

Conditioned taste aversion in anesthetized rats: A comment on Rabin and Rabin's reply

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We are satisfied by B. M. Rabin and J. S. Rabin's (1986) statement that there is no controversy between the papers by Burešová and Bureš (1977) and Rabin and Rabin (1984), but we cannot agree with their argument that additional procedural information provided in our note (Burešová & Bureš, 1986) was needed to arrive at this conclusion. Our 1977 paper made it clear that "deep allobarbitol anesthesia . . . was maintained throughout the 5-h CS-US interval" (p. 43). Although this can only mean that the US was applied to deeply anesthetized animals, Rabin and Rabin (1986) chose to surmise that "LiCl was not administered until the rats had recovered from the anesthetic." Similarly, Millner and Palfai (1975) reported the absence of CTA in a nonpoisoned control group in-

jected with Nembutal alone (Group DW-Nem in their Figure 2), but Rabin and Rabin claim that "it is not clear whether the results obtained with Nembutal by Millner and Palfai resulted from the LiCl or Nembutal injection." This attitude to published evidence is bound to generate useless controversies which can be avoided by following the simple rule: "When in doubt, check again!"

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