

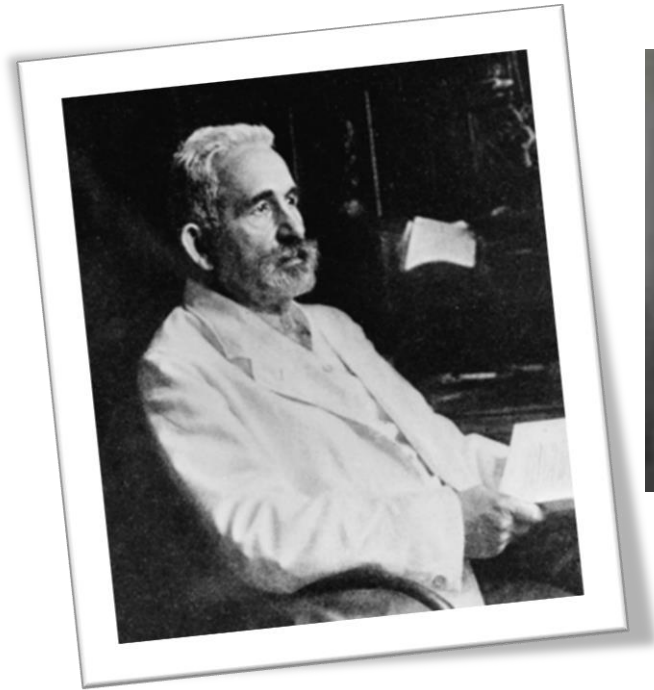
KEYNOTE LECTURE I

Multidimensional Translational Behavioral Neuroscience in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease

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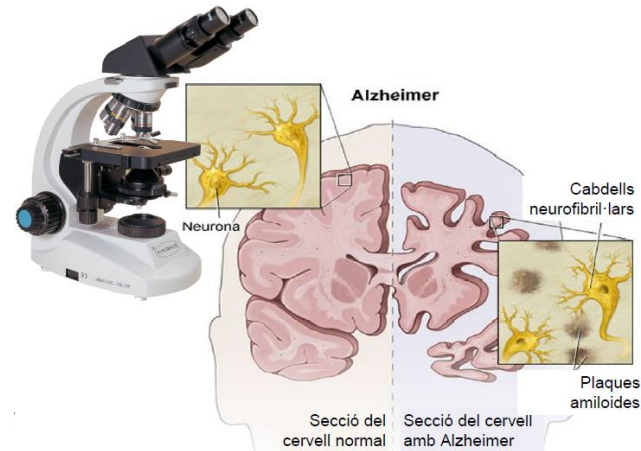




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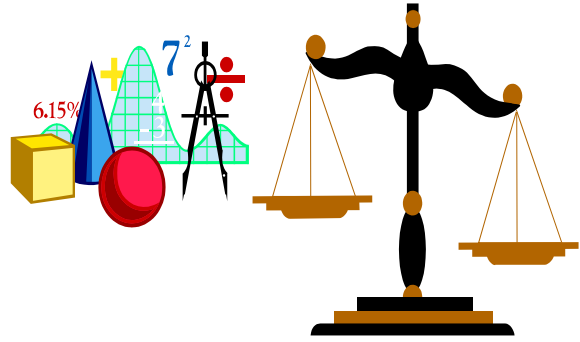


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The other patient

A complex clinical history

Living with Dementia



Dementia

1. Memory
2. Abstract thinking
3. Judgement
4. High cognitive functions



Alzheimer's Sundown Syndrome – awake all night
by howard251a https://youtu.be/9Ak1tgzv_0Q
Min 0:14 to 1:42, 5:40 to end

BPSD Behavioral and Psychological symptoms of dementia



- Agitation, aggressive, psychosis, anxiety
- Apathy
- 5-15% AD + major depression
- 20-40% AD + illusions and hallucinations
- Sundowning behavior



“Living with dementia” <https://youtu.be/loksPQ7Q8tM>
by Social Care Institute for Excellence
<http://www.scie.org.uk/>



Emotional exhaustion

Depersonalisation

Reduced personal accomplishment

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The thief of memory

Il ladro di memoria

Ejercicios
para **POTENCIAR**
la **MEMORIA**
de los enfermos
de **ALZHEIMER**



Nuestro objetivo

Queremos animar a todo aquel que lo necesite a que utilice este manual de ayuda. Lo más importante es conseguir que las capacidades cognitivas se preserven durante el mayor tiempo posible, enlentecer el curso rápido de la enfermedad, y potenciar la relación del enfermo con su medio, intentando hacer más fácil y llevadero el largo camino que supone el padecer algún tipo de demencia.

