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Dear Sirs;

I read with interest an article in the Los Angeles Times printed on July 9, 2000, describing an upgrade to in-flight medical emergency kits.

The article noted that the kits were to contain amongst other supplies, "dextrose injection to treat low blood sugar or insulin shock". Allow me to note that while this would treat low sugar levels it may adversely affect already elevated levels. I would strongly suggest that a glucometer be thus added to the kit so that the flight attendant could measure a passenger's blood sugar from just a drop of blood from a finger tip. This would show exactly how low or high the sugar is and assist in rendering the correct treatment.

Sincerely,



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