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I read with interest the study **of the effects** on the brain of **cell phone** use ("Cell phones turn up brain activity," SN: 3/26/11, p. 13). Are more studies planned? What if the phone is active but not receiving messages? Does the technology matter? The work is a good start at getting real information to counter hype and scare tactics, but it's not sufficient. We also have to find out whether this brain activity is harmful or neutral.

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A cellphone call appears to boost activity in brain regions near the phone's antenna. No one knows if this effect is harmful, neutral or even beneficial. Nora Volkow's team plans further experiments to answer such questions.--Laura Sanders

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