proteins synthesized periodically through the cycle? In studies of proteins separated on gels and of enzyme activity. Sauer finds no evidence of periodicity in Physarum. Howell and Baumgartel, on the other hand, do find periodicity in Chlamydomonas (at any rate in the rates of synthesis) and suggest that only some of this periodicity might be due to their system of light-dark synchrony. Finally, Rao and Sunkara show from fusion experiments that there is an S-phase inducer present in the G₁ cytoplasm of mammalian cells. A concentration-dependent inducer either of DNA synthesis or mitosis is a familiar concept in various cell types. What is surprising here is that the inducer is not concentration-dependent. Two cells in the same stage of mid- or late-G₁ are accelerated into S after fusion, and, even more surprising, they are not accelerated if they are in early-G₁. This paradoxical result should stimulate further work on S-phase control.

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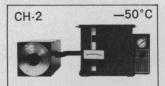


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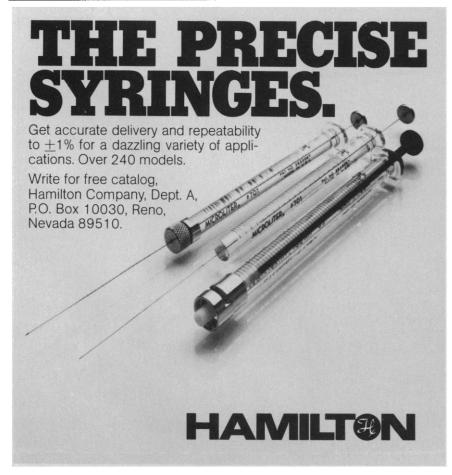
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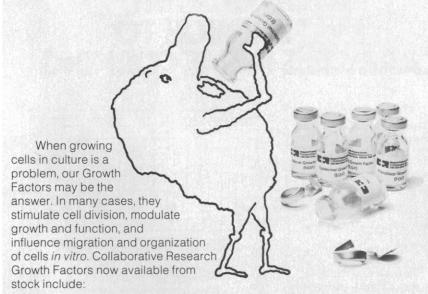
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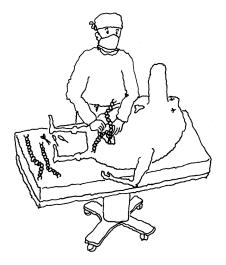
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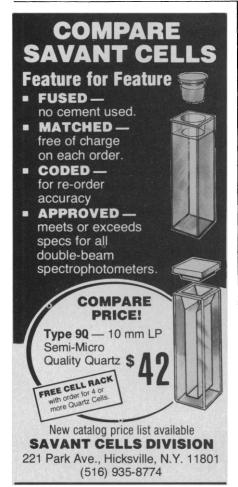
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