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Dear Horace:

The black notebook arrived in good shape. I hope it was useful. Seeing it again stimulates me to underscore the point where I think Weaver et al went off the rails, perhaps needlessly, perhaps not. Look at the circled reference on page 250 to the 119 non IgM idiotype-positive hybridomas. The possible existence of such mixed yielders lies at the heart of the argument. But the data is "not shown". Instead the authors say they are summarized in Table 2.

Then in their letter published in Cell of Nov 18, 1988 we read that these critical data are in fact not those depicted in Table 2.

If the data exist, perhaps they do, they should have been published along with a clear and critical description of how they were obtained. This would probably have forestalled the controversy.

The August 1991 letter to Nature from Selsing doesn't help. He says the missing data are in Table 3. But as Mark points out in his October reply this is not the case. In any case, Selsing's view on the matter is not authoritative. Only Weaver et al can be.

So, as Wally asked from the beginning, where are the data?

I have not been a principal in this matter and as the saying goes "I do not wish to be quoted without prior permission".

Best wishes,

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