completely map the human genome is that the map location of individual genes can often provide clues to the involvement of a gene in a particular genetic disorder. Indeed, as an illustration of this approach, the β subunit of S100 protein is one of the first genes assigned to chromosome 21 for which a large body of experimental evidence suggests a functional role in the central nervous system (*11, 12, 16*). Therefore, our results suggest that future studies on the role of S100 protein in the pathogenesis of the neurological features of DS are warranted.

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Technical Comments

ACTH Regulation and IL-1

Recently, three reports (*1, 2*) were published describing the release of adrenocorticotropin (ACTH) in response to interleukin-1 (IL-1) administration. A Perspective (*3*) describing, for the most part, conflicting results of the three reports was included in the same issue. We would like to point out that Uehara *et al.* (*4*) recently found that one preparation of IL-1α and two preparations of IL-1β were without effect on the release of five hormones, including ACTH, from cultured anterior pituitary cells, irrespective of whether pituitaries from male or female rats were used. Furthermore, IL-1β appears to be a potent stimulator for ACTH release in vivo, but IL-1α has very little such effect (*5*). Finally, in a recently published study, ACTH-releasing activity was blocked by immunoneutralization of endogenous corticotropin-releasing factor (*6*). In addition, we tested (*4*) the Cistron preparation of IL-1β [effective in (*1*)], which did not stimulate ACTH release in vitro.

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