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Revision of the Pharmacology Research Associate Brochure

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Basic problems in molecular biology and biochemistry are studied, especially molecular mechanisms that regulate gene expression during embryonic development. Current research focuses on characterizing DNA clones that correspond to novel mouse or Drosophila homeobox genes, defining mouse genomic DNA sequences that regulate gene transcription, and identifying regulatory sequences in cloned DNA that correspond to the gene for the  $\alpha$ -subunit of an L-type voltage-sensitive calcium channel. Clonal lines of neuroblastoma and somatic hybrid cells are used in some studies.