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Authors' note: "Since our paper on endogenous pyrogen production by Hodgkin's disease and human histiocytic lymphoma cell lines was published (1), certain information has come to light concerning one of the cell lines used. The RY line ascribed to Hodgkin's disease derivation apparently came from a pathologically negative spleen specimen (2). It does have human chromosomes in contrast to several other imputed Hodgkin's disease lines from the same laboratory which have owl monkey karyotypes (2). The production of endogenous pyrogen by RY is not in question since supernates sent by me from New York and independently by Dr. Long from Boston were all positive as assayed by Dr. Bodel in New Haven, with a number of control preparations being negative. The cell type of RY is still uncertain since it has almost no specific markers; production of lysozyme originally reported (3) has not been detected for the past three years (ref. 2 and P.R., unpublished). The other cell line producing endogenous pyrogen, U-937, is undoubtedly of monocyte lineage, as shown by several laboratories (4-6), and has human chromosomes."

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