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PARA LA MEMORIA

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The Umbrella effect

Giménez-Llort, 2014



PSYCHOGERIATRIC MULTIDIMENSIONAL DINAMIC EVALUATION
CLINICAL FUNCTIONAL MENTAL SOCIAL

biomedical,
biopsicosocial

daily life activities

neurocognitive , BPSD

family, caregivers,others



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Translational Medicine

Translational medicine defined by the term “from bench to bedside” refers to the transfer of results or new knowledge achieved in the laboratory toward health innovation.

From: [Substance Use and Addiction Research, 2023](#)

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Science, 1992

« transformation medicine »
Lancet, 1995

New York, June
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World Health Organization

International Health Conference, 1946

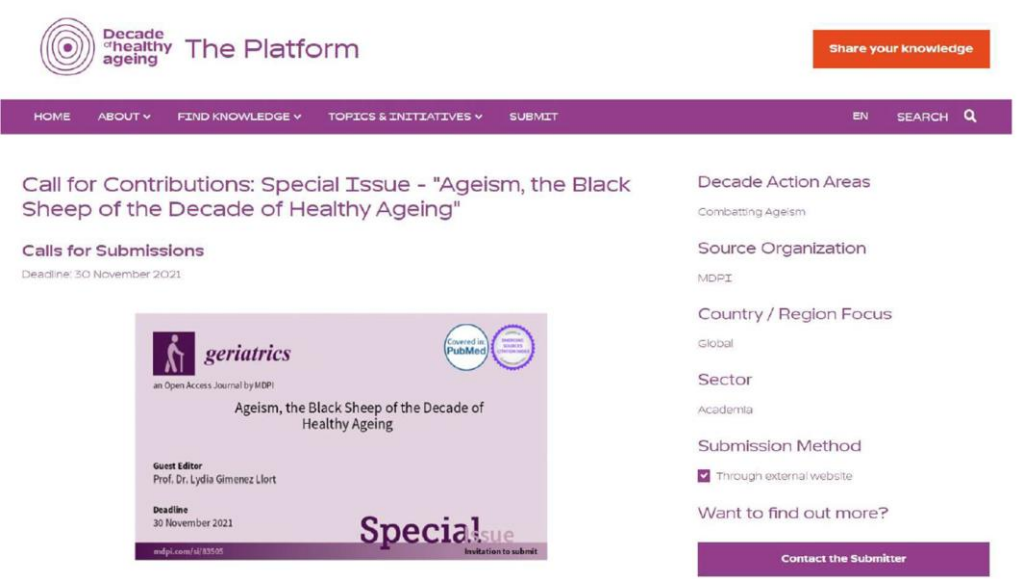
HEALTH “State of complete physical, mental and social Well-being
and not only the absence of **conditions or diseases**”

