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Scientists create smallest ever genome

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Researchers have created the world’s smallest known living cell, which essential functions that exist within the smallest possible cell that can exist. The new organism, called Mycoplasma laboratorium, was created by synthetic biologists at the J. Craig Venter Institute in La Jolla, Calif., and published in the scientific journal Nature.

The research might shed light on the fundamental biology of life and its limits, as well as potential applications from the research.