (U.K.) patent is terminated a few years ago. Shionogi and Kanebo manufacturing for their own use.

Above are our actual situation in Japan. Our Society of Rheumatoid Disease are not keenly interested such as Dr. Wyoorn-Mason theories and more or less condemning or prejudice against the Protozoology theories which causing most of the Rheumatoid disease.