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I don't believe that deferred examination of the originally filed application only will be useful. I do believe that a deferred examination process that allowed continuation and divisional applications to be suspended after filing or deferred being filed (even beyond copendency with the original filed application) would reduce the number of application that are filed eventually. Some continuation and divisional applications are filed as place holders while a product is in its early development or commercialization while waiting to see what embodiment is the most commercially viable or fundable or while waiting to see if the product actually has a successful clinical trial. Request for examination on many of those applications would never occur if the product fails or it is learned that the claimed combination of elements is not commercially valuable.

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