Personal Memo from
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Dr John Maddox
Nature

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40th Anniversary Morning

Dear John –

Did you know that the first notice in print of crossing in E. coli was in Nature?

As E coli K12 has become perhaps the most widely used experimental organism for genetic investigation (perhaps besides human cells in culture, now) I wonder if you would consider marking its anniversary with a special issue in October 1986?

There would be a lot to say about the fruits of its maturity – in bio-technology .... and in many remaining mysteries about the mechanism of conjugal transfer.

Yours,
Joshua

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