Personal Memo from
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Mechanism of sonic lysis

Dear Boris—

It puzzles me that after 30 years this has still not, as far as I know, been cleared up.

Did you ever check the role of Mg^{++} (cf. stabilization of penicillin-spheroplasts ... cf. J. Bact. 75: 143 (1958)?

Will TEPP protect viability of sonicated cells?

If sonicated cells can be kept viable they might still be very useful for characterization of bioassay.

Yours,
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