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Dear Gene:

I will send you some reprints when we do a regular mailing in a few weeks.

With *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, a few years ago I made some auxotrophs, and diauxotrophs, with a regime of UV, penicillin and replica plating. These were all prepared from one of Stanier's strains. They gave no evidence of crossing after mixed culture. No special problems in making the mutants.

We had hoped to extend the search to tests from phage-mediated transduction. However, none of our own strains appeared to be lysogenic on any of the authors as indicators, and Jacob found no cross-reactions between the strains I had sent him and his *P. aeruginosa* phages. If one of my students is interested sometime, I hope to make a more extensive search for different phages and different strains, but there is nothing in the ~~wind~~ right now, and until then, I do not plan to make any further public comment.

Loutit had a lot of trouble getting auxotrophs from *aeruginosa*. I hope you have better luck.

Yours sincerely,


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