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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Dr. Inoki on the antigenic variation of Trypanosoma gambiense by separate mail.

I have never worked in the field of antigenic variation of <u>T. gambiense</u> but have recent imformations about it; 1) The newvariant antigen appears after the original surface antigen is removed by similar phenomenon like as cap formation (J. Exp. Med., 139, 1061, 1974). 2) The antigenic variation is inhibited by protein synthesis inhibitors but not by DNA synthesis inhibitors. 3) The genes of variant area of surface antigens are reconstructed like as immunoglobulins.

Sincerely yours,

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