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Vigilance in humans: The influence of co-presence and fear body odors

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In other species, the presence of conspecifics reduces the time allocated to vigilance, increasing the time invested, for instance, in foraging. On the other hand, the exposure to danger signals (e.g., fear body odors) enhances vigilance. In 3 studies, we explored how vigilance in human beings is: (a) influenced by the presence of others; and (b) by the exposure to fear body odors. Our results show that: (a) humans allocate less time to vigilance when in the presence of others; and (b) the exposure to fear body odors does not affect vigilance per se, but results in faster defense reactions.