A Brief Note on the Scope of Biolinguistics

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With this first issue of volume 3 of Biolinguistics, we release a couple of pieces that are quite critical of the biolinguistic approach we outlined in our manifesto (Boeckx & Grohmann 2007). We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our desire to open the journal to critical discussions of the biological approach to human language laid out there — or any other, for that matter. Although we do not endorse everything published in Biolinguistics, we are interested in as many voices as possible. For example, on our initiative we offered Paul Postal the space in the present issue to respond to John Collins’ remarks (which he used amply). We hope that readers of the journal who want to react to such criticism will send us their replies, for we sincerely believe that constructive criticism, and debates surrounding it, can prove an excellent medium of clarification of the nature of biolinguistics as a field of inquiry.

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