in NEGATIVE TERMS / pathogenesis

Gender Medicine

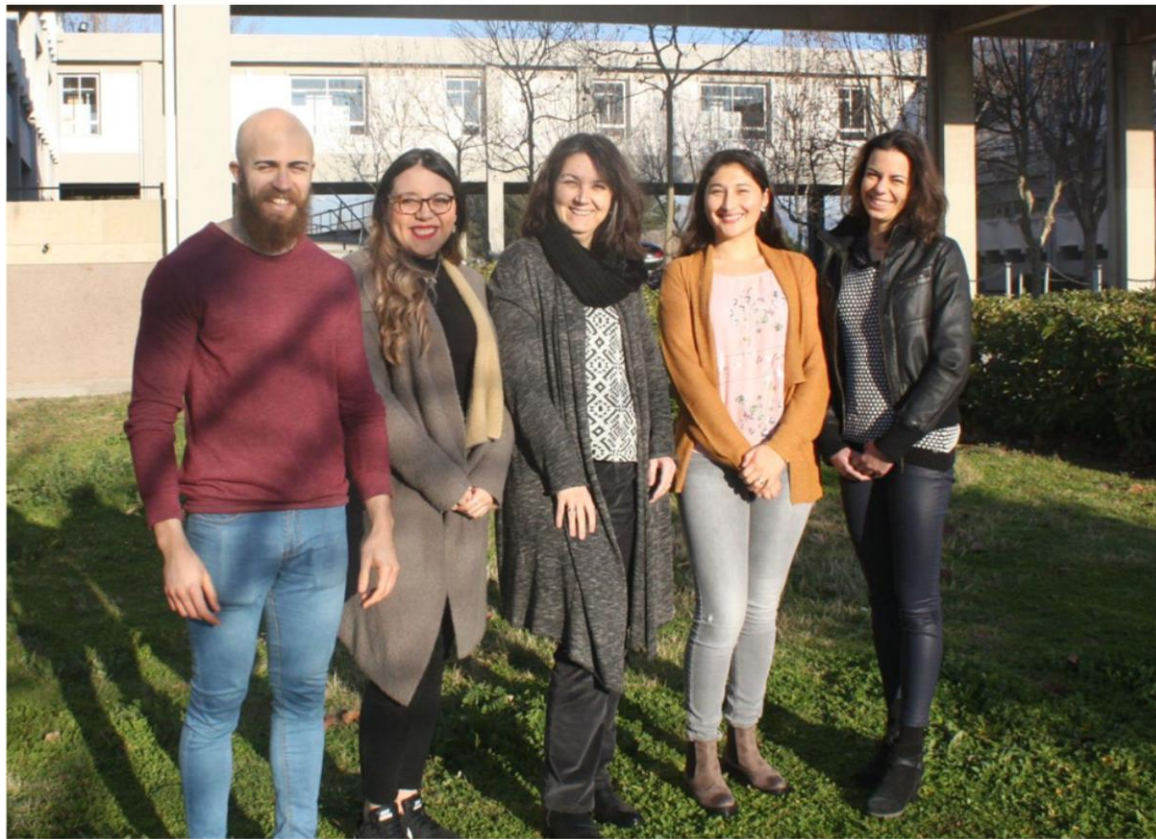
The Medicine of the Third Millennium

Gender Medicine: a task for the third millennium
Baggio, Giovanella *et al.* *Clin Chem Lab Med*, 2013, 51:713-27



The screenshot shows the website for the Decade of Healthy Ageing. The header includes the logo and the text "Decade of healthy ageing The Platform" and a button "Share your knowledge". The navigation menu includes "HOME", "ABOUT", "FIND KNOWLEDGE", "TOPICS & INITIATIVES", "SUBMIT", "EN", and "SEARCH". The main content area features a call for contributions for a special issue titled "Ageism, the Black Sheep of the Decade of Healthy Ageing". Below this, there is a section for "Calls for Submissions" with a deadline of 30 November 2021. A central graphic for the journal "geriatrics" is displayed, which is an open access journal by MDPI. The graphic also mentions the guest editor, Prof. Dr. Lydia Gimenez Lloret, and the deadline. To the right of the graphic, there are filters for "Decade Action Areas" (Combating Ageism), "Source Organization" (MDPI), "Country / Region Focus" (Global), "Sector" (Academia), and "Submission Method" (Through external website). A "Contact the Submitter" button is located at the bottom right of the page.

Decade of Healthy Aging (2020-2030)



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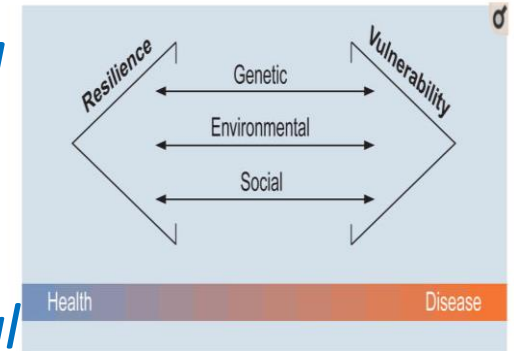
- Cycle of life · Function and dysf(x) · Onset /monitoring/ EoL
- Comprehensive behavioral phenotype characterization
- Validation of models of disease
- Behavioral tools: Rethinking/ Refinement/ Repurposing
- Pre-clinical proof-of-concept / screening

