

Re: the liver and the brain

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On 1 Sep 2004 18:58:10 -0700, feedbackdroids@yahoo.com (dan michaels) wrote:

>r norman <rsn_@comcast.net> wrote in message
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>> *The evidence is quite clear. There is good, hard experimental data to
>> prove that genetically determined motor pattern generating circuits do
>> exist in mammals in general and humans in particular. There is also
>> good, hard experimental data to prove that experience and synaptic
>> modification is usually necessary to make these circuits function
>> appropriately to produce useful, responsive, and adaptive behavior in
>> the functioning organism.*

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>Thanks for all the references. It'll take a while to get through them.
>Your summary doesn't help much, however, as it doesn't distinguish
>between ungulates which run within minutes of being born as compared
>to humans which take a year or so to make it to pokey walking. Off to
>the abstracts.

I suggest the explanation of this is "intraneural" competition. The human brain, being larger, requires more of the mechanism/s for growth and development so it competes better than the spinal nerves for myelination. Therefore, myelination of the spinal nerves, necessary for walking, is deferred in humans.