

## SCIENCE'S COMPASS

nipulate the membership of other DHHS study sections, but many aspects of human biology and medicine are controversial, and there is no assurance that the same tactics will not be used elsewhere. All scientists who have served as reviewers or rely on study sections for expert, unbiased reviews should be concerned, and so should the end-users of the knowledge that federally funded research generates.

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### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

#### SPECIAL ISSUE ON THE DYNAMIC SYNAPSE:

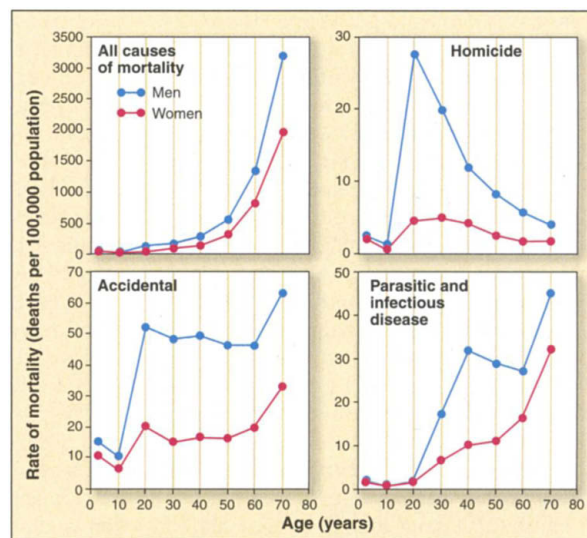
**REVIEWS:** "Emerging roles of presynaptic proteins in  $\text{Ca}^{++}$ -triggered exocytosis" by J. Rettig and E. Neher (25 Oct., p. 781). The first three sentences of the abstract are not the authors' work. The correct abstract appears here: "The twinning of techniques from biophysics and molecular biology has led to remarkable progress in understanding the molecular mechanisms of synaptic

transmission. Here, we review the current picture of  $\text{Ca}^{++}$ -triggered exocytosis which has emerged from studies of a simple, cellular model, the adrenal chromaffin cell. We discuss the molecular players which have been assigned a specific role in a particular step of this process and give a brief outlook on what these insights might tell us on mechanisms of short-term plasticity at classical synapses."

**PERSPECTIVES:** "Vortex cores—smaller than small" by J. Miltat and A. Thiaville (18 Oct., p. 555). Several errors were introduced during editing. In the third paragraph of the first column, in line 10, (1) should be cited instead of (9), and in line 12, (5) should be cited instead of (3). In the caption for the first figure, (4) should have been cited rather than (1, 2). Panel A in this figure is from (4); the credit line was omitted by mistake. In the first full paragraph of the second column, "high-temperature superconductors" should read "superconductors." In line 10 of the third column, (5) should be

cited instead of (4); in line 26, (3) should be cited instead of (5). In the second figure, panel B, the formula should read " $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ ." In reference (1), the first author's name is Feldtkeller.

**PERSPECTIVES:** "Sex differences in mortality rate" by I. P. F. Owens (20 Sept., p. 2008). An earlier version of the figure was mistakenly published. The correct version appears below.



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