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Self-reproduction of vesicle compartments is linked to the self-replication of encapsulated DNA. Externally added membrane precursors are taken up by the vesicles and converted into membrane molecules, enabling the vesicles to grow and divide. Vesicles within which DNA is amplified undergo rapid and sequential divisions, distributing newly formed DNA to daughter vesicles. This represents a promising approach for the construction of an artificial cell.



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Coupling between Self-replication of DNA and Self-reproduction of Membrane

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