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Letter Regarding “Cellular senescence in usual type uterine leiomyoma”

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Dear editor:

We were very interested to find that Laser et al. found >50% cellular senescence in 11% of their leiomyomata (1), similar to the 7% of tumors in the NIEHS fibroid growth study that were found to be rapidly shrinking (2). We were particularly interested in the finding of increased senescence with age. We reported lower fibroid growth rates with age in tumors from the NIEHS Fibroid Growth Study, but only for white women (2). Age was not associated with tumor growth rates in tumors from black women. We recognize that numbers are small, but was there any suggestion of a difference between blacks and others in the pattern of age-related senescence for the 86 tumors in the Laser et al. analysis?

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