Emerging Illness	♂	♀	♂	♀	Brain regions
Autism Spectrum Disorder Attention Deficit Disorder	↑ Peripheral vasodilation (H) ↑ Risk of stillbirth (H)	↓ Fetal energy (H) ↑ Risk of premature birth (H) ↓ Fetal growth (H)	↑ Social behavior (H/R) ↑ Anhedonia (R) ↑ Passive coping (R) ↓ Conditioned place preference (R) ↓ Paired plus inhibition (H/R) ↑ CRF immunoreactivity (R)	↑ Passive coping (R) ↓ Conditioned place preference (R) ↓ Spatial learning (R)	Hypothalamus - distal changes in methylation status of CRF and GR (male R). Hippocampus - proximal changes NMDA/GABAA (female R), distal changes NMDA/GABAA (both sexes-R). Neocortex -distal increase in GR binding (female R), distal decrease in binding (male R). Amygdala - distal effect of higher GR binding in adulthood F>M (R).
Autism Spectrum Disorder Attention Deficit Disorder	↑ CORT (both sexes H&R)		↓ CORT levels in response to offspring separation or distress (H&R) Maternal care (R) ↑ Impulsivity & conduct disorders (H) ↓ Social behavior (H/R) ↑ Anhedonia (H/R) ↑ Cognitive impairment (R)	↓ CORT levels in response to offspring separation or distress (H&R) Maternal care (R) ↓ Depression & anxiety (H) ↓ Exploratory anxiety (R) ↓ Weight gain (R) ↓ Conditioned freezing (R)	Hypothalamus - proximal and distal decrease in CRF mRNA (male R), proximal decrease of CRF binding (both sexes R). Hippocampus - proximal decrease in CRF mRNA CA1/DG (both sexes R), distal CA1 dendritic atrophy, CA3 mossy fiber expansion, reduced LTP, increase of CRF receptor expression (male R). Neocortex - distal increase in correlation between blood OTX methylation and increase in connectivity between vmPFC and cingulate (both sexes H), increase in activation of DLPFC by tryptophan depletion post menopause (female H), increase in connectivity between ACC and POA, PAG, thalamus, M1 during early lactation (female R). Amygdala - larger structure, stronger activation by threatening stimuli (both sexes H).
Depression Anxiety Disorders Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Schizophrenia	↑ Intrusive thoughts/trauma re-experience (H) ↓ Weight gain (R)	↑ Internalization of trauma (H) ↑ Generalization of fear cues (H) ↓ Maternalized behavior (R)	↓ Social behavior after 2nd stress (R) ↑ Anhedonia (R) ↑ Passive coping (R) ↑ Length of CORT response (both sexes R)	↓ HPA signaling in pregnancy (H/R) ↑ Anhedonia after 2nd stress (R) ↑ Anhedonia (R) ↑ Passive coping (R) ↑ Blunting of CORT response to stress (R)	Hypothalamus - proximal decrease in DNA methylation of CRF (R). Hippocampus - proximal opposite effects of acute stress on spine density CA1 (R). Neocortex - proximal transcriptional sex differences in MDD vs. controls (H/R), distal decrease in GABA, 5HT and dopamine pathway genes in XY four core genotype mice (R). Amygdala - proximal and distal decrease in somatostatin expression in XY four core genotype mice (R). VTA -proximal increase in signaling from LH following stress in females but not males (R). NAc - proximal transcriptional sex differences between stress controls (H & R), decrease in ER-α (both sexes R), sex differences in DNMT3a expression after stress /depression (H/R).
Depression Alzheimer's Disease	↑ Association between depression and dementia (H) ↓ Temporal associations following stress (R)	↑ Menopause related sleep and vasomotor difficulties (H) ↑ CORT response to stress (H) ↑ Impact of stress on verbal memory (H) ↑ Temporal associations following acute stress (R) ↑ Weight loss (R) ↑ Memory impairment after chronic stress (R)			Hypothalamus - proximal changes in insulin and melanocortin-4 receptor expression (female R). Hippocampus - proximal changes in cell proliferation of DG in females but not males (R), decrease in cell proliferation compared to young females (R).

