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## To whom it may concern:

The package contains living cultures of the green alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*, a soil organism of worldwide distribution. This alga is used in many laboratories as a research tool for biochemistry, cell biology and genetics. These particular strains derive from an isolate made in Massachusetts, USA, in 1945, which has been in continuous axenic laboratory culture since that time. The cultures are on sterile agar that contains mineral salts and sodium acetate. The laboratory strain is non-hazardous, non-pathogenic, used for in vitro research and has no commercial value. The vials each contain approximately 2.0 ml of agar. Value of the agar, culture tube, etc. is less than \$2 U.S. per culture.

The Chlamydomonas Resource Center has been sponsored by grants from the National Science Foundation since 1979. We maintain a collection of approximately 3000 strains of Chlamydomonas and provide cultures of these to the worldwide research community. Our web site, from which you can obtain further information on this organism, is at http://chlamycollection.org/.

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