Dear Hy--

Just after I wrote Dr. Scott, I saw the NYT clip, and it occurred to me that DMC might be very well set up now for the study of the effects of the HbS gene on intellectual performance.

The clinic will have ascertained segregating families, and you will be able to contrast all 3 genotypes (a/a, a/s, and s/s) in the same family.

Actually, the important study would use collaterals, where the parents are a/a and a/s respectively, and the comparison of these among the progeny would be untinged by the actual occurrence of s/s disease. But that variable also is interesting (the economic and social drain...)

(However, on rigorous consideration, I have to remark that a/s x a/s matings may not be exactly comparable to a/a x a/s.)

Can you take this on?

Yours,

Josh