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## Article in Nature Methods

The scientist and the smartphone

For my third article, I looked on Vera multi-search to find an article in a journal which was not written at MIT. I found an article which sounded interesting on Web of Science and then used SFX to be transferred to the journal’s site. I then had to look for the small little download PDF link to be able to read the article.

The article talks about how scientists in Biology labs are starting to use their personal iPhones to look at lab procedures. However, this is hampered by the risk of damaging the iPhone in a wet lab environment; the author recommends a waterproof case be developed for the iPhone. The article goes on to say that labs may even buy iPhones if the right application is discovered. Currently, some lab equipment is coming out for iPhone. The article mentions that there is now a nanosensor-based detector for airborne chemicals that you can plug into an iPhone. However, the author believes that the current killer app for the iPhone is that you can do reading anywhere; the author manages to plug the Nature application which allows scientists to read the full text of articles anywhere, presumably including their child’s baseball game.