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Dear Dr. Joshi:

I am intrigued by your recent article in Journal of Bioscience in which you predict that a new conformation of the 6-membered ring of cephalosporins should be equally stable as the only one ever observed. One would expect from your calculations that the new (-21°) conformer could be observed in solution on the basis of temperature dependent nmr data or in x-ray crystallographic studies.

I have been greatly interested in your calculations, but have not seen the parameters that you used. I would appreciate your sending me a copy of your Ph.D. thesis or, if more convenient, a copy of your computer program.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Donald B. Boyd

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