

bases is about normal, and, consequently, the conditions concerning them are in this particular the same as those concerning any other toxic excretory product that one may wish to choose; and more direct methods of experimentation with the xanthin bases, while they have shown that these substances may cause toxic lesions, especially in kidneys, have also demonstrated that, with the possible exception of adenin, they are apparently incapable of producing the joint-lesions characteristic of gout. The whole discussion concerning the xanthin bases, so far as any work relating to them has gone, may, unfortunately, as Friedrich Muller puts it, be brought to the conclusion that the use of bad methods has led to a great waste of time, for it gave the impulse to an extensive study of these substances, a study which better methods have shown to be wholly fruitless.

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