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Dear Mourant,

Thanks for your note. I should certainly like a few, say 25, offprints of Miss Van den Bosch's note to Nature.

I am a little unwilling to claim any special knowledge on the question of priority, as it is one that I have not looked into. I should, of course, always be inclined to refer to Miss Van den Bosch's discovery of R_y , since the other claims seem nebulous, and I do not know that they have ever been formulated. I do, of course, know that Wiener is a slippery character, and have been influenced by this fact for some years. I suppose it lies in the printers' hands whether or not he achieves priority of publication. The chart prepared for use in my lectures is, I think, headed "The first discovered case of R_y ", or words to that effect, and I shall have Miss Van den Bosch's name put on the chart.

Yours sincerely,