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Dear Dr. Ashburner,

I am contacting you to follow up on our conversation in San Diego about the nomenclature for the Drosophila Stat/marelle locus. Jim Darnell indicated to me today that he also feels very strongly about this matter, and he would be happy to discuss it with you if you desired.

Both we (Yan et al.) and Perrimon published back-to-back in Cell (February 9, 1996). However, Darnell clearly had the clone first, and we had clearly identified my mutation as being in the locus before Perrimon's work. Darnell publicly discussed D-Stat as early as October 1994, at the AACR meeting in Chatham, MA. I've enclosed the abstract from that meeting. Further, Darnell describes work with Drosophila Stat in his Annual Review of Biochemistry article in 1995 (also included). The text of this article was submitted in 1994. Finally, I described the phenotype of the Stat[HJ] mutation at the 1995 fly meeting in Atlanta (abstract 59), although I did not refer to it by name in the abstract.

I hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Chuck Dunff