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Phya - August 13, 2009, 8:29 am

I'd like to use my access to article databases to find and post full articles that are relevant to the topic of pheromones. I'm not sure if: A) this is legal. B) if you're interested in these lengthy, often dense articles and C) what terms to search for exactly. I'm not able to get access to all the articles, it seems like the university only has access to a portion of the listed articles. I'll be asking the librarians about it later, but until then does anyone have comments, questions, suggestions?

Usually full PDFs are available, if I can get my hands on them, I have no problem uploading them, as long as there's no problem with hosting them here.

mark-in-dallas - August 13, 2009, 3:35 pm

You are welcome to post any articles or studies you find Phya. We have no problem hosting the articles and I can't see any legal issues in providing articles that are already publicly, or at least semi-publicly available.

We have a dedicated server with plenty of bandwidth, and I currently only have about 20 low usage websites on the server.

Post to your hearts content. It might be better to convert them to .txt files and post them in threads rather than uploading the pdf's though, as that would allow for them to be included when using the search function.

If you don't have the ability to convert them, I could do it for you, just let me know.

Mtnjim - August 13, 2009, 7:47 pm

Phya, if it's the article database I'm thinking of, you might have licensing issues. Check with your librarians about their license terms.

Jim

Phya - August 13, 2009, 10:48 pm

Mtnjim, it probably is the database you're thinking of. I will definitely check with them about the licensing terms. At the very least, the abstracts should be okay to post, right?

Mtnjim - August 13, 2009, 11:03 pm

Depending on license, I'm thinking Abstract OK, full article no-no.

Jim

jvkohl - August 14, 2009, 2:28 am

This white paper:

http://senseofsmell.org/papers/Human_Pheromones_Final%207-15-09.pdf

was referenced in an article in the July 30, 2009 New York Times

"Banking on a Chemical Reaction" The NYTimes article quotes me and mentions my manufacturer and marketer with links to their sites. My marketer banned me from his Forum.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/30/fashion/30skin.html?emc=eta1>

The white paper is succinct and summarizes most of what is known, with the exception of the latest research being presented at scientific conferences.

James V. Kohl

<http://www.pheromones.com>

Phya - August 14, 2009, 4:29 am

Wow, James Kohl has already found his way here as well! Thanks for gracing us with your presence. I haven't finished reading your white paper yet, but I definitely will when I have the time. Thank you for sharing it with us.

I haven't looked into it completely, but I noticed a study done with two female twins and androstenone (among other bodily odors) was mentioned. From what I was able to read, it seemed that the two twins were raised in different environments, and the main point I'd like to read about is if those two twins reacted differently to the androstenone, or if they reacted similarly. Depending on the reaction, there may be a basis for claiming reactions to pheromones are culturally based, rather than genetically based, which is something that is often claimed (ie: Asians need less -none, Africans need more -none). I was only able to get a small excerpt, but the part I did read mentioned that one twin preferred coffee while the other preferred tea, indicating those preferences were probably due to cultural differences, but both twins did not like fish, despite fish being a major staple in Korea where one of the two twins was raised, perhaps indicating that the dislike for fish was genetic.

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Bella - August 14, 2009, 8:40 am

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jvkohl - August 14, 2009, 12:58 pm

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jkohl - August 14, 2009, 1:08 pm

I plan to learn more about the U.S. subsidiary of the international chemical and consumer giant Schwarzkopf and Henkel: Dial Corporation, since they now have a "pheromone-infused" product on the market, and claim in their on-line advertising that androstadienone acts via the human VNO. As some of you here may know, I've fought against this type of misinformation for many years. You may remember the psychobabble of DrSmellThis and the since-convicted Aerchtypical Hybrid. Now we have a major corporation claiming that androstadienone does something beneficial via what research says is a non-functional organ. Admittedly, their marketing ploy is more advanced technologically than any other. But, in my opinion, it's still a ploy.

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I know you've managed to avoid much of the drama that seems to plague the pheromone industry, and it's our full intent not to become involved in any of it either. I think you'll find that as we grow you can peruse anywhere in the forums and not see any jibber-jabber, misinformation, or name throwing.

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renny - August 14, 2009, 3:04 pm

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jvkohl - August 14, 2009, 4:51 pm

Thank you. I'm not sure it's possible to avoid the drama entirely, but properly timed exits help (i.e., at the start of any drama). I tried to stay with Love-Scents since Bruce markets my products, but ultimately the science versus opinion controversies became too much for his all powerful moderators to handle.

Meanwhile, back in the scientific community.... Last April a colleague said (jokingly) I should write a scathing review of his forthcoming book on pheromones. After some discussion he realized that we were in agreement. Both of us have been concerned with marketing ploys that have given the concept of human pheromones a bad rap with a more educated audience (e.g., more than what is known by the average teen-ager about pheromones). However, my colleague was not aware that I have already detailed the immune system aspects (MHC diversity et al), which he said no one had addressed. It will be interesting to see where his book leads us both, since no one knows it all, and we have some different perspectives on what the current research (e.g., like what I presented last April) is telling us.

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Mark Thanks. I'm glad you referred that couple to me, but also wonder what the end result might have been. Several more studies have shown what happens with social contact and hormone changes that are driven by pheromones in other mammals, and my mammalian model has become more widely known and accepted with journal/book chapter publication in late 2006/early 2007. Nevertheless, all I have is opinions on what should help with no real data from human studies to back it up. The bottom line is that, for me, it is essential to let people know that there's more to the concept of human pheromones than any marketer is going to explore with their "sex sells" approach.

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I think we have very good animal models for what pheromones do and don't do, and either they do similar things to humans or not. Of course we can control our behavior, so there are times when some of us don't act like animals.

But consider the more obvious flaw in the visual appeal approach. There is no animal model of how visual appeal develops in humans. Few people deny its importance, yet no one knows how visual input becomes important to humans (as contrasted to other animals' olfactory prowess). So here we have a huge sample size (i.e., of humans) who would no doubt tell you that what they see is more important than olfactory/pheromonal input--but not a one of them can tell you why. Not very logical is it?

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