

Memo from
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To:

Larry Okun

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Your reprints

I was quite thrilled ~~to~~ see these.

Just a few days ago I had asked around the lab if anyone had seen anything on just the subject of the Sanes-Okun paper. Have you thought of looking further into DNA repair capacity, as a function of the age of the animal; it is a reasonable bet that you will find an age-dependent effect, and there is then some very interesting comparative biochemistry to look into (mice vs. elephants). It might even be possible to do experiments in situ -- eg with something like mustard by carotid infusion as the inciting stimulus. I see you do hint at this issue in your closing sentence.

I hope you do publish your DNA work; I can fully understand the distractions; it still should be a cost-effective option for the use of your time once you have a lab going.

We look forward to seeing you,



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