Life cycle age/aging

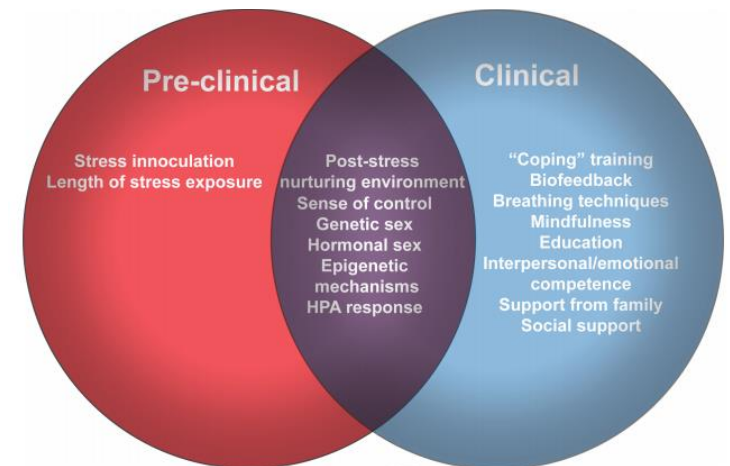
Intergenerational Continuum

Longitudinal vs transversal

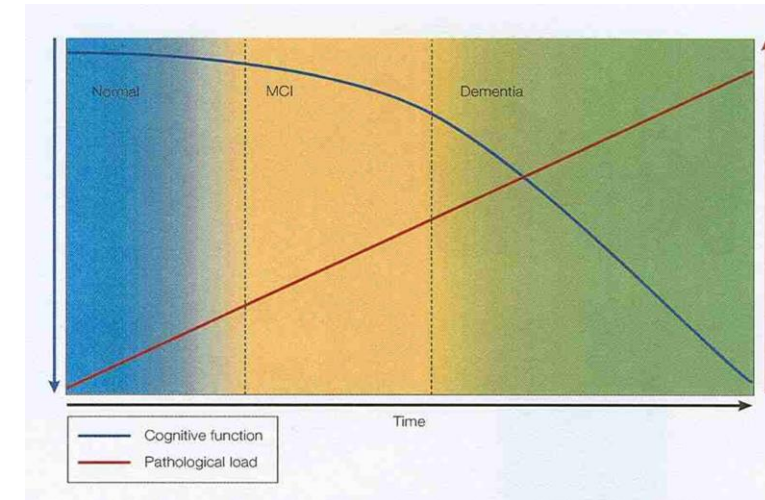
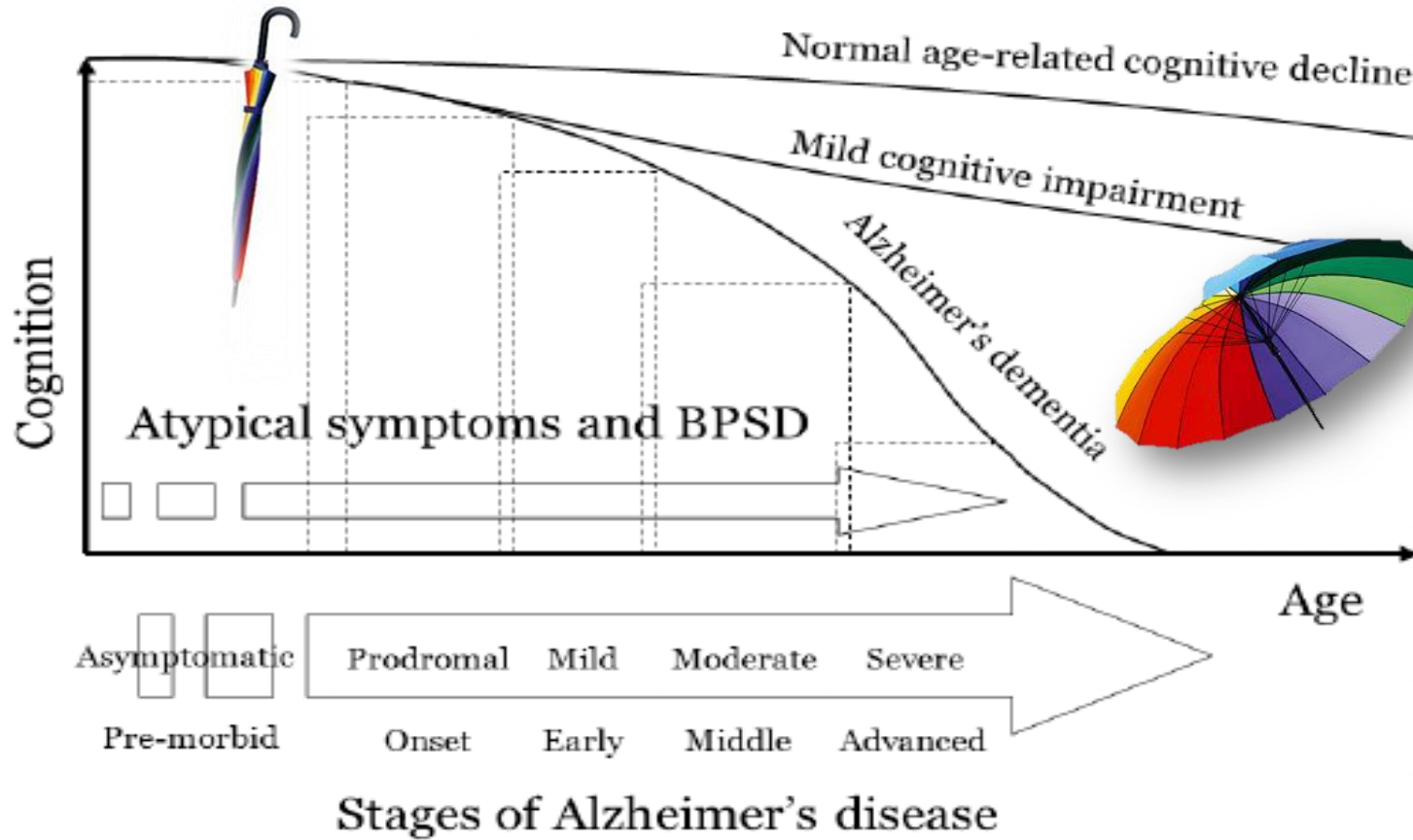


The forces of vulnerability and resilience can push an individual towards disease or health

Vulnerability and resilience involve genetic, environmental and social forces.



