40th Anniversary Greeting

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Dr. John Maddox
Nature

Dear John,

Did you know that the first reference to E. coli in "Nature" was in 1968?

As E. coli K12 has become perhaps the most widely used experimental organism for genetic investigation (perhaps because human cells in culture, etc.) I wonder if you would consider marking its 40th anniversary with a special section in October 1986?

There would be a lot to say about the fruits of its mutating in biotechnology and in many remaining mysteries about the mechanism of conjugal transfer.

Yours,

Joshua