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Dr. W. R. Hinshaw
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Dear Dr. Hinshaw:

Lately, I have been studying some strains of the S. pullorum-gallinarum group by means of genetic transduction. Are any of the maltose-positive variants of the pullorum still available? If so, I should be grateful to you for two or three which fermented maltose rapidly upon first isolation, and one or two which will engender maltose-positive variants in laboratory culture. A reprint of your 1943 (J. Inf Dis.) paper on the subject would be appreciated also.

Yours sincerely,

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