



**Fig. 1.** Growth of a virulent *E. coli* strain incubated in RPMI, with and without recombinant human IL-1 $\beta$  at 100 nanograms per milliliter, determined by direct colony counts. Results are expressed in mean colony forming units (CFUs)  $\times 10^5 \pm$  SEM with four experiments. \*,  $P < 0.05$ , Student's *t* test.

We sent one of the newly isolated IL-1-responsive *E. coli* strains to Kim and Le, who did not confirm the growth-promoting effect in their laboratory. The strain was returned to us, and we again observed a growth-promoting effect of IL-1, using direct colony counts. We invited Kim and Le to come to Boston to observe our methods, but they declined our invitations. Therefore, we cannot explain this discrepancy.

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#### Corrections and Clarifications

In the letter of 23 October by Charles A. Gardner (p. 530), Dr. Gardner's address was incorrectly given as the Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations of the House Committee on Government Operations. Dr. Gardner was a AAAS Congressional Science Fellow assigned to that subcommittee through August 1992, but the views expressed in his letter were his own and not those of the subcommittee.

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