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## Propositions

1. Inability of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to utilize dicarboxylic acids as sole carbon sources is not due to the absence of suitable transport systems (opposed to the findings of Barnett and Kornberg (1960); Ansanay *et al.* (1996))
2. Passive diffusion of fumaric acid into *S. cerevisiae* is a major drawback for its production process carried out at low pH (Chapter 3)
3. Scientific journals should have a repository of metabolically engineered strains to be accessed by academic institutions to reproduce the published results
4. Conforming to the views of Sydney Brenner; Researchers should focus more on interpreting data and designing experiments rather than generating data
5. Emigration correlates well with corruption
6. Economic development with sustainability is a dilemma for developing countries
7. Technology will make life monotonous
8. Evolution is preferred in the direction of increasing specificity of an enzyme towards a particular substrate rather than changing the substrate specificity of a highly specific enzyme (Chapter 5, in the context of DCT-02 transporter evolution towards exporting fumaric acid)
9. Exposing *S. cerevisiae* strains, engineered for the overproduction of C4 acids, to high CO<sub>2</sub> levels, leads to increased C4 acids production.(Chapter 4).
10. ABC transporters play an important role in the robustness of *S. cerevisiae*