Premorbid, Prodromal



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IN RELAZIONE: PERCHE'?
BIOETICA, BIOPOLITICA E TANATOPOLITICA,
XIII EDIZ. SCUOLA ESTIVA DELLA
DIFFERENZA 2015

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Giochi e contatto fisico nei topi con Alzheimer
Lydia Giménez-Llort

False
NEGATIVE

Dose/ Effectivity
RESPONSE

Windows of
OBSERVATION

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How diseases differ



between men and women
in terms of

Prevention

clinical **signs**,
therapeutic

approach
prognosis,

psychological and social

impact

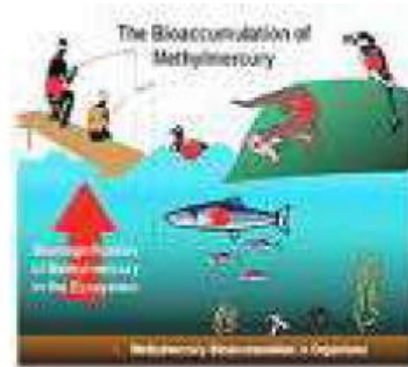
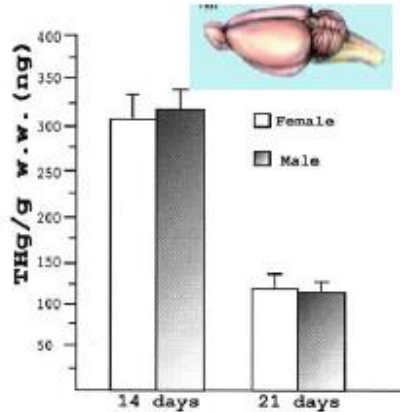


Windows Task demands

Environmental hazards Psychiatric and neurological disorders

Prenatal exposure to methylmercury changes dopamine-modulated motor activity during early ontogeny: age and gender-dependent effects

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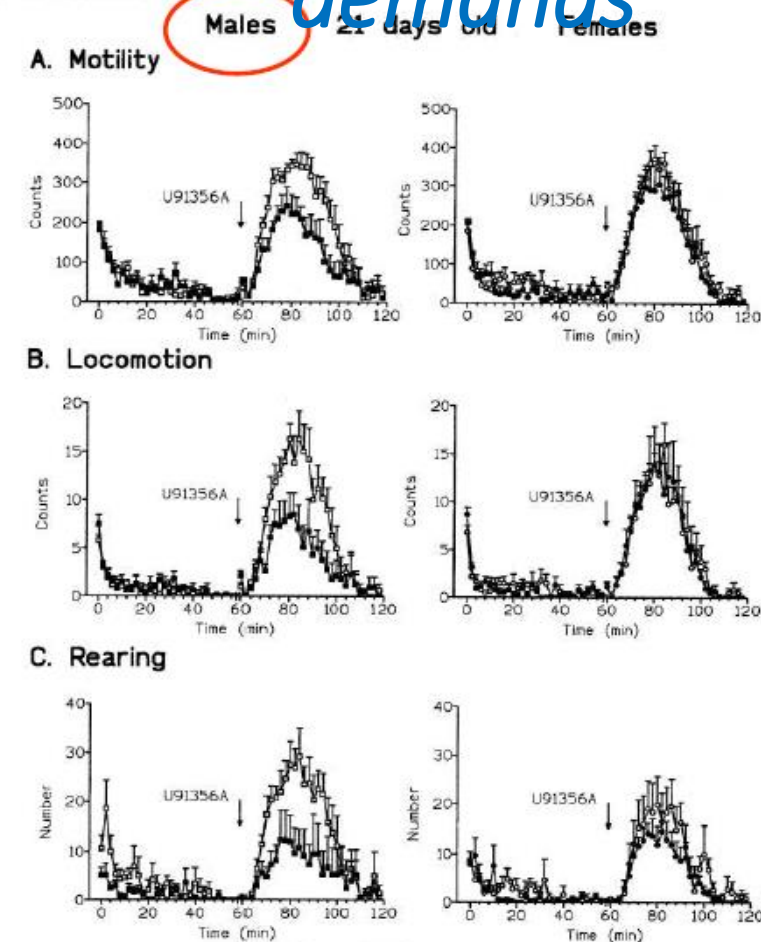


The Seychelles Child Development Study

Table 1
 Effect of MeHg exposure on body weight (g) of animals at PND14 and 21^a

	Control	Treated
<i>PND 14</i>		
Male	34.22 ± 1.72	33.92 ± 1.12
Female	33.10 ± 1.70	33.20 ± 1.07
<i>PND 21</i>		
Male	54.10 ± 2.69	50.78 ± 2.40
Female	52.35 ± 2.47	52.17 ± 2.29

^a Values are expressed as mean ± S.E.M.





ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE
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Severe Perinatal Hypoxic-Ischemic Brain Injury Induces Long-Term Sensorimotor Deficits, Anxiety-Like Behaviors and Cognitive Impairment in a Sex-, Age- and Task-Selective Manner in C57BL/6 Mice but Can Be Modulated by Neonatal Handling

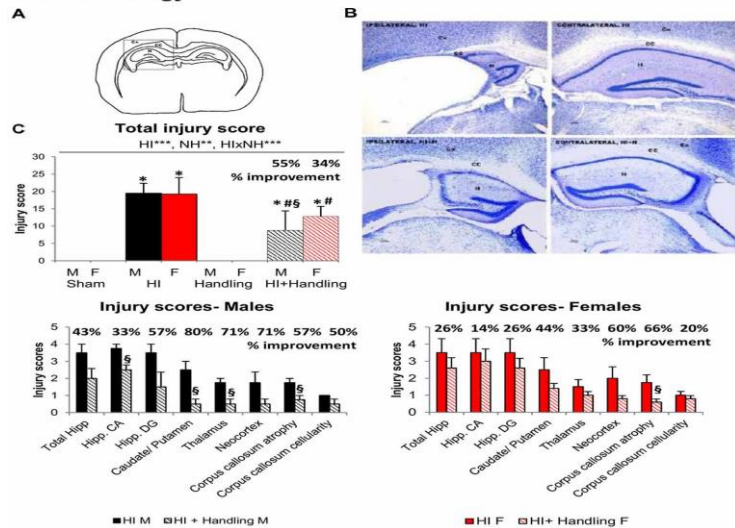
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Brain Pathology



frontiers
in Behavioral Neuroscience

Multidimensional

BEHAVIORAL DOMAINS	BEHAVIORAL TESTS	Sex effect				Age effect	Handling effect
		Male PND23	Male PND70	Female PND23	Female PND70		
SENSORIMOTOR							
Reflexes	Reflex test		✓		✓	✓	✓
Equilibrium	Wire rod test			✓		✓	
Prehensibility	Hanger test	✓				✓	
Paw preference	Cylinder test	✓		✓			✓
LOCOMOTOR							
Locomotor activity	Motor activity test	✓				✓	✓
Vertical activity	Open field		✓			✓	✓
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC-LIKE							
Anxiety	Open field, Dark-light		✓				✓
Neophobia	Corner test		✓				✓
Emotionality	T-maze				✓		
COGNITIVE							
Working memory	T-maze						
Memory	Morris water maze		✓		✓		✓
Acquisition tasks	Morris water maze		✓		✓		✓

PER ESSERE RAGAZZA



Al llarg de la història, la infància en general i les nenes en particular s'han caracteritzat per la invisibilitat i, més i més, per menyspreu, interacció o, en el seu cas, exclusió. S'han donat molt pocs espais d'expressió, ha estat fàcil fer-se invisible, per bé que ben aïllada i per tant en un món solista.

Des de l'etiquetatge generacional, els processos d'etiquetatge i categorització molen que les nenes no s'entenguen com a individus, sinó com l'únic que a cada moment d'ella és un procés de vida subjectiu que tota la gent que l'entorn i l'entorn s'ha d'adaptar. Malauradament, aquesta situació s'observa sobretot en les nenes amb discapacitat.

Les nenes amb discapacitat, igual que qualsevol altra persona, són persones amb drets i deures de ciutadania plena i de participació en tots els aspectes de la vida social i política. En definitiva, la infància és un espai on les nenes poden desenvolupar-se i créixer.

En l'àmbit acadèmic, la idea de la infància en general i de les nenes en particular, ha anat canviant al llarg dels anys i s'han anat desenvolupant i transformant. En aquest sentit, el treball de la Dra. Anna M. García i el treball de la Dra. Anna M. García i el treball de la Dra. Anna M. García.

