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Abstract	
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Previous data (Table 1) from Sargent & Woodward (1969 J. Bacteriol. 97:861-866) showed the bd gene distal to pan-1 by 1.5 map units. Our follow-up crosses (Table I) show bd to be far more distal than anticipated. By two and three point crosses, we now place bd 8.9 map units distal to met-5 and 18.8 map units proximal to nit-3. The gene order is therefore:

#### centromere/trp-4/pan-1/cot-1/his-4/met-5/bd/nit-3

Table 1. Results of genetic crosses

Zygote genotype and recombinaton percentage	Parentals	Singles Region 1	Singles Region 2	Doubles	Total
+ 8.5 + 1.5 bd 1rp-4 pan-1 +	87 92	11	2 1	0	199*
<u>pan-1 4.0 + 12.1 +</u> + <u>cot-1</u> <u>bd</u>	59 68	3	5	1	149
<u>cot-1 3.7 his-4 18.3 +</u> ÷ + bd	52 99	1 4	11 22	1	191
<u>cot-1 4.1 + 8.9 bd</u> - met-5 +	<b>67</b> 60	6	10	0	138
<u>cot-1 16.6 bd 18.8 +</u> ÷ + nit-3	63 90	12 21	33 5	2 3	229

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> From Sargent and Woodward (1969) J. Bact. 97:861-866.

These data, once again, highlight the variability sometimes observed in Neurospora genetic crosses as well as the importance of establishing flanking genetic markers prior to initiating a chromosome walk.

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