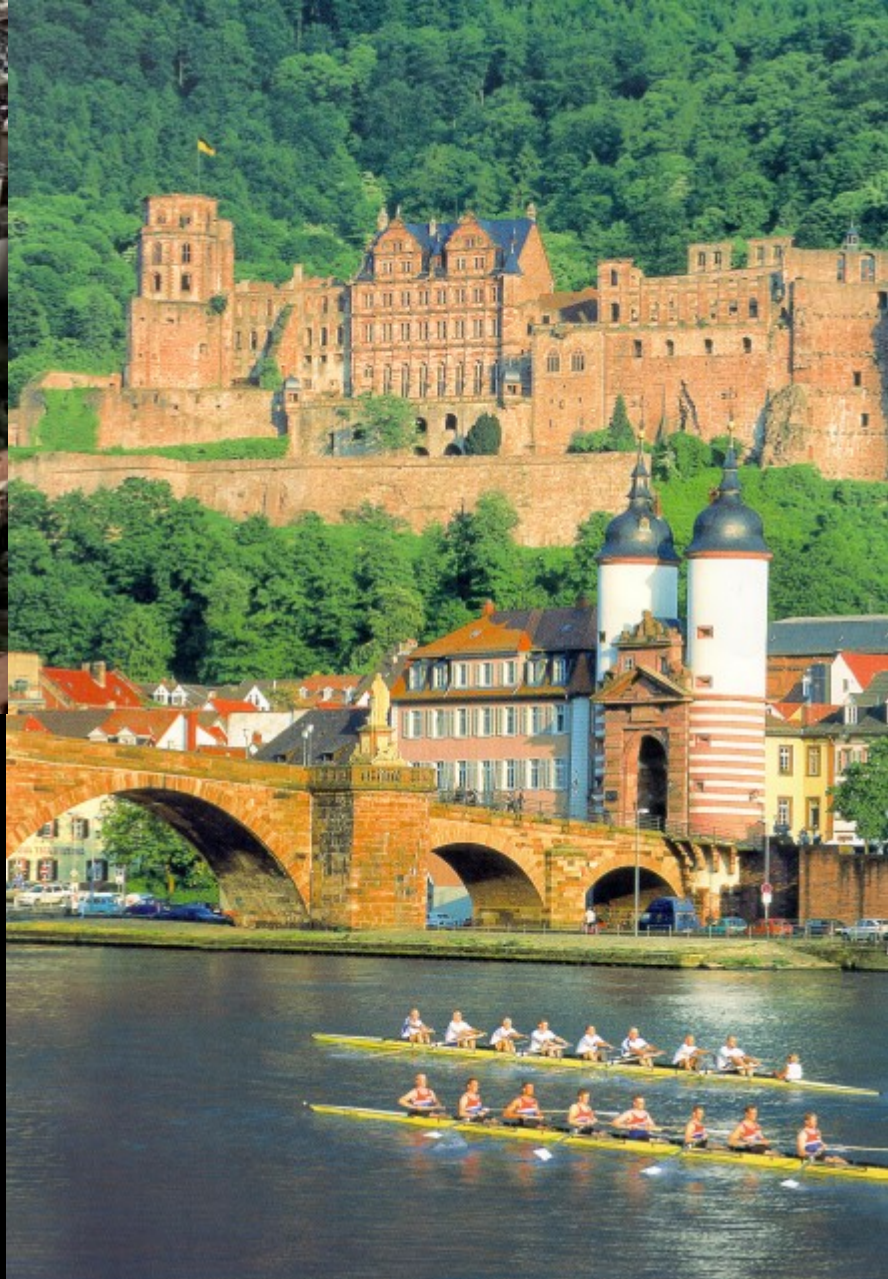


Largely overlapping neuronal and molecular substrates of reactivity to drug and natural reward cues

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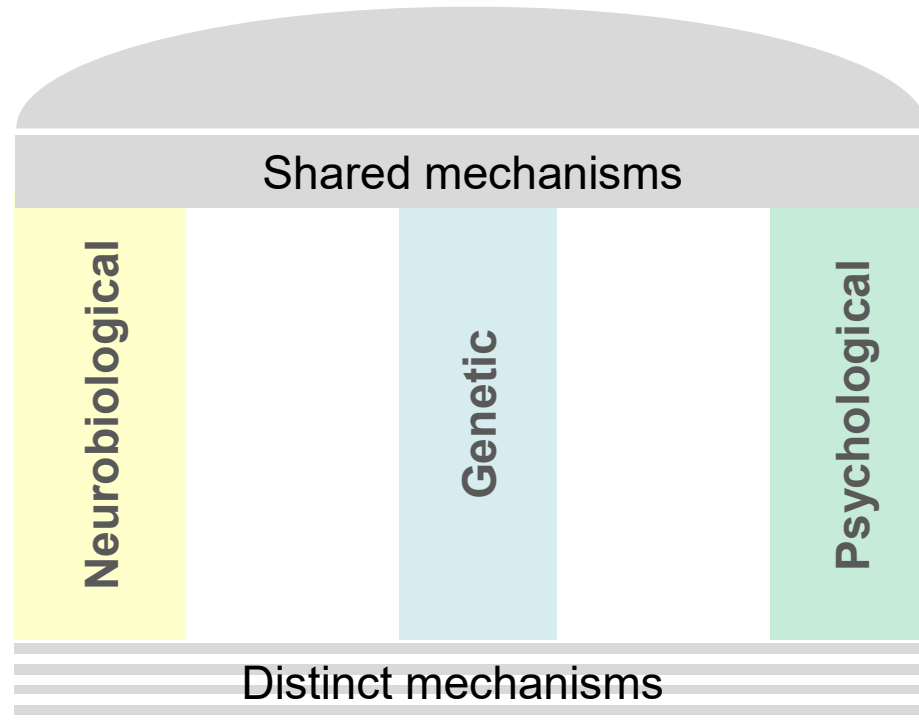
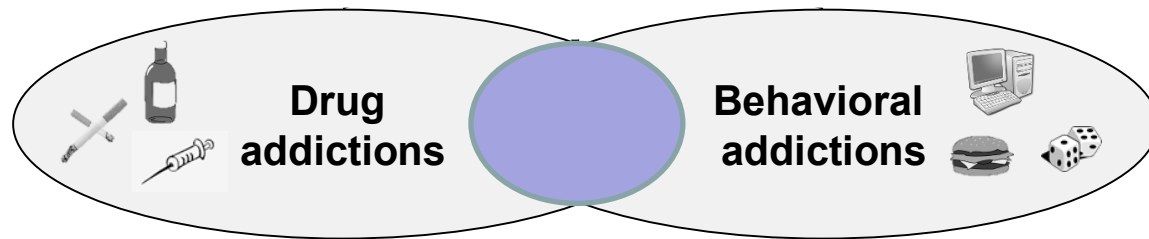


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Shared and distinct pathomechanisms of drug addictions and behavioral addictions



Neuronal responses to drug and natural rewards



20 s: 5 x Alcohol /drug cues or
cues for natural rewards





Hamid Noori

176 studies were included in the meta-analysis with n=5.573

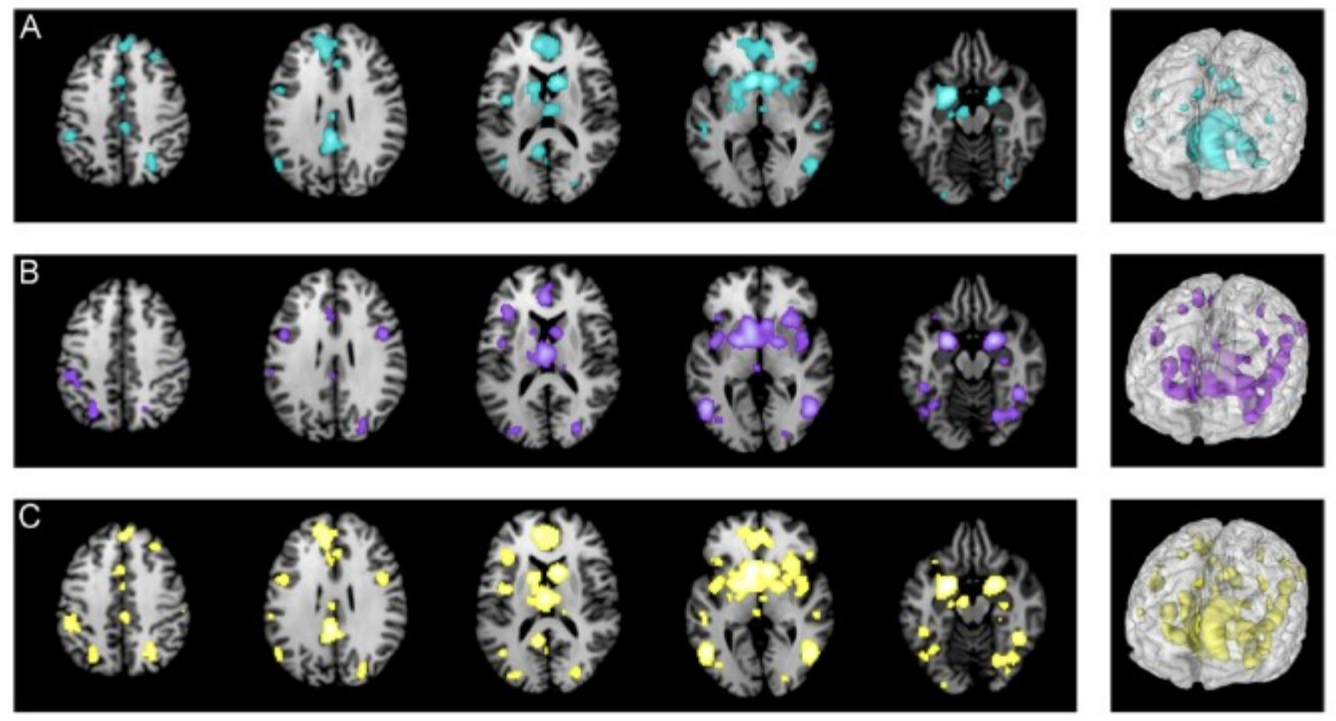
	#Studies	#Cases	#Controls	Mean age \pm SD (y)	% Male \pm SD
Alcohol	44	1366	202	35.5 \pm 10.4	65 \pm 19
Cannabis	5	86	56	25.4 \pm 7.9	59 \pm 17
Cocaine	22	368	185	39.7 \pm 4.7	83 \pm 24
Heroin	11	207	133	35.9 \pm 4.5	96 \pm 9
Nicotine	33	930	192	31.9 \pm 7.8	53 \pm 33
Food	11		412	25 \pm 6	18 \pm 26
Sex	46		1318	28.1 \pm 7.1	71 \pm 38
Gambling	4	59	59	29.6 \pm 5.7	100
Total	176	3016	2557	31.4 \pm 5.3	68 \pm 26

The activation likelihood estimation (ALE) approach

<http://brainmap.org/ale>

which provides weighted averages of stereotactic coordinates of clusters with respect to each particular cue.

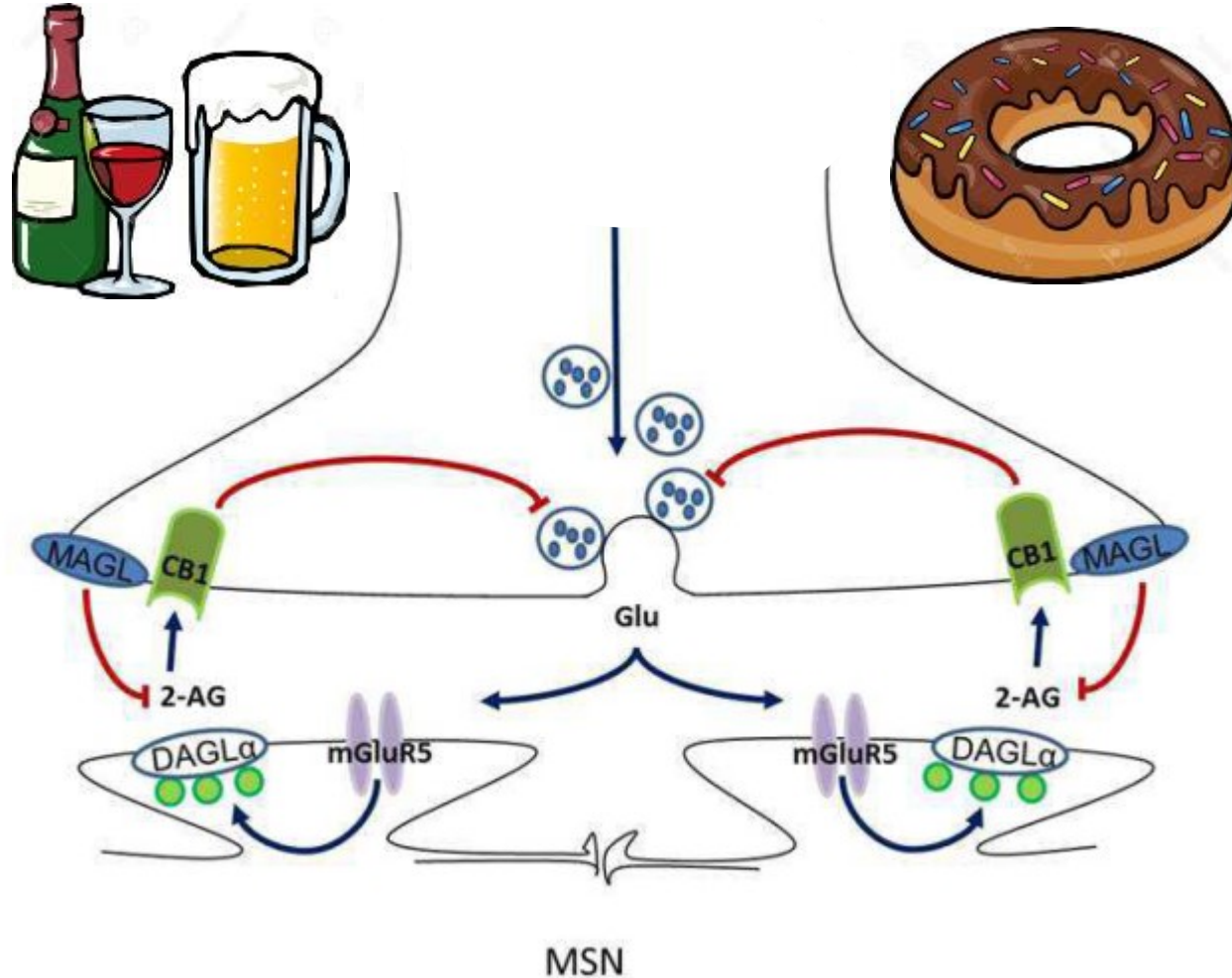
Largely overlapping neuronal response pattern to drug and natural reward conditioned cues



