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Ein Fall von Flavismus beim Bergmolch (*Triturus alpestris*)

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A case of flavescence among the alpine newt (*Triturus alpestris*)

In the year 2000 a flavistic alpine newt female was found in the the city of Hagen (Germany). The specimen's back, flanks, and tail sides were yellowish. Its abdominal side showed the typical, yellow orange colouring for alpine newts. Instead of the black spotted lateral band all pigments were absent. Thus the particular animal displayed a total lack of melanin, whereas the rest of the pigmentation developed normaly.

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