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Original Article

Sexual Dimorphism in the Behavioral Responses and the Immunoendocrine Status in d-Galactose-Induced Aging

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D-gal monosaccharide abundant milk products, fruits, vegetables
 Chronic systemic D-gal – Accelerated aging – ROS AGEproducts

Comprehensive & multifunctional behavioral screening
 Convergent validity
 L50 H100 mg/kg 58d MF6mo

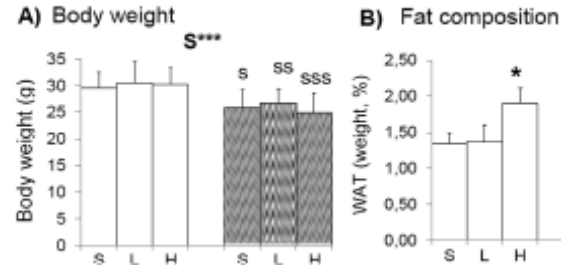
M Sensory impairment
 Immunoendocrine senescence
 L50 Improved L&M RT, H100 L&M MWM

F dose-dependent worse L (RT), but improved M (MWM)

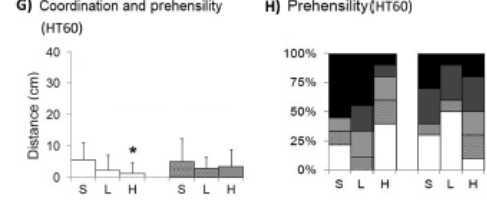
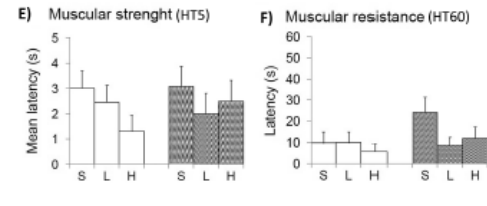
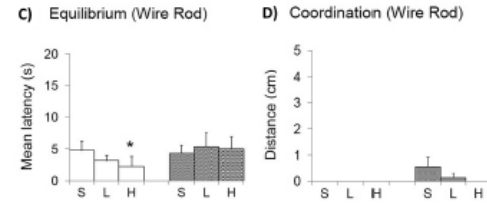
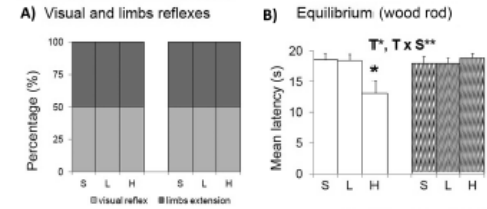
Different neuronal substrates / functional capacity /
 to meet task dependent performance demands

Males and Females can be regarded as two exceptional natural scenarios to study the functional interplay in the crosstalk of homeostatic networks at aging

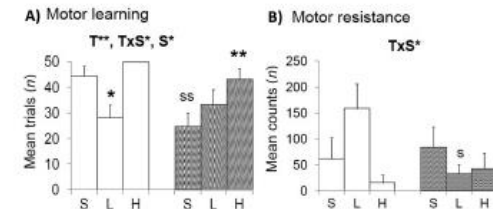
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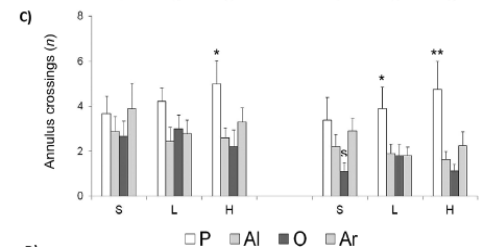
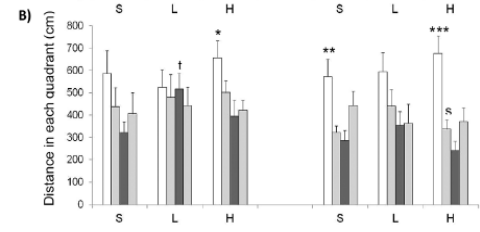
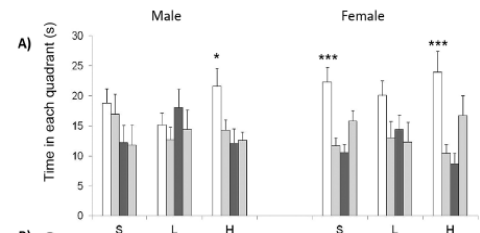
SENSORIMOTOR FUNCTIONS



MOTOR LEARNING AND RESISTANCE IN THE ROTAROD



COGNITIVE FUNCTION – SPATIAL REFERENCE MEMORY




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Sex and Gender-Medicine in Low-to-Middle-Income Countries:

Diabetes-Dementia Storm in sub-Saharan Africa

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Heterogeneous
Cognition + BPSD + DLA