

Editorial Note

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With the following two papers by BAIRD *et al.* and by HOLLIDAY, 'Gerontologia' opens a debate on molecular mechanisms of ageing at the cellular level. The two opening papers are concerned with the Orgel hypothesis [L. ORGEL, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci., Washington, 49: 517 (1963); Nature, Lond. 243: 441 (1973)]. Readers are invited to join the debate and submit brief papers containing their points of view or arguments pro and contra on the various hypotheses on molecular mechanisms of ageing presently being discussed in the literature. With the authors' permission, submitted manuscripts may be sent by the Editors to the investigators concerned in order to give them an opportunity for early reply, if possible in the same issue of 'Gerontologia'.