

and pharmacological properties resembling oxysterol on the one hand, and the bile acids on the other hand. Experiments were made with emulsions of oxysterol in normal serum, with solutions of cholic acid and other closely related chemicals. It was found that neither oxysterol nor cholic acids had any marked toxic effect on spermatazoa. The results obtained with these various substances agreed with the findings in the case of menstrual serum and further substantiate the close relationship between the chemical nature of menotoxin on the one hand and oxysterol and cholic acid on the other hand.

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#### The effect of corpus luteum on behavior of rats.

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The effect of corpus luteum extracts were studied on the behavior of rats in the circular maze according to the methods described by the senior author elsewhere. Sixteen young adult, female rats were trained in the maze until they could solve the problem in the shortest period of time without committing any errors. They were then given injections subcutaneously or intramuscularly of "lutein", a protein-free extract of corpus luteum of the sow, prepared by Hynson, Westcott and Dunning. It was found that injections of doses varying from 0.2 to 0.5 cc. of lutein in the rats the average weight of which was about 150 gm. produce a distinct stimulation in their muscular activity and cerebro-spinal efficiency. This effect was noticeable 15 minutes after injection of the extracts and persisted for 24 hours. Injections of the corpus luteum in ovariectomized rats produced a similar stimulation in the behavior of the animals. A few experiments performed with injections of extracts of whole ovary yielded the same results. Further details to appear elsewhere. (Journal of Comparative Psychology).