



Once upon a time, German biochemist Fred Schaper discovered his own figures in a new Chinese paper. What happened next? See p. 14-16



Stefan Baumgartner *et al.* found that, contrary to long-held belief, in *Drosophila* embryos the bicoid mRNA forms a gradient before being translated into Bicoid protein (p. 30)



In recent years, multi-billion mergers have become more and more common in the pharmaceutical world. It is questionable, however, whether these huge deals are wise. (p. 49)



Wikis allow multiple users to create and edit webpages. Lab wikis such as OpenWetWare may help scientists to share their research with colleagues. (p. 54)

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