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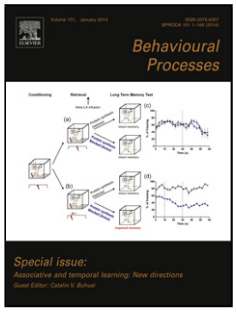


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## Highlights

Number of alarm call elements differs between and within ground squirrel species.

European ground squirrel's alarm call contains two structurally different elements.

Both elements have high potential to encode individuality.

Combining both elements does not enhance encoded individuality.

Higher time stability of individuality can be achieved when combining both elements.