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Dear Otto,

Thank you and Dr. Griffing for the trouble you took to consider Dr. Reber's problem. He has returned his reprint. I will write to Dr. Griffing direct, there are two misunderstandings which might alter his opinion.

(1) The handled plants are not completely unwound and reverse wound; as the immature terminal growth extends it is gently kept in the reverse spiral position, pollination could not be affected by the handling alone as leaves and flower initials (if any) are minute at the time of handling.

(2) The number of beans per pod is not affected, only the weight of the pod is reduced.

The notion of working with plants with several runners and treating the runners differently is a good one. Dr. Reber has already looked at the Macquarie Vine Moulenbackia adpressa which produces shoots from the same plants naturally twisting in opposite directions.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

D. Martin