

IV. *An Objection to the new Hypothesis of the Generation of Animals from Animalcula in Semine Masculino.* By Dr. Martin Lister, Fellow of the Colledge of Physicians and Royal Society.

Exercit. Anat. terr. p. 114.

*Amongst the many Arguments which I have used to confute the Opinion of Mr. Leewenhoeck about the Generation of Animals from innumerable little Animals in Semine Masculino, one I omitted, which is as follows :*

RURsus quæro, si humanum corpus nascatur ab animalculo è semine masculino unde sint ista animalcula genita? & quidem generantur ad plurimos annos; scilicet ab adulto viro ad extremam usq; senectutem; certe à coitu peracto longè maxima eorum pars ejicitur; unde nova soboles indes succrescat, necesse est. An vero hæc animalculorum proles serè diurna à sui similibus animalculis generentur, vel sponte nascantur? Posterius te, Leewenhoecke, existimare haud facilè credo, quia tu, si quis alius, automata mirificè confutasti: si prius verò putes ipsa etiam illa animalcula, dum in semine masculino sunt, adulta esse sequetur, quòd generare potes sunt. At quam absurdum hoc sit, tute cogita; scilicet eadem animalia bis *adolescere*, nempe semel in semine masculino, atq; iterum in humano statu atq; conditione.

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