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Dear David:

Shortly after I assumed the editorship of the Journal of Comparative Neurology, several people approached me about the possibility of producing a Cumulative Index for the Journal which would cover its first 140 volumes. As much of the older material in the Journal is still of considerable value but is often difficult to locate, even with the existing subject and author indexes, it has been suggested that a comprehensive and up-to-date index might be opportune at this time.

Before proceeding with what could be a time consuming and costly undertaking, I am anxious to assess how much interest there would be in such a work. The other members of the Editorial Board of the Journal have expressed some enthusiasm for it, but I think it is important that we should sound the opinion of other people in the field of neuroscience. For this reason I would very much appreciate hearing whether you think the publication of such a Cumulative Index would be useful.

In addition, since in order to prepare the Index we shall be obliged to apply to the National Library of Medicine for a grant-in-aid, I should be grateful if you would write a short statement about the usefulness of the Journal of Comparative Neurology in your work, which might be used as supportive evidence for our application, if you feel free to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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