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Dear Sci Rep

[1] Like many articles in *Scientific Reports*, Lin and Jesuthasan (2017) is a poorly plagiarised and dumbed-down version of an article published elsewhere, in this instance Cheng et al. (2017) in *BMC*.

[2] The conclusion of both articles, based on a heavily manipulated signal putatively measured from definitely tortured fish, is that:

Fish swim up towards light sometimes. Very very well-known cells in the brain are involved.

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[3] The supposed novelty in Lin and Jesuthasan (2017) is presumably based on the following puerile statement:

It is not known whether masking is wavelength-dependent in other vertebrates, nor is it known whether the thalamus is also involved or how it influences masking.

That neither are patently true and since a long time ago is well-known, see for example Mrosovsky (1999) and Hoban et al. (1985).

[4] Rafal, Rafal....what are you doing?

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