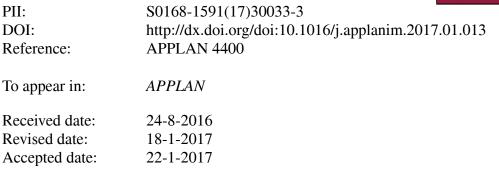
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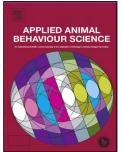
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#### The effect of social experience on olfactory preference in male mice

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#### Highlights

- Sexually experienced male mice strongly prefer female bedding odour
- Naïve male mice exhibit no preference between female and male bedding odour
- 15 minutes of contact with a male and a female before OPT affect testing outcomes

OPT - olfactory preference test, Naïve – naïve males, SE – sexually experienced males, FE – males, that experienced 24-hour contact with females, mean F – mean female sniffing, mean M – mean male sniffing, FELASA - the Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations, MC – mating choice, MC-F – mating choice, female odour preference, MC-NP – mating choice, no preference, SPF – specific pathogen free, SEM – standard error of mean

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