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411 East 69th St., New York 21, N. Y.

April 13, 1950.

Dr. Joshua Lederberg,
Department of Genetics,
The University of Wisconsin,
College of Agriculture,
Madison 6, Wisconsin.

Dear Joshua:

Thanks for your mutants. The proline requirement was not satisfied by hydroxyproline — not even by crystals of the stuff on a pour plate.

Our material was obtained from Nutritional Biochemicals. Your suspicion about the impurity of your sample was undoubtedly correct.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard D. Davis

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*Answering a question in an old letter —
we have never got any reversions of your
muta. matter, even to irrad., so all
satisfactory even to the Biotin.*