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We did not perform a power analysis because when we started the study we did not know the magnitude of the changes in PAC parameters that would take place when the animal learns to discriminate the odorants. We used the same number of mice as in past studies with tetrodes and electrodes in the Restrepo laboratory. In addition, we performed the analysis on two experimental data sets that were obtained in separate experiments by the two first authors. The analysis yielded significant results, estimated using the generalized linear model, for both data sets. Furthermore, we used complementary bootstrap 95% confidence interval (CI) calculations that have been recommended for their use in complement to p values. CI quantifies the uncertainty of the measure by presenting the range within which the true effect size is likely to lie (Halsey et al. *Nature Methods* 12:179–185, 2015, see also Levine et al., *Pharmacotherapy* 21:405–409, 2001).

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We state how many mice we used per odorant pair in Table S1, and we state how many experimental sessions were run for each odorant pair and each mouse in Table S2. We did not exclude outliers.



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Yes, we followed all bullet points listed above. The statistical methods are detailed in the methods and p values are stated in the results and figure legends. Individual data points and CIs are shown when appropriate. We reported p<0.05 and p<0.001, but we would be glad to report exact values.

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We do not have group allocation in this study. All mice were trained to discriminate several pairs of odorants as detailed in the methods. The comparisons were: 1) Between sets of trials recorded when the animal was naïve (defined as <65 percent correct in discrimination in the go-no go task) vs. proficient (>=80%). 2) Between trials for the rewarded vs the unrewarded odorant. 3) Between the peak and trough of theta phase for the computation of the phase-referenced power. Outliers were not excluded.

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