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Dr. J. R. Porter, Editor  
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Iowa City

Dear Dr. Porter:

I am sending for consideration for the Journal a manuscript by H. Uetake and his collaborators on the experimental alteration of Salmonella O antigens by infection with bacteriophage. I am not personally acquainted with Professor Uetake, and heard of his work as a result of correspondence. In my opinion, this research is of the first importance in Salmonella epidemiology, serology and genetics. I therefore urged him to prepare a manuscript describing his results to date so that American bacteriologists might become acquainted with them. I offered to assist him in this, and have done what I could. The enclosed ms. is the result. In my opinion, it is an outstanding contribution, both in its experiments and the discussion, and should be accepted.

I must admit that I spent much longer at the job than I should have and have therefore unfairly delayed publication (I received the last revisions late last August! but too many other things supervened). If the ms. is acceptable to you, therefore, I would appreciate any accommodation that could fairly be made to expedite publication.

Dr. Uetake has agreed to my acting for him in reading proof, and I will be happy to do so. I will be happy to discuss any further editorial changes that may be indicated.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg