of multiple cortical areas and subcortical structures. Our data and conclusions do not contradict this fact. Work in the oculomotor system, as well as in the skeletal motor system, shows clearly that many neurons contribute to the motor command. However, the precision of the relationship we observed suggests that the growth of activation of eye movement–related neural activity throughout the brain is coordinated in such a fashion that the instant that a movement is triggered is agreed on by the various brain regions. Consensus, rather than independence or competition, may be the rule of response preparation. Whether there is a coordinated rise of activation to a movement-triggering threshold, which may represent a motor system complement to the perceptual binding problem, can be evaluated experimentally by recording simultaneously from many movement-related neurons within and across saccade-related structures.

Richer and Achim make the astute observation that in figure 3 of our report, the level of activity preceding target presentation was higher in trials with shorter saccade latencies than it was in trials with longer latencies. However, in an analysis of all of our data, we found no evidence that the level of activity preceding target presentation accounted for a significant fraction of the variance of reaction time.

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Corrections and Clarifications

In the Research News article "Linker histones, DNA's protein custodians, gain new respect" by Elizabeth Pennisi (25 Oct., p. 503), the upper illustration was mistakenly inverted to show right-handed, rather than left-handed, DNA coils. The source of the illustration of the new model of linker histones and coiled DNA should have been given as Pruss *et al.*

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