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Scientists have discovered the enzyme in our cells which corrects the most frequently occurring mistake in DNA as cells divide. This discovery, which may have particular implications for cancer research, was made somewhat serendipitously. The scientists, from the Medical Research Council Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine at the University of Edinburgh, were in fact researching Aicardi-Goutieres syndrome (AGS), a rare childhood disease.

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