

Loewi isolated the hearts of two frogs, the first with its nerves, the second without nerves. He placed them in Ringer's solution and stimulated the vagus nerve of the first heart for a few minutes. The Ringer's solution bathing the first heart was transferred to the second heart, and its rate of contractions slowed, just as if its vagus nerve had been stimulated. In the same way, when the "accelerator nerve" was stimulated and the Ringer's solution bathing the first heart was transferred, the contractions of the second heart speeded up. Chemical transmission of nerve impulses had been proved beyond doubt.

In 1936, Dale and Loewi were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their work. Loewi was forced by the Nazis to emigrate in 1939; he eventually became an American citizen.

The Chemical Languages of the Nervous System, written by two pharmacologists, does not succeed in recounting these events in a straightforward fashion. It is a collection of essays, some of which are biographical: eight about Loewi, three about Dale, and one about Wilhelm Feldberg, another refugee, from Nazi Germany, who discovered the action of acetylcholine on striated muscle. The introductory remarks about each scientist are somewhat confusing, and it is not always clear who wrote what. The book also seems to have missed the hand of a good editor. The biographical accounts are followed, in the last part of the book, by a section on a variety of transmitter substances. In short, the subject is fascinating, but the book does not quite measure up.

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CORRECTION

Management of Sepsis (October 19, 2006;355:1699-713). On page 1706, the second sentence under the heading Activated Protein C should have read "Therapy with activated protein C (24 μ g per kilogram per hour for 96 hours) has been reported," not "24 μ g per kilogram per minute for 96 hours" as printed. The text has been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site at www.nejm.org.

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