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Dear Josh:

A rejection of my manuscript arrived from the JBC this afternoon, together with a gratuitous suggestion that we send both of our letters or a combined letter to "Science".

I happened to call Erwin Brand this morning on another matter and described briefly the nature of this work and the refusal of your manuscript by the JBC. Brand was incensed at this policy and is very eager to have this published by the JACS. He feels that this sort of work is of great interest to biochemists and even to chemists in the fermentation industries, and would therefore fit very appropriately in his journal. He was therefore very pleased when my rejection arrived this afternoon. I agree with him that it would be particularly desirable to publish this where biochemists would be apt to see it; microbiologists who follow this field will learn about it quickly enough.

In the interest of saving time I have sent my manuscript to Dr. Brand, who will submit it to Dr. Lamb immediately. He understands that this is only a tentative submission, to be put in the JACS only if your note is also submitted and accepted. You are therefore under no obligation to do likewise. If you still feel you would rather have the pair of papers submitted to the Journal of Bacteriology, I will be glad to withdraw mine from the JACS. If you agree with me, however, that the JACS would be a suitable place, Dr. Brand requests that you send him the manuscript via air mail.

One possible hitch is the very strict limitation of JACS letters to 500 words, including the title, and 3 words per reference. Mine comes to a little over that; as I remember, yours may have been a bit longer. I hope it wouldn't be too difficult, if necessary, for you to eliminate some of the more genetic parts of your paper.

Sincerely yours,

Bernie
Bernard D. Davis,
Surgeon.

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