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Scents and Sensibility: Pheromonal and Social Control of Fertility and Disease

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The traditional approach to interactions between the mind and body focuses on biological mechanisms that cause behavior and psychological states. Taking the converse approach reveals that social interactions can also be mechanisms, regulating such fundamental biological processes as ovulation and immune function. In both rats and in humans, pheromones and odors are one mode of social communication that mediates the social control of fertility and disease.