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Dear Hutner:

I have been wondering whether it would not be amusing to do some genetic work with Athiorhodaceae. The local strains are not too satisfactory, as they take almost forever to grow up under technically suitable conditions, i.e., as aerobic single colonies on agar.

It was suggested that as you have been keeping cultures for some time under aerobic conditions, they might be better adapted for my interest. Do you have a Rhodospirillum rubrum that forms pigmented single colonies on agar (which?) with reasonable celerity?

I remember you were a little discouraged about your paper as delivered at the CSH meeting. The printed paper in the volume is a very creditable job, and should more than compensate for your immediate discouragement.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg