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Dear colleagues,

With great sadness, we inform you of the death of Irwin Fridovich, the James B.

Duke Professor Emeritus of Medicine at Duke University, who passed away

on Saturday 2nd November at the age of 90.

His discovery 50 years ago of the enzyme superoxide dismutase led to numerous advances in our understanding of oxidative stress and cell damage. Irwin Fridovich and Joe McCord's seminal paper on the discovery of superoxide dismutase, published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry in 1969, has been cited more than 9,300 times and opened up the field of oxygen free radical research, and its consequences in Biology and Medicine.

With his passing we have lost a truly great scientist, and founder of this field of research.

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