

Drugs to Spur New Cells, And Without the Politics

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James H. Fallon, a neurobiologist at the University of California at Irvine, discussing laboratory tests as a colleague prepares an injection.

James H. Fallon, professor of anatomy and neurobiology at the University of California at Irvine, reported that a protein called transforming growth factor alpha stimulated the stem cells in the brains of rats to proliferate and migrate to the site of injuries similar to those caused by Parkinson's disease. The stem cells turned into neurons and repaired some of the damage.