Editorial

In an announcement published in Hum Genet 51: I-II (1979), the editors of this journal expressed their intention to cut down the publication of single case reports and limit it only to special selected cases (of chromosome aberrations). It was then proposed to have a *Cases Observed* section of the journal to encourage short announcements of special cases to serve mainly as a call for further collaborative studies. Perhaps because no examples were presented, this call did not have an appreciable following. On the other hand some papers recently published in *Human Genetics* demonstrate that this approach is rewarding as shown by the collaborative papers on 43 cases of the 11/22 translocation from 38 different laboratories (Hum Genet 56: 21–51, 1980); the three cases of campomelic dysplasia with studies of H-Y antigen from nine different laboratories (Hum Genet 57: 15–22, 1981); the 11 cases of cat eye syndrome from eight different laboratories (Hum Genet 57: 148–158, 1981); and the eight cases of inv dup(15) from nine different laboratories (Hum Genet 57: 345–350, 1981).

While these examples originated from the initiative of a few persons we feel that they provide *an example to follow*. For this reason we wish to repeat our call for contributions to the *Cases Observed* section, and in this issue we publish some examples of it. The observations to be presented in this section are not limited to cases of chromosome aberrations. Contributions are encouraged to also include other occasional findings like e.g. protein variants or malformations presumably due to genetic causes. The presentation, however, should be restricted to the indispensable minimum of sentences, and illustrations are not accepted to avoid delay in publication. Should the appropriate studies result from these calls for collaboration, the editors commit themselves to accelerate their publication to compensate in part the time consumed in collecting and processing the data.

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