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Cover: A 12 year old male from a wild population of mandrillus (Mandrillus sphinx) monitored by the 'Mandrillus Project' (http://www.cefe.cnrs.fr/en/mandrillus/presentation). This male exhibits facial features typical of high social ranking (red nostrils and central stripe sharply contrasting with the blue ridges of the muzzle). Beaulieu et al. (pp. 2629–2632) found that such high-ranking males were the only individuals in the colony experiencing increased oxidative damage during the mating season, when social dominance between males is unstable. This suggests that the coupling between social rank and stability differentially affects the oxidative status of individuals living in hierarchically structured groups. Photo credit: Timo Brockmeyer.

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