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Jeffrey

have used your 20 to leverage 12 and the University owes me 5 in two months, so the money is all set

spent Friday with Dan Lieberman at Harvard and his cohorts, all of whom are experts on human locomotion and, in particular possible spinal adaptations

his best man on lumbar curvature was there; they doubt that lumbar curvature is helpful in short sprints but we all agree that it is time to find out, and we have the right sample

measurement is another matter, cat scans too costly, X-rays too invasive so it is more (female) hands on measurements of spinal curvature

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as i have always said, the key is the final genetic stage

we have now surveyed the sports literature which is extensive but with typically small sample sizes (8-12); their chief value is to isolate possible variables of interest, to which genetic variants can be attached

we want a ~40 loci chip to look at athletes and controls

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more late

and warmest best wishes, as always