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Dear Alexandra:

I am sorry to have to answer your letter of the 14th with the sad news that ONPG is not commercially available. Our own supply is very sparse, and I am afraid that most anyone else you might ask would be in the same position, though you might try of Spiegelman at Illinois.

We are looking into the possibilities of establishing a commercial source of this useful compound, and if they materialize I will let you know.

With best regards to Dr. Goldstein and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

P.S. The synthesis published by Seidman and Link is supposed to be time-consuming, but not very difficult otherwise. (see JACS, 72:4324, also, 75: 890).