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Perfect. The good news is that the funding info is all public info, and if questioned they could see it is just strawberry physiology.

Cool. Go to bed! Geez, you work too much too.

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