

Scientists rename human genes to stop Microsoft Excel from misreading them as dates



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/ Sometimes it's easier to rename genes than update Excel

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Despite geneticists being warned about spreadsheet problems, 30% of published papers contain mangled gene names in supplementary data.



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