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Dear Race,

I was glad to have your paper on Acholuric Jaundice for the Annals, the next number of which is now going off in triumph, probably the last full-sized number we shall have for some time. I think also, especially as the Royal Society has tipped up a grant in support of the Annals, that we certainly should be able to afford to print the individual data in your second package. In view of the curious result you mentioned before about secreting and blood-groups, Miss Burton and I have just been through your families finding 36/77 Os, 14/58 A_2 , 4/15 A_2 , 2/18 B and 0/1 A_1B as the proportions of non-secretors. A_1 and A_2 agree nicely, and the Bs are too few to differ significantly from them, though perhaps they would on larger numbers. but the Os are quite distinct. I do not see why your anti-O serum should be less frequently inactivated by treatment with cells than α and β sera. I wonder if you can see any alternative to the view that secretors are really less frequent among Os than in other groups. I do hope you will lose no chance of compiling further data on this.

Yours sincerely,