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### Recognition memory and featural similarity between concepts: the pupil's point of view

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## **Highlights**

- Pupil size to false memory is modulated by featural similarity between concepts
- Pupil size reflects the evidence strength on which recognition judgment is based
- An integrated view of underpinnings of pupil response to false memory is proposed
- Pupil size is a result of locus coeruleus and prefrontal activity in monitoring

#### **Abstract**

Differences in pupil dilation are observed for studied compared to new items in recognition memory.

According to cognitive load theory, this effect reflects the greater cognitive demands of retrieving contextual

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