

August 3, 1951.

Mr. James B. Pirsch,
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Dear Mr. Pirsch:

I should be happy to accede to your request for prolineless mutants of *E. coli*, expressed in your letter of August 1. However, we have only a few such mutants, mostly in combination with other auxotrophic changes in stocks designed for use in crossing experiments. Unless there is some special virtue in working with mutants in strain K-12 or its interfertile relatives, the mutants we have could be of very little use to you. May I suggest some other workers who are likely to have larger collections of prolineless mutants in other strains, and who may well have done some work with them themselves:

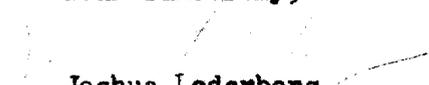
Dr. D. M. Bonner and Dr. S. Sigmunds, Osborn Botanical Laboratory,
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If our few K-12 mutants are indispensable to you, or if I can be of anyt further assistance, please let me know.

Your sincerely,


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