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Dear Kevin,

Enclosed please find 103 strains of *Fusarium graminearum* (sexual stage *Gibberella zeae*) that were used in the development of a genetic map described in the enclosed manuscript. The revised version of the manuscript was returned to Dr. Rowland Davis at the University of California (Irvine) before Christmas and should (I hope) be accepted shortly in a final form. We would like to include FGSC numbers for these strains in the published version of the manuscript, and now plan to add them at the galley proof stage, but request that the strains not be distributed until the manuscript is published.

The parental strains are Z-3639 and Z-5047. The *nit* mutants derived from them are Z-11570 and Z-11572. The cross was made using the *nit* mutants, and the progeny Z-10879 – Z-10977, all were selected to be prototrophs. The fungus is homothallic, so there are no mating types to report. Dr. Jurgenson is currently preparing a listing of all of the genotypes for the progeny that we plan to submit for publication in the next issue of the *Fungal Genetics Newsletter*. We will send this information to you as soon as he finishes the modifications needed to render the file interpretable.

I leave for a seven-month sabbatical in Sydney, Australia on January 16, but until then can be reached in Manhattan if you have questions. After the 16th please contact someone in my lab (785-532-1363) for further information on contacting me (assuming that they cannot answer your question(s) directly).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John F. Leslie'.

John F. Leslie

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