Conclusions

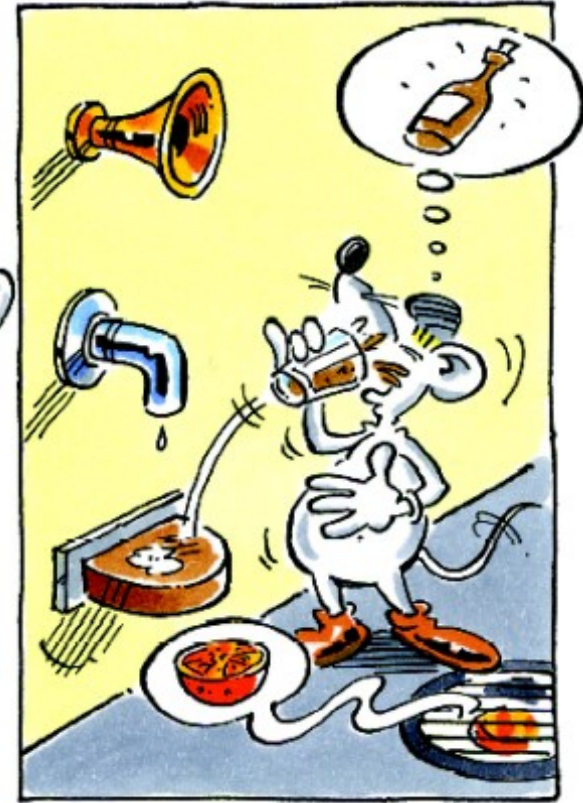
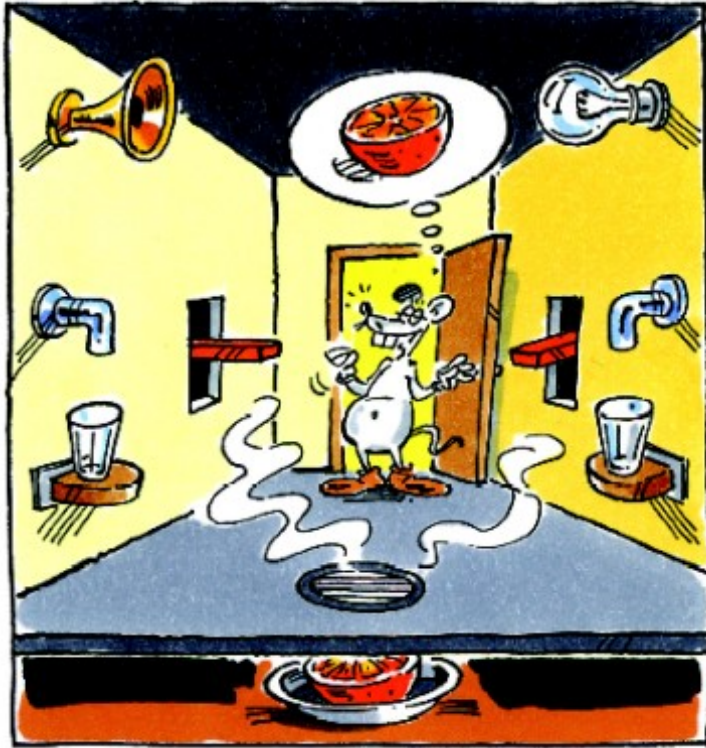
- Cue reactivity among all different types of stimuli is expressed by bilateral neuronal responses most dominantly within anterior cingulate gyrus, insula, caudate head, inferior frontal gyrus, middle frontal gyrus and cerebellum.
- Neuronal cue reactivity comprises areas regulating emotional responses (anterior cingulate, amygdala, and insula) and regions responsible for formation of habits (dorsal striatum and cerebellum).
- Neuronal cue reactivity among all different types of stimuli overlaps with neurocircuitries associated with non-declarative memory and habit learning, and obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Common molecular cascade for processing drug and natural reward conditioned cues

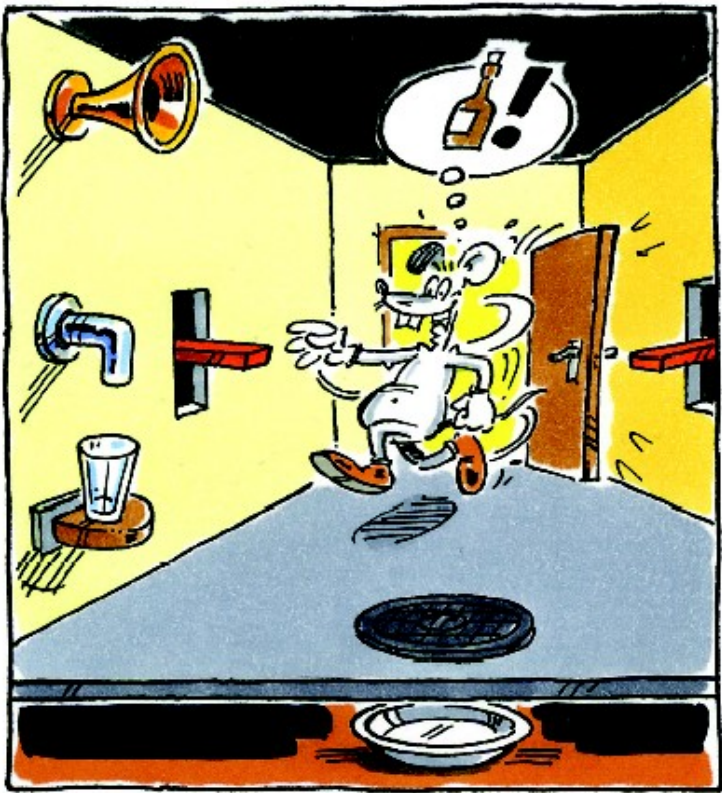


CUE-INDUCED REINSTATEMENT OF DRUG-SEEKING BEHAVIOR

CONDITIONING PHASE



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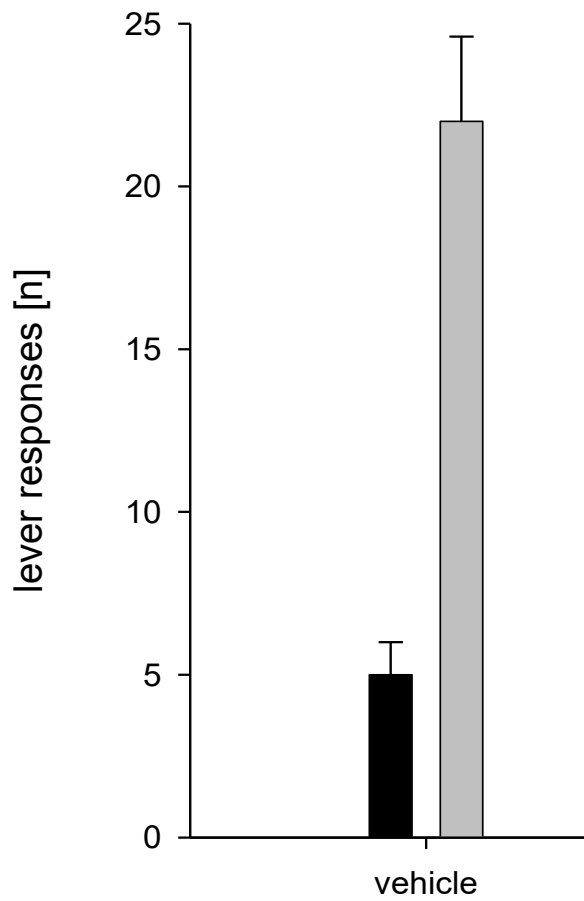




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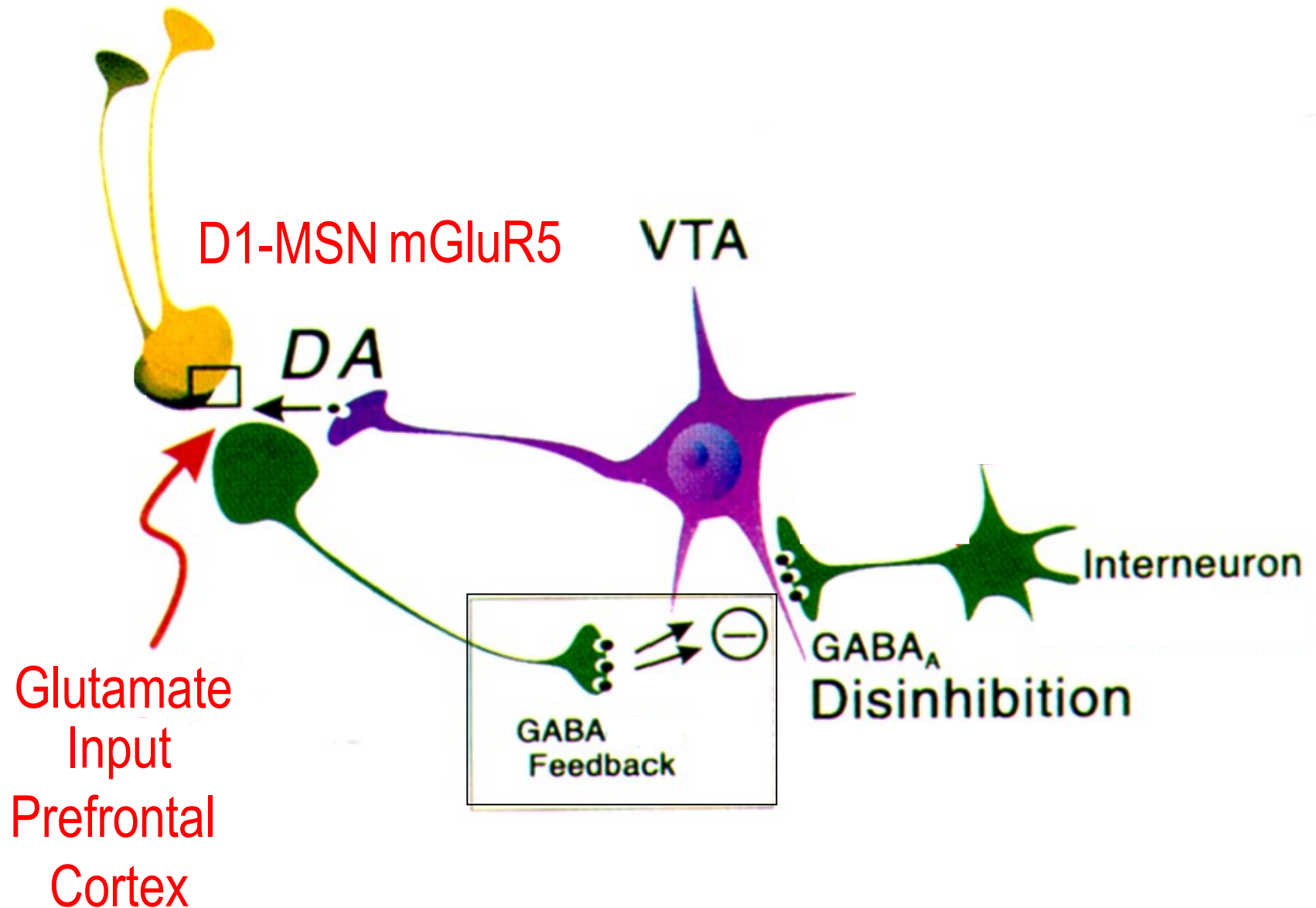
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dose [mg/kg]



