

## The bufo reaction.

*A review illustrated by 700 cases.*

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A total of 251 examinations were referable to normal pregnancies. Nevertheless, 34 of the cases presented negative bufo reactions (B. R.). Of these 34 negative reactions, 19 were carried out within 6 weeks after the last menstruation and 7

after the fifth month. In all 8 reactions, carried out within the range of application of the test (i.e., the first 4 months of pregnancy with the exception of the first 6 weeks) gave incorrect negative reactions.

The percentage error in the normal pregnancies was thus 8 out of 225, i.e., scarcely 4 per cent.

In 16 cases of verified extra-uterine pregnancy the B. R. was positive in 6 cases only.

The author concludes, in common with other investigators, that the test, when carried out within its range of application, is a reliable, inexpensive and rapid pregnancy diagnostic test. False positive reactions do not occur.

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