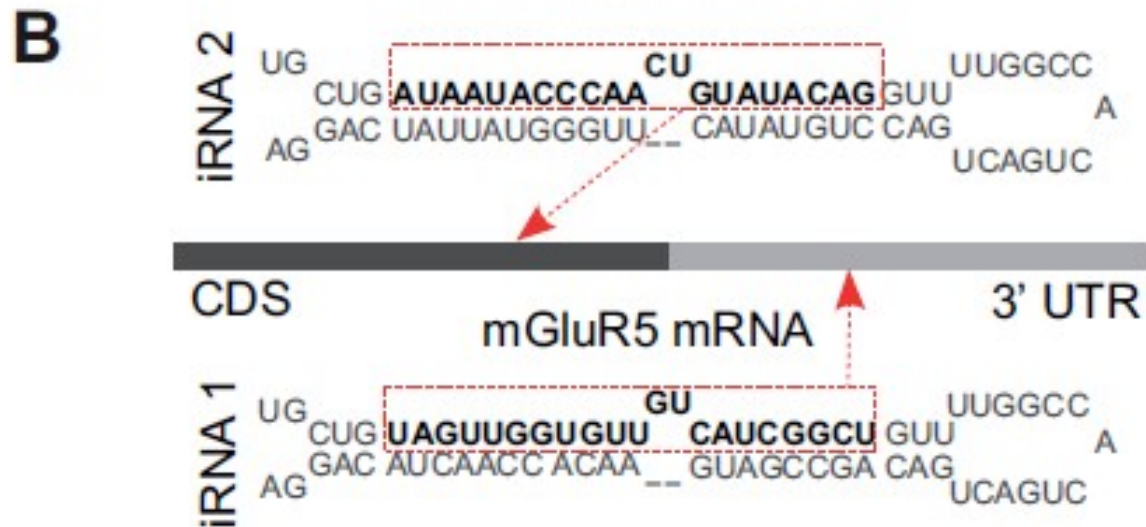
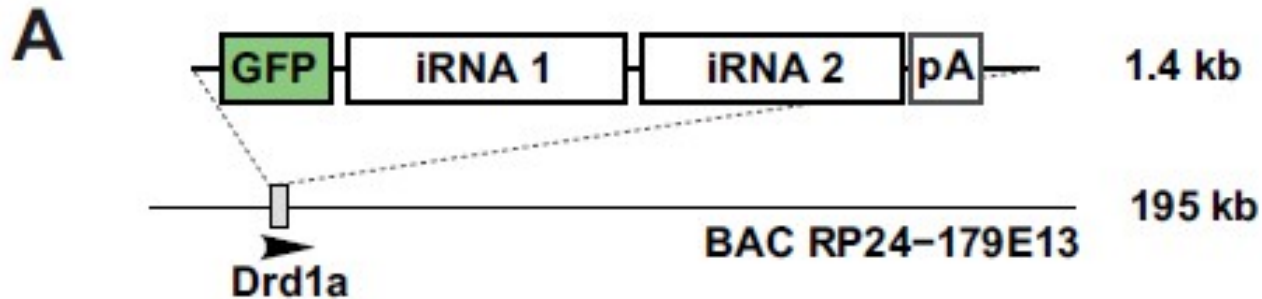
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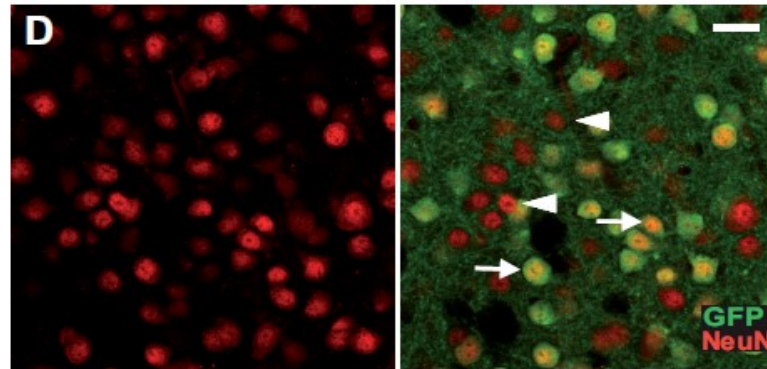
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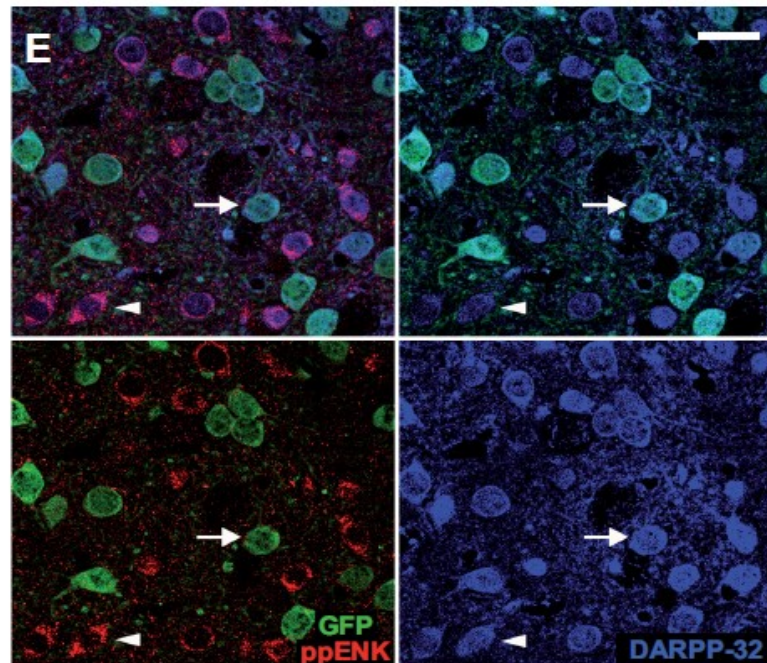
Transgenic mice expressing microRNAs targeting mGluR5



The transgene expression is selective for D1-MSN



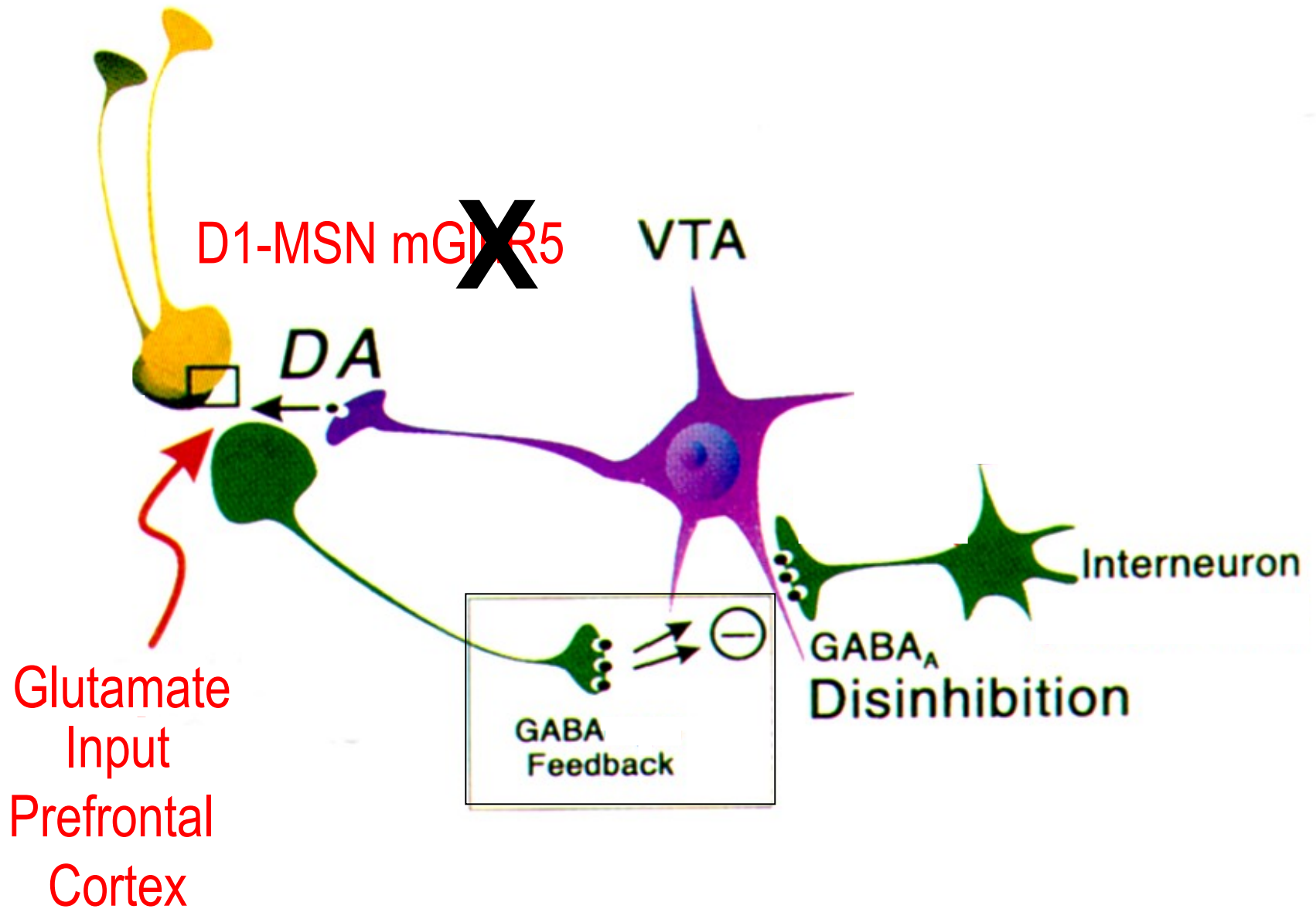
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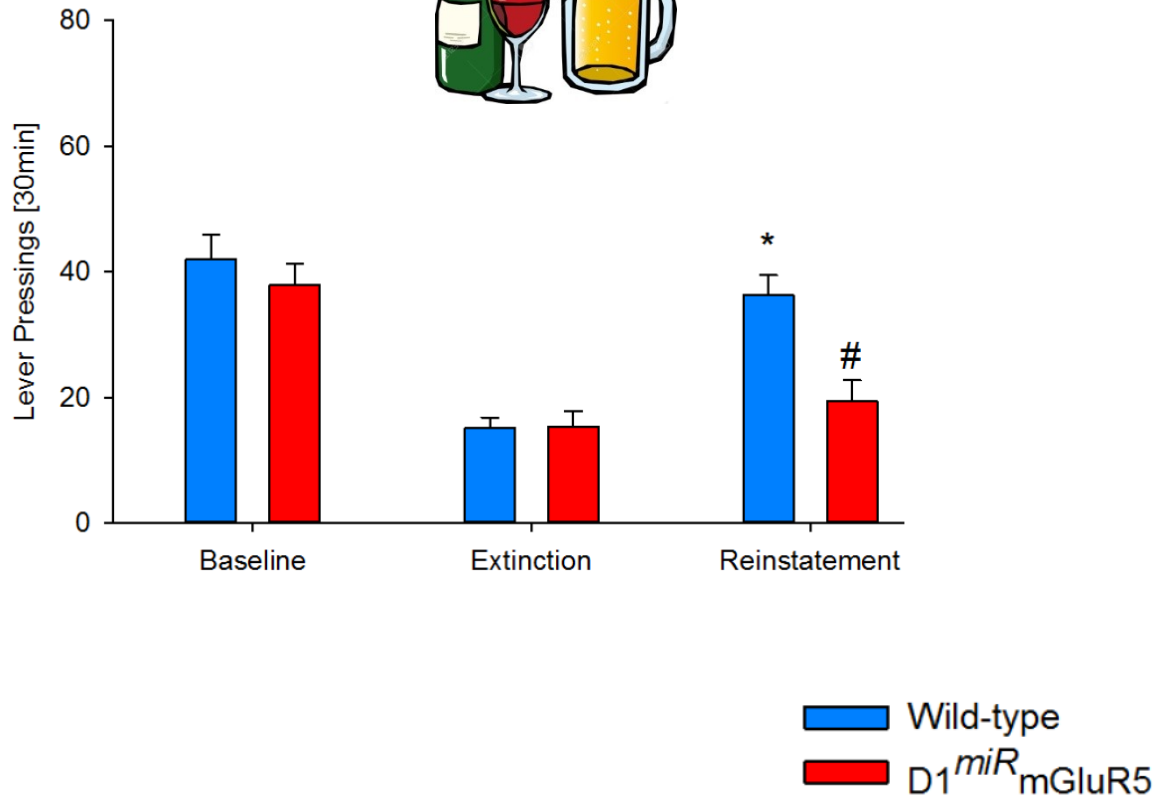
→ Expression only in DARPP-32 MSN

→ The transgene is expressed in ~53% of the striatal neurons

Plasticity at glutamate synapses and reward-seeking



Lack of cue-induced reinstatement of alcohol and sugar-seeking behavior in mGluR5^{KD-D1}

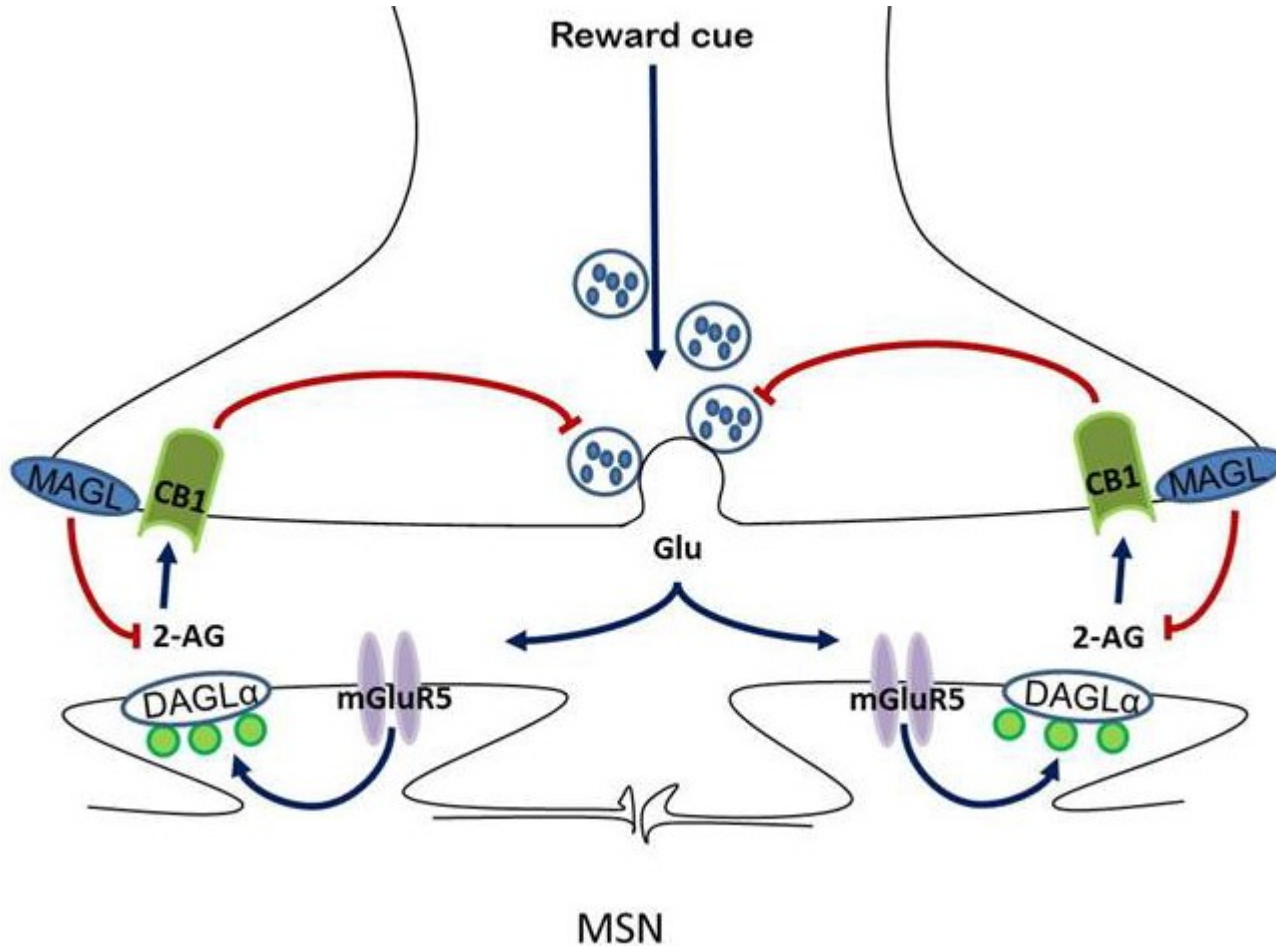


Which kind of synaptic learning mechanism may underlie cue-induced reward-seeking behavior?

One candidate mechanism may be endocannabinoid-mediated long-term depression (e-CB-LTD) because this synaptic learning mechanism depends on mGluR5R

Is eCB-LTD a mechanism involved in reward-seeking responses?

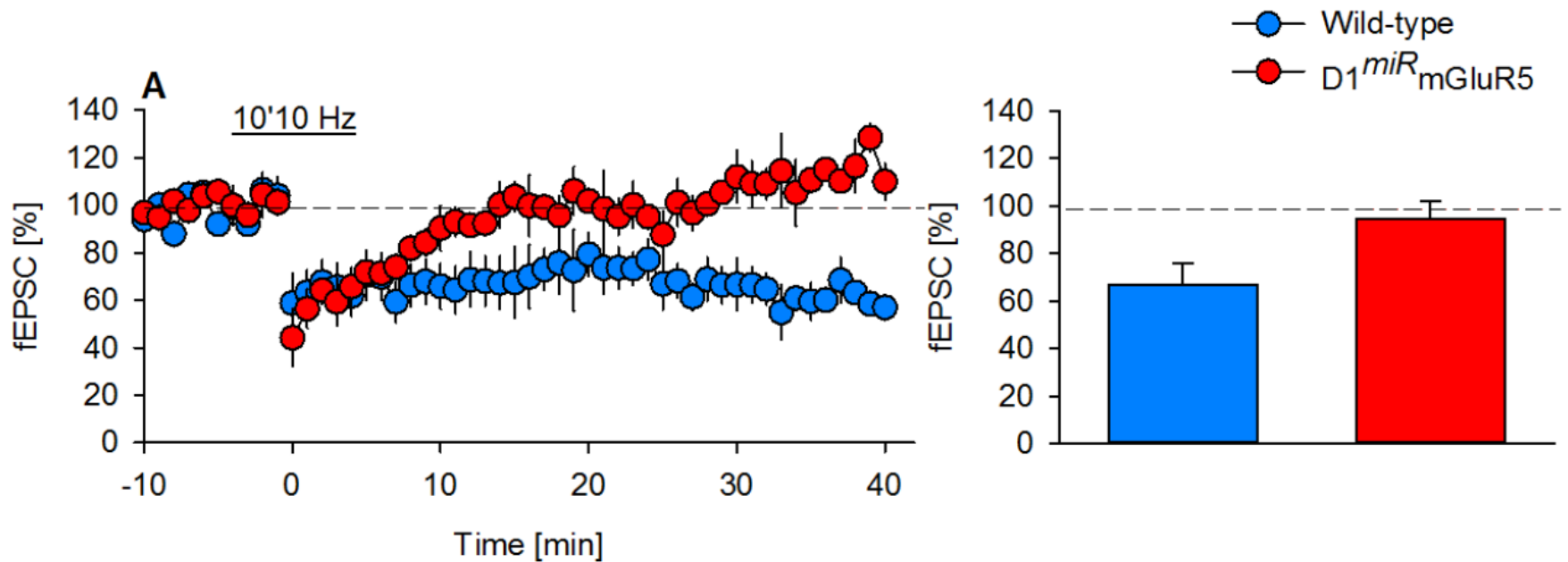
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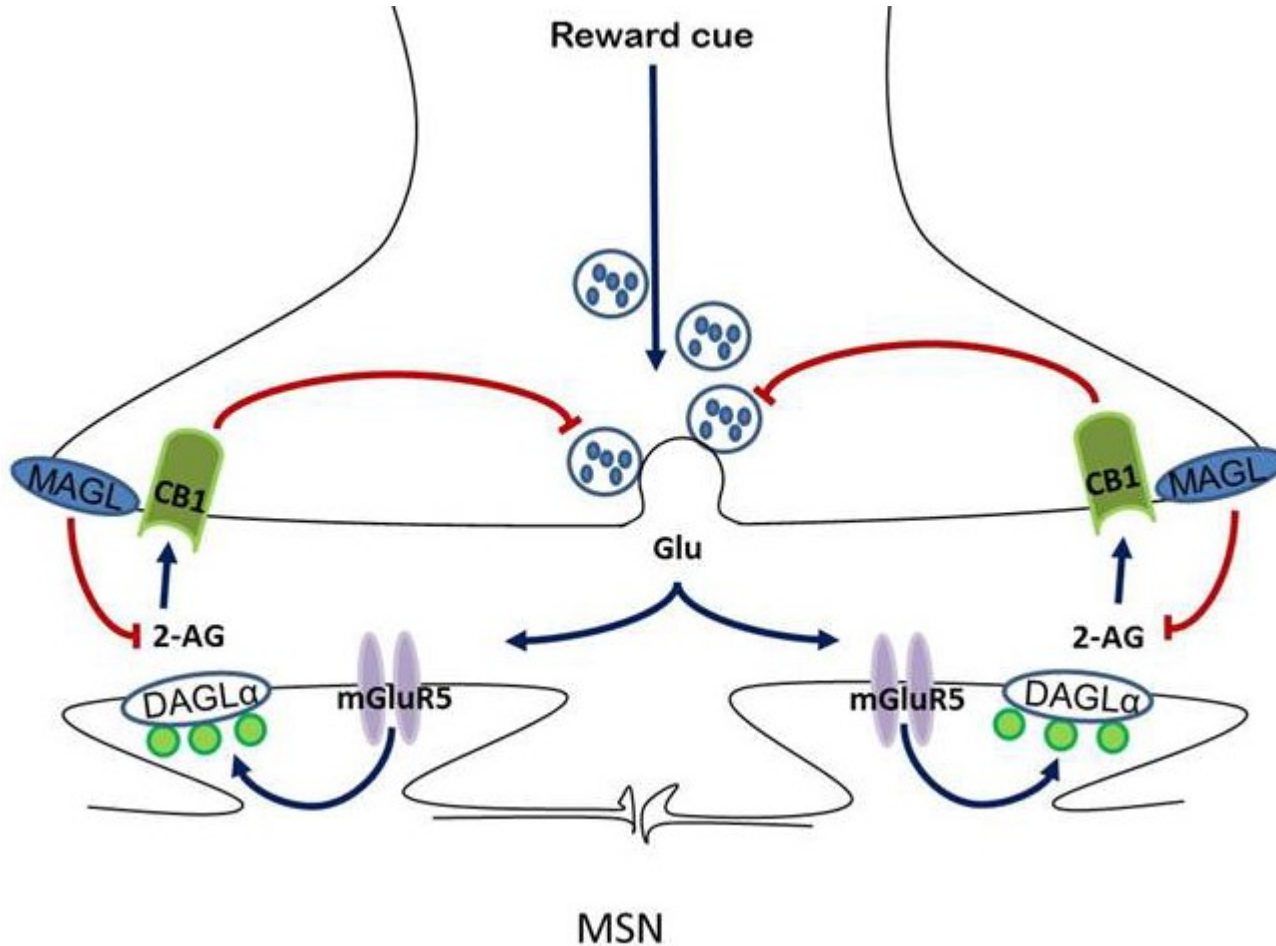
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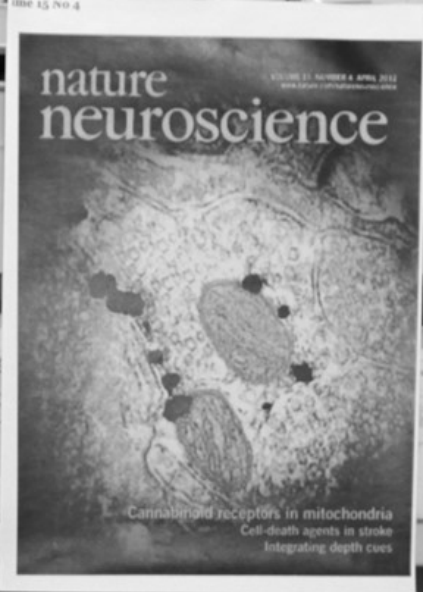
Accumbal eCB-LTD is absent in mGluR5^{KD-D1} mutants



Is eCB-LTD a mechanism involved in reward-seeking responses?

Glutamatergic corticostriatal projection neuron





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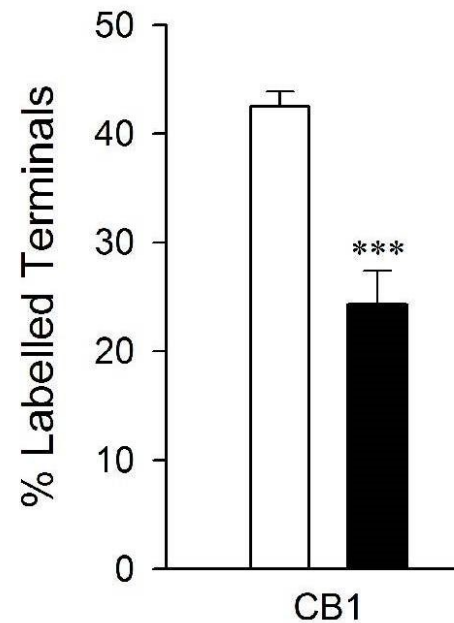
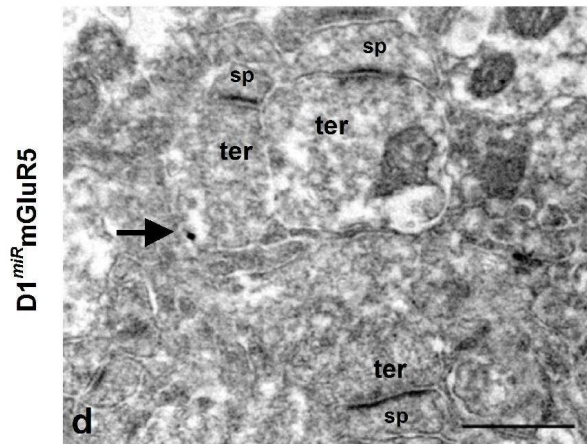
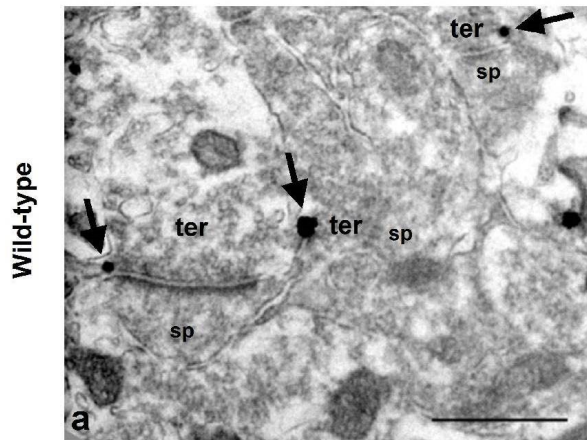
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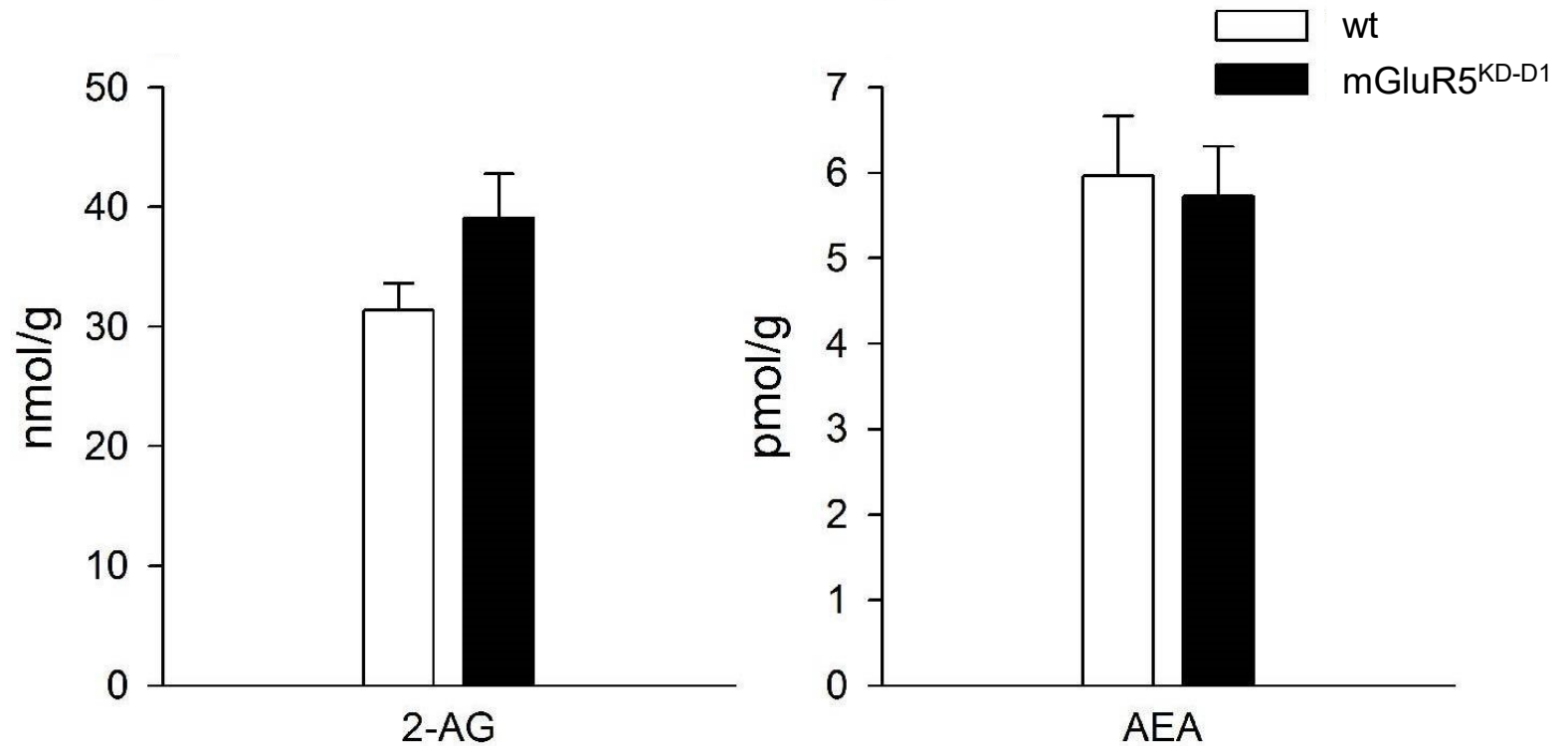


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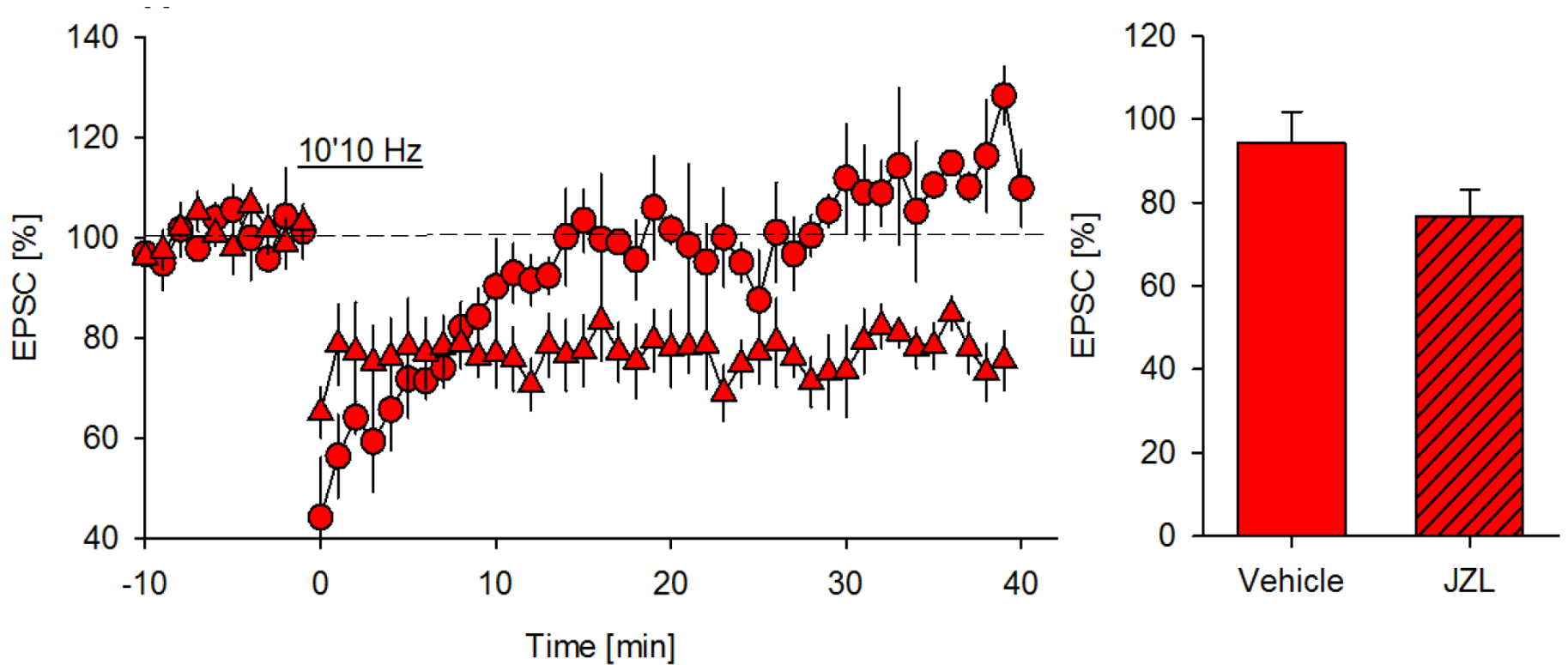
Ultrastructural analysis reveals strong down-regulation of presynaptic CB1 receptors in mGluR5^{KD-D1}



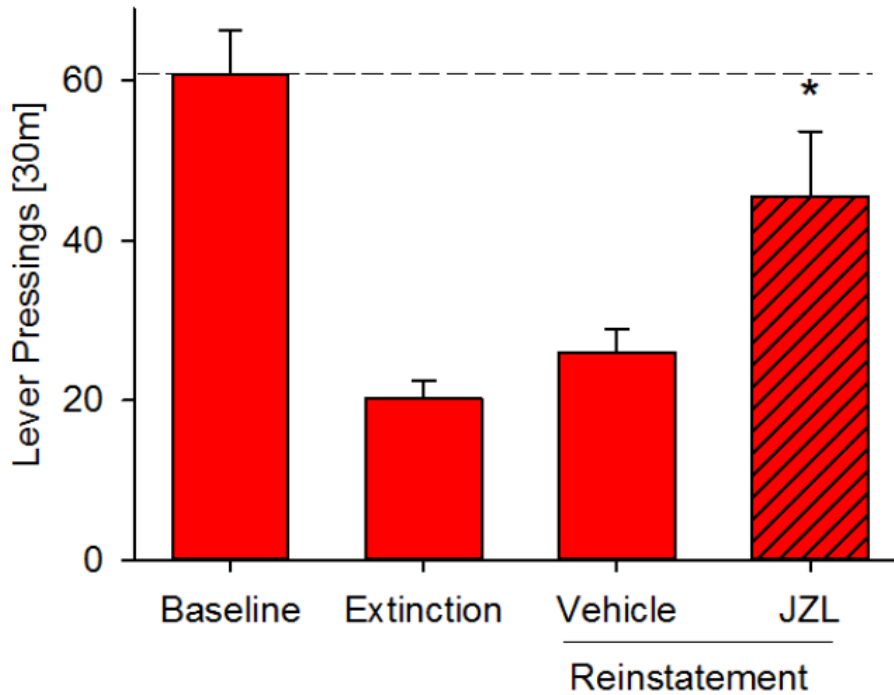
Basal eCB concentrations in the NAC of mGluR5^{KD-D1} mice are not affected



Increasing accumbal 2-AG levels by MAGL inhibition restores LTD in $mGluR5^{KD-D1}$ mice



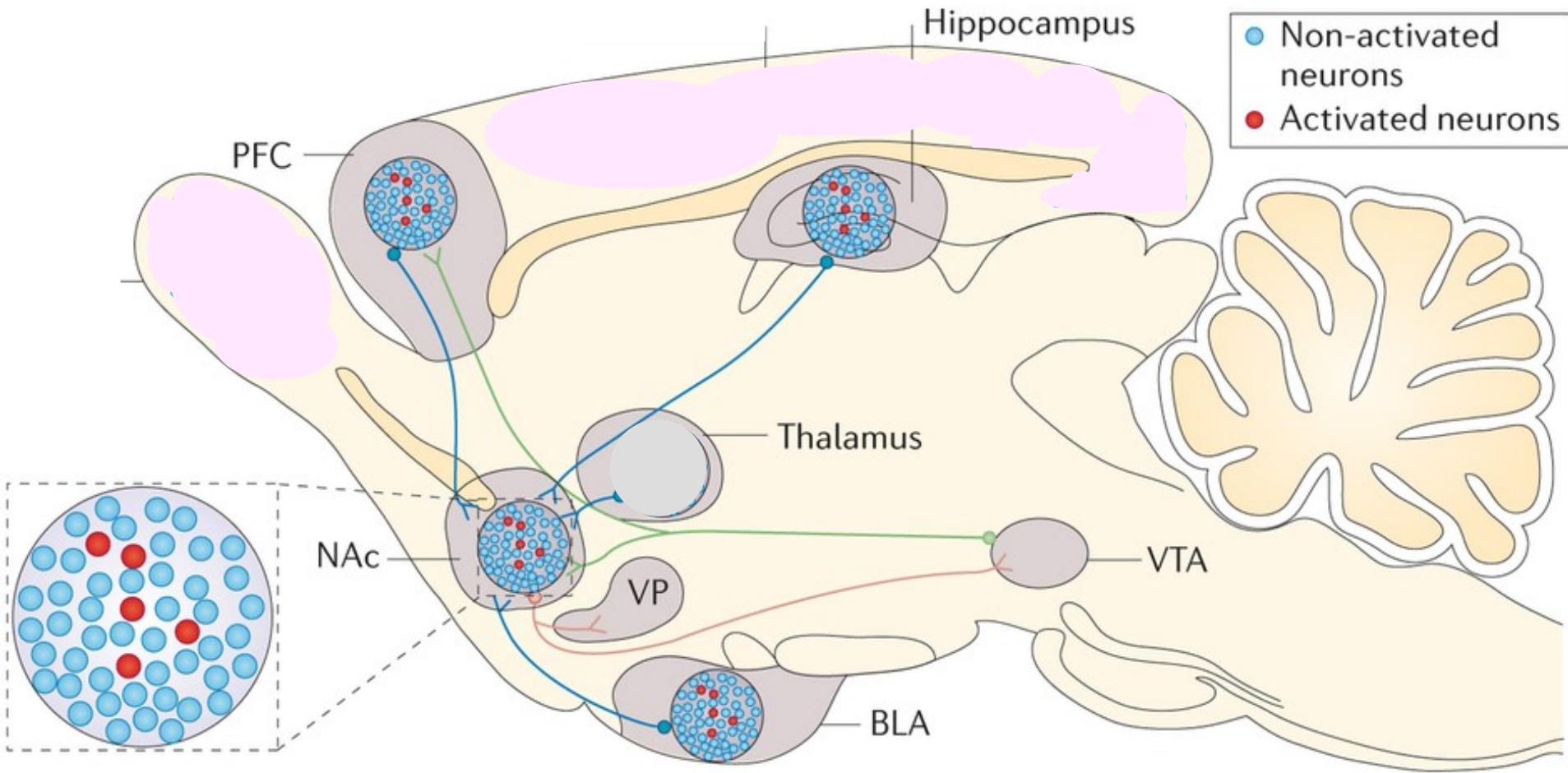
Increasing 2-AG levels by MAGL inhibitor restores the reinstatement response in mGluR5^{KD-D1} mice



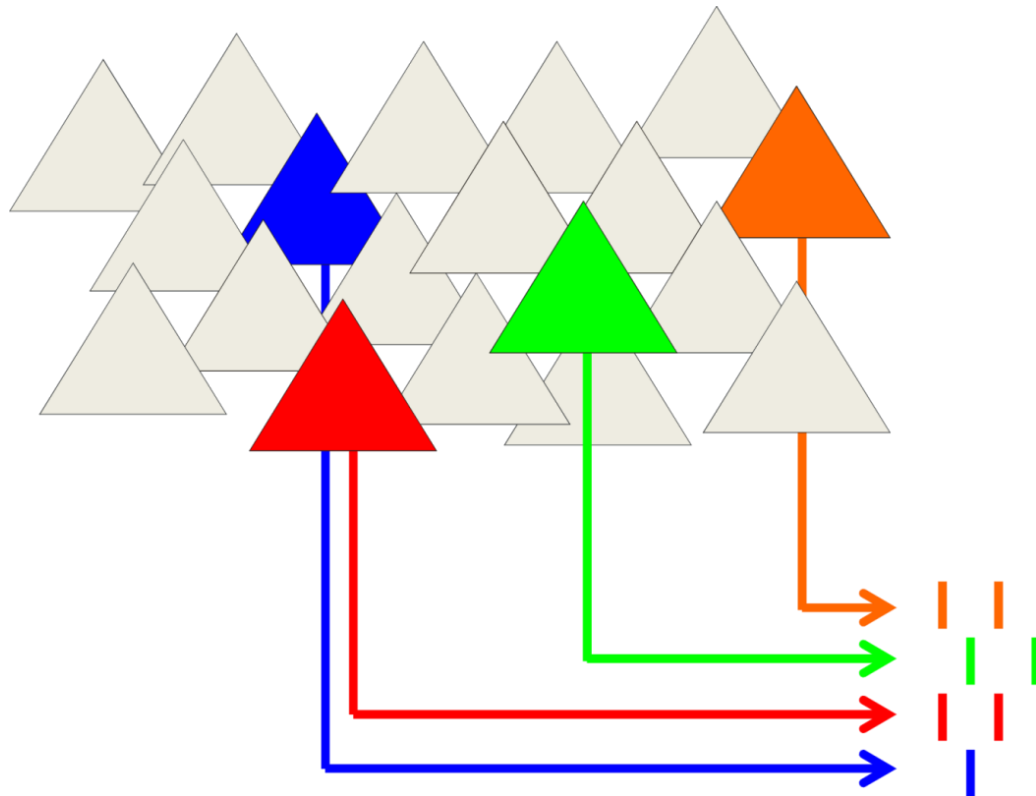
Conclusions

- Natural and drug rewards share the same molecular and physiological correlate for cue-induced reward-seeking responses, namely accumbal mGluR5-dependent eCB-induced LTD
- Because of this shared mechanism mGluR5 and CB1R inhibitors produce generalized effects on all kind of reward-seeking responses

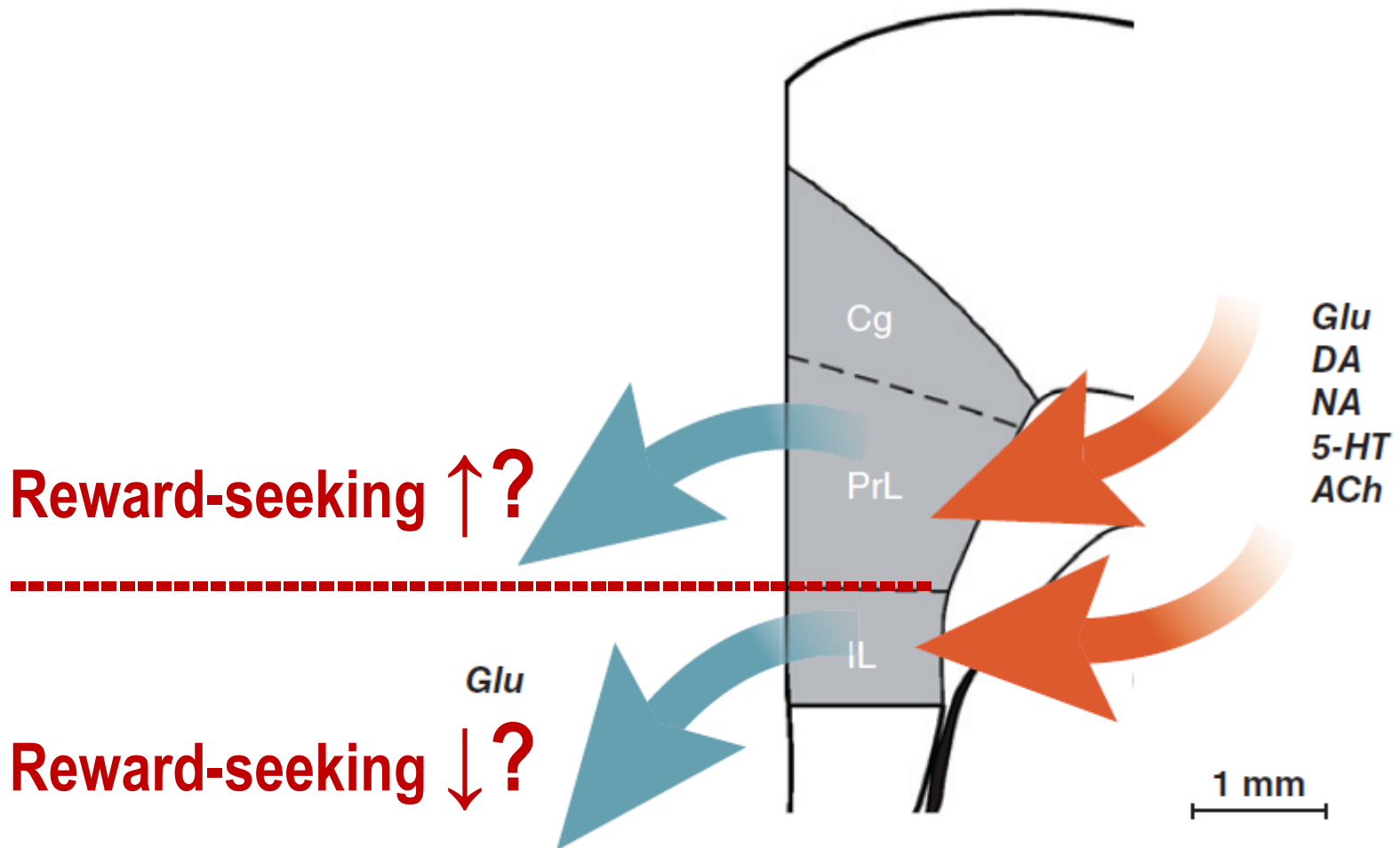
Activated neurons during cue-induced reinstatement of alcohol-seeking



**Shared and distinct clusters of coherent active neurons
(neuronal ensembles) during alcohol- vs. natural (e.g.
saccharin) reward- seeking responses**



Which are the neuronal ensembles that drive reinstatement of reward-seeking behavior?



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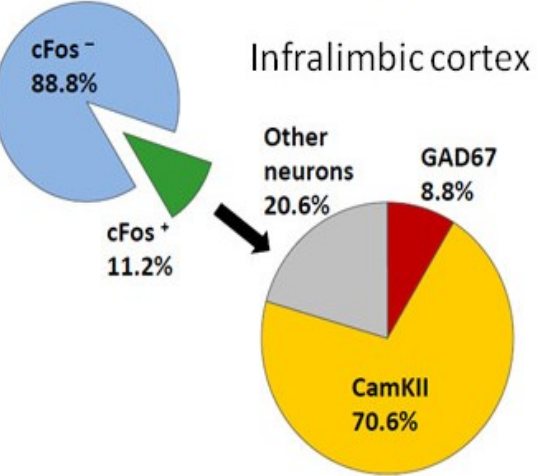
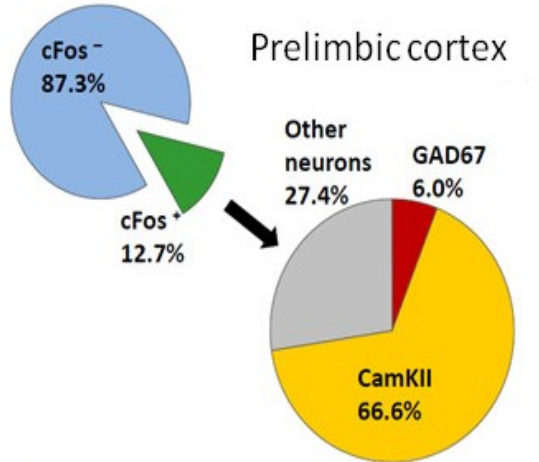
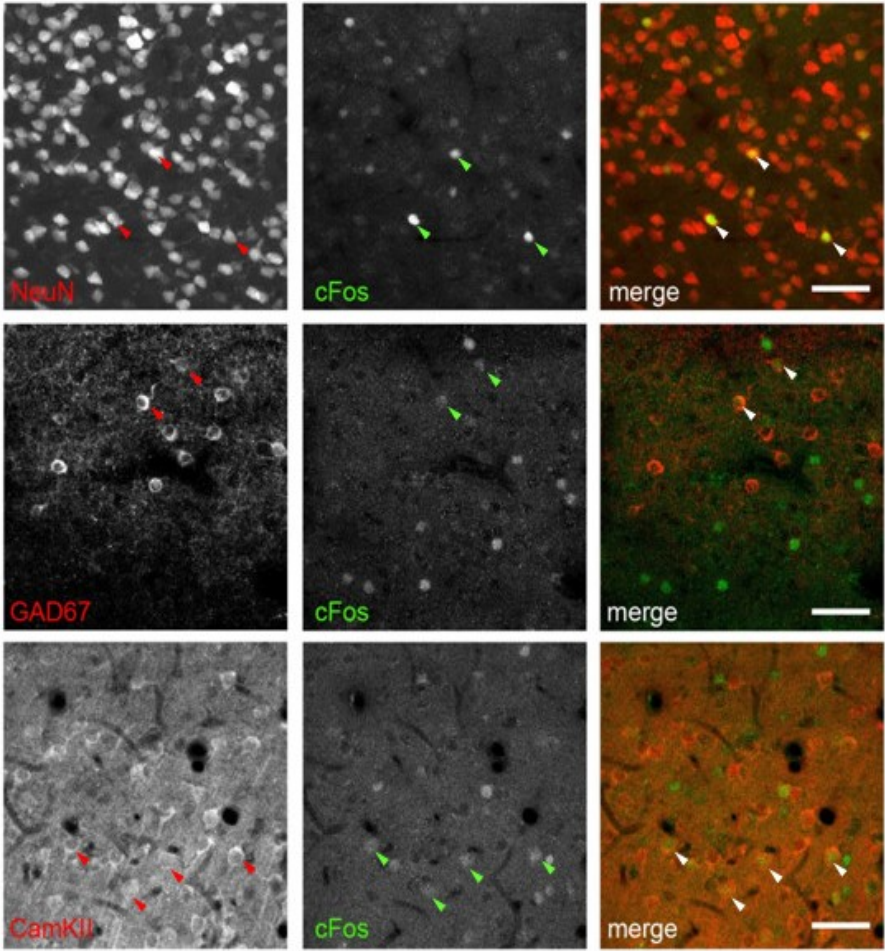


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Characterization of cue-responsive neurons in the prelimbic and infralimbic cortex after reinstatement of alcohol-seeking

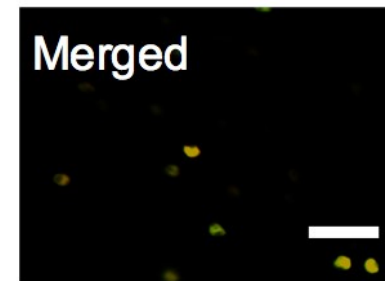
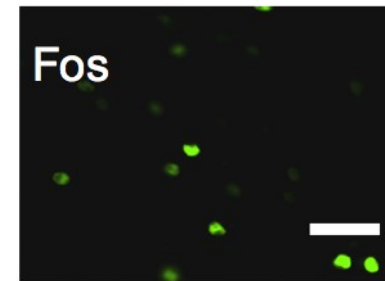
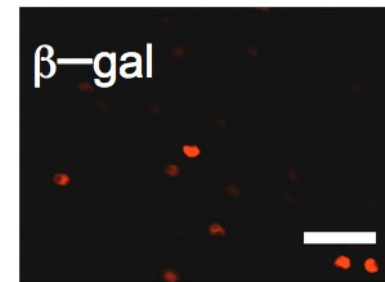
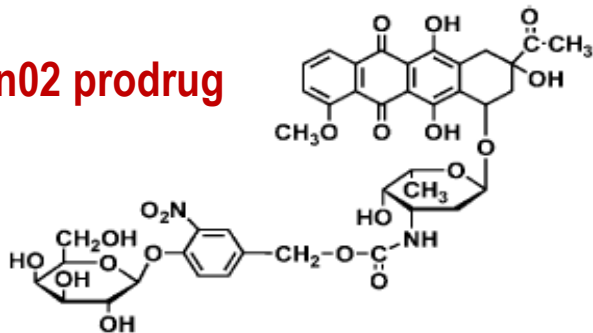


Pharmacogenetic silencing with DaunO2

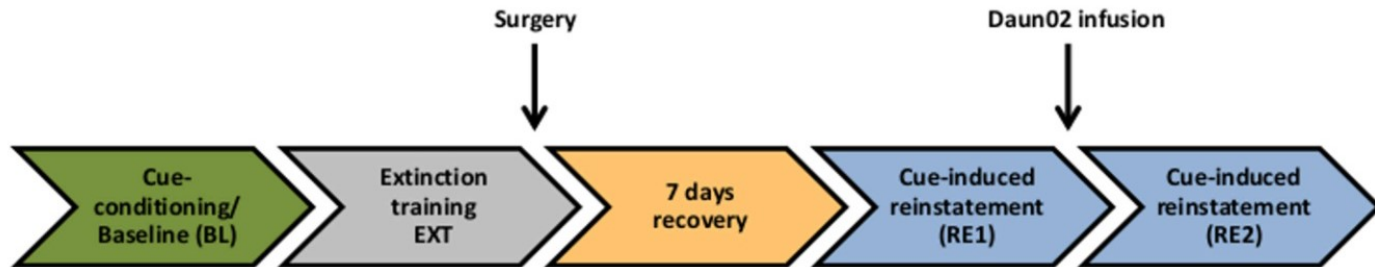
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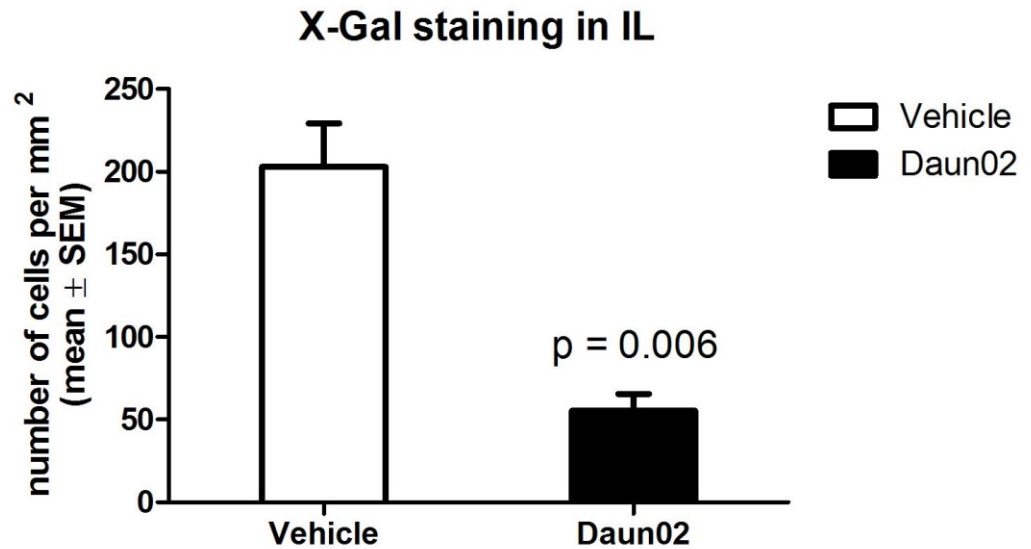
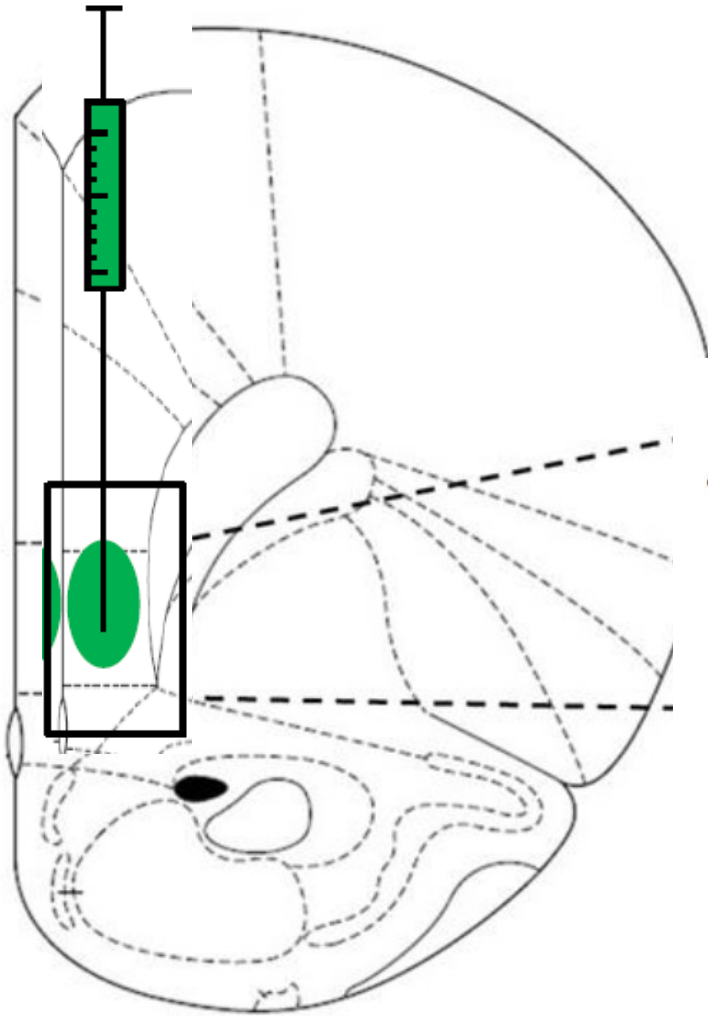
DaunO2 prodrug



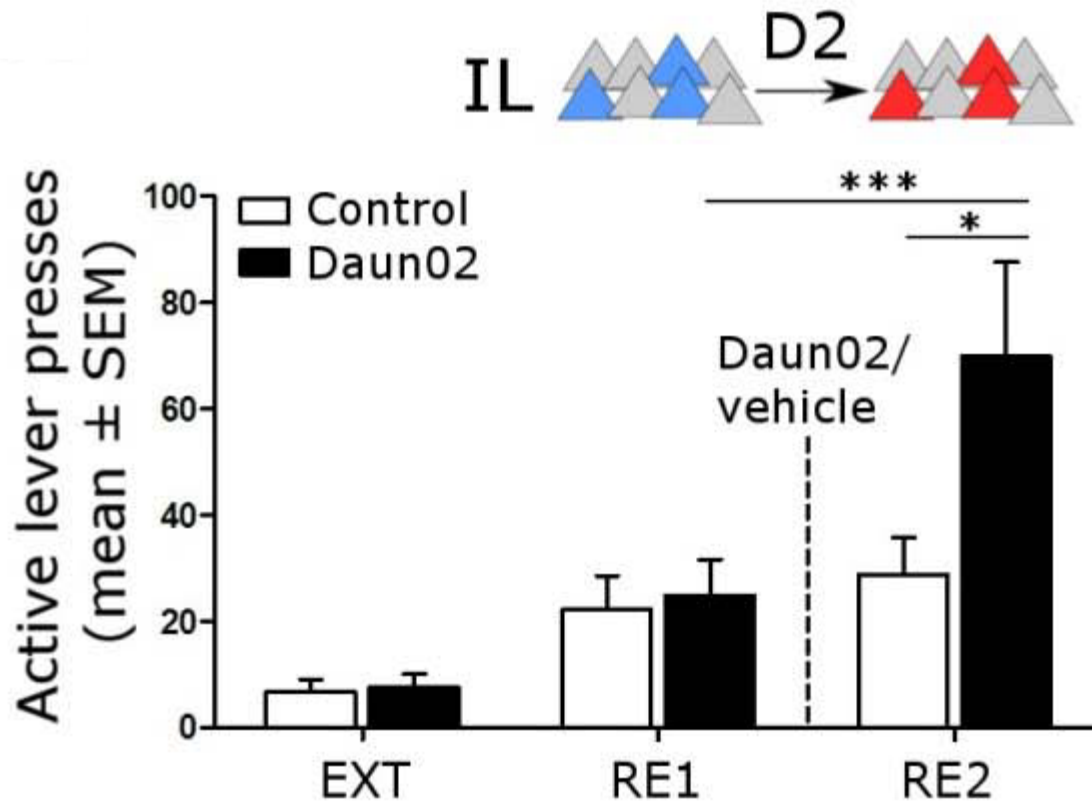
Pharmacogenetic silencing with Daun02: experimental procedure



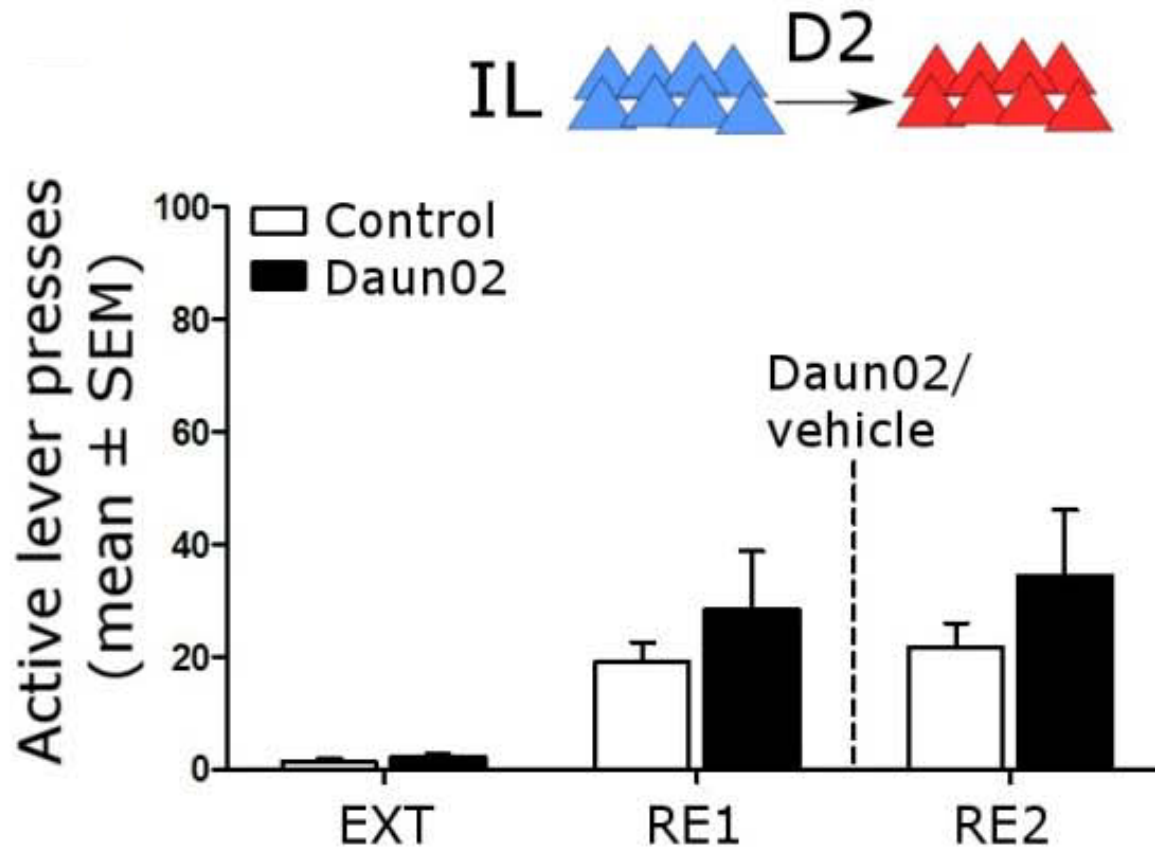
Pharmacogenetic silencing with Daun02 erases activated neurons after cue-induced reinstatement



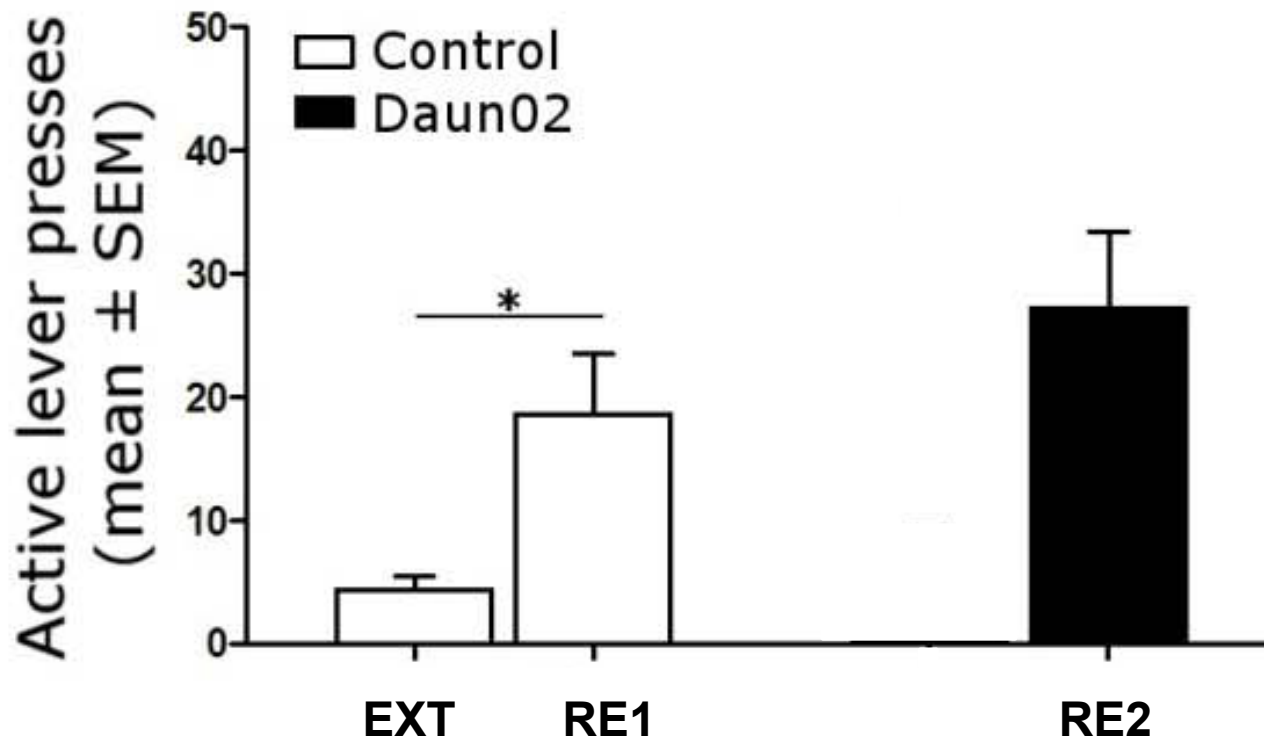
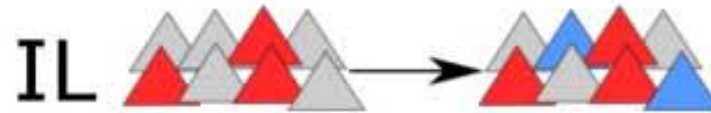
Daun02 silencing of infralimbic neuronal activity leads to enhanced alcohol-seeking



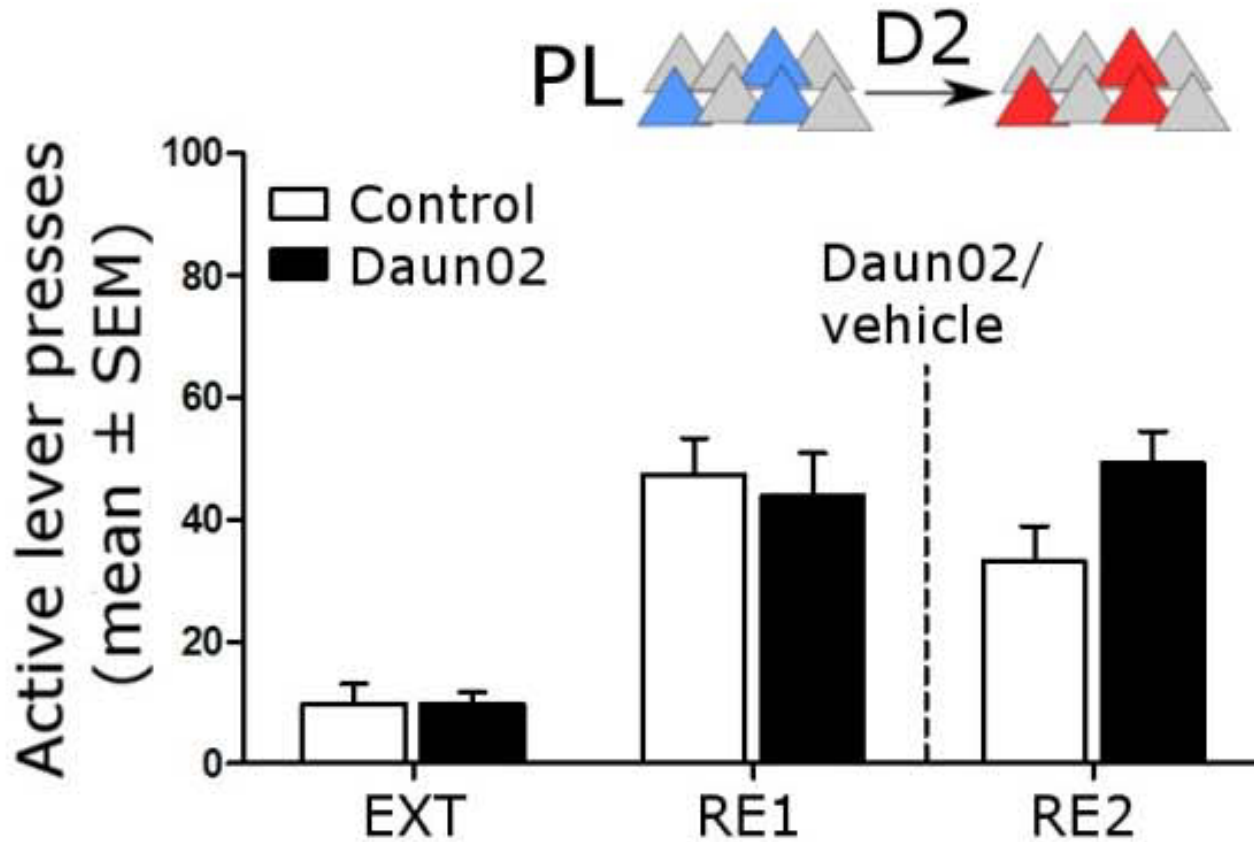
Non-selective infralimbic inactivation by Daun02 in pCAG-lacZ rats does not affect alcohol-seeking



Daun02 silencing of alcohol cue driven infralimbic neuronal activity does not affect saccharin-seeking



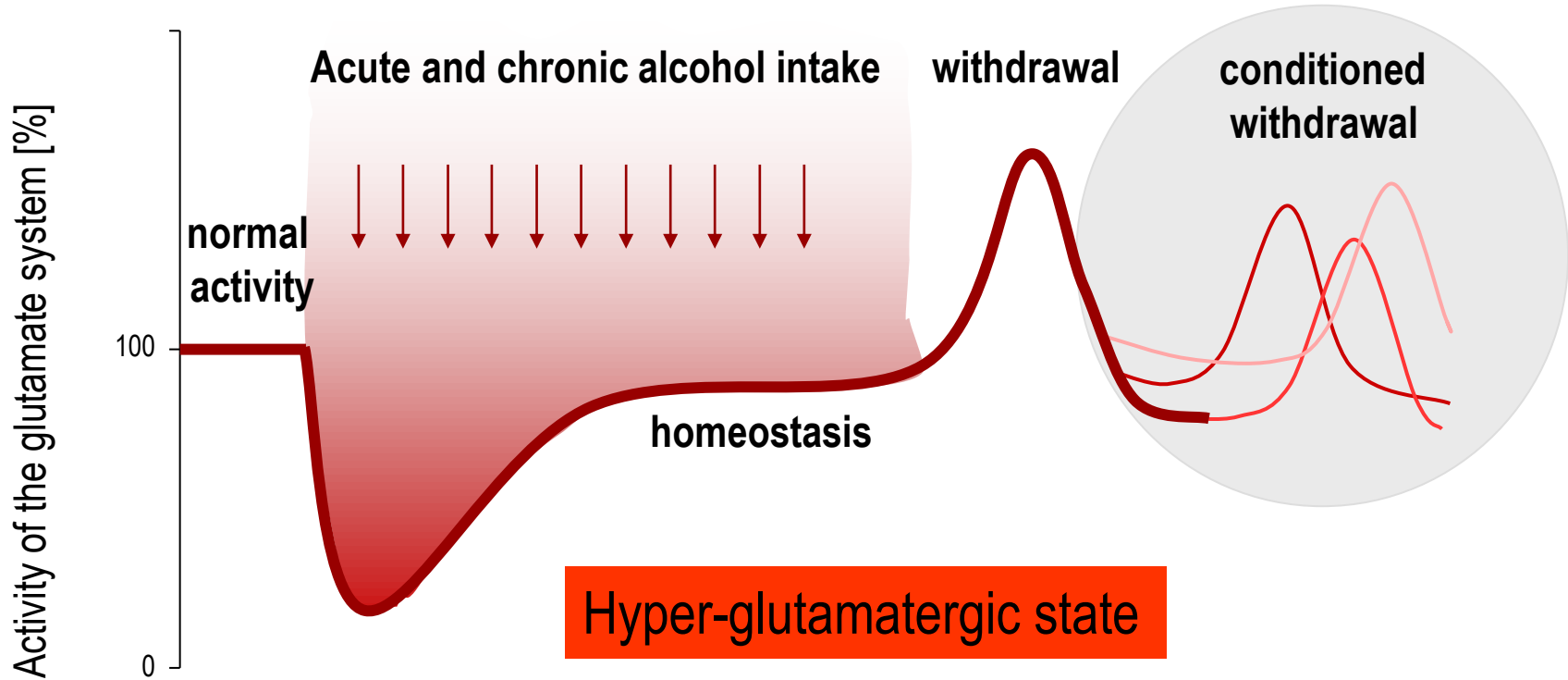
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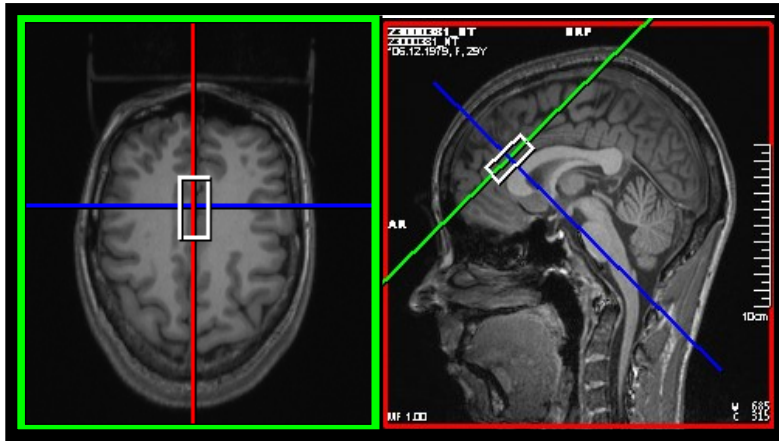
Conclusions

- Neuronal ensemble within the infralimbic PFC drives reinstatement of alcohol-seeking behavior
- This neuronal ensemble is distinct from the one that drives saccharin-seeking behavior
- Alcohol cue activated neurons within the prelimbic PFC are not involved in alcohol-seeking
- Functional output depends on specific neuronal ensembles within a given brain region rather than on the global activity of that region

Enhanced glutamate levels are associated with cue-induced

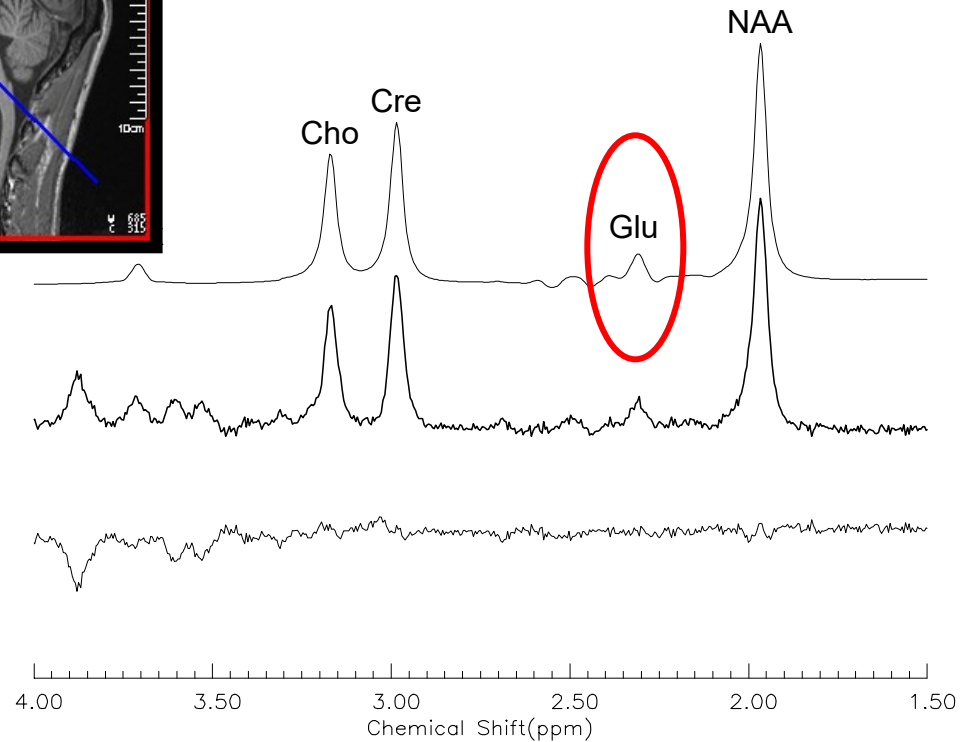


Glutamate spectroscopy (MRS) in the human brain at 3T



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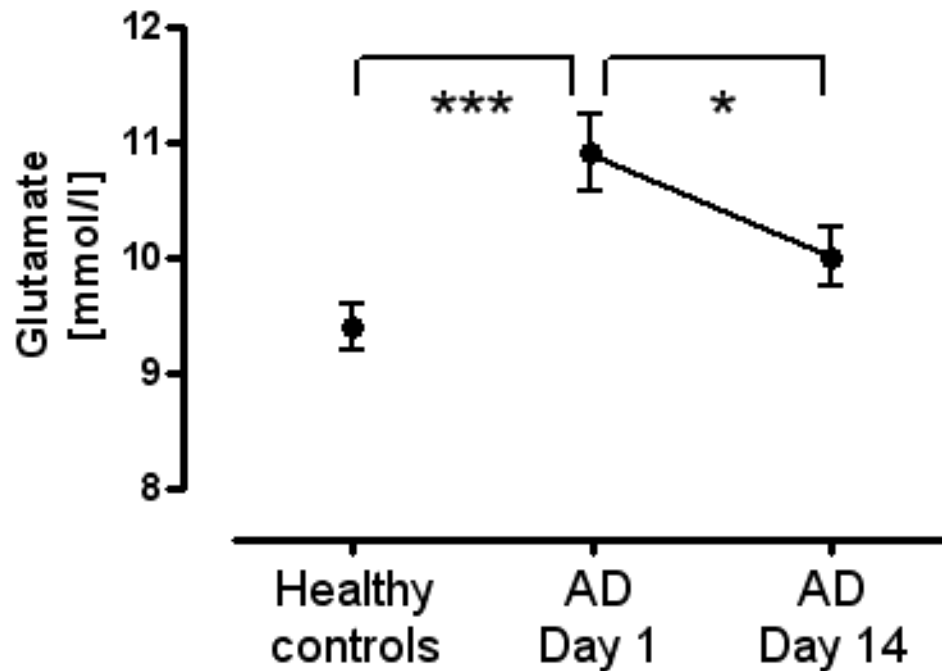
9.4 ± 0.20 mmol/l



**Anterior cingulate
gyrus (ACC) Voxel:
15x30x12mm³**

Increased glutamate levels in ACC of alcohol dependent patients during acute withdrawal

	M/F	Age	EtOH/day in g	AUDIT
Controls	32/13	44.2 ± 12	24 ± 18	3 ± 2
Patients	36/9	46.4 ± 10.5	207 ± 124	26.1 ± 6.5



Acamprosate reduces enhanced glutamate levels in detoxified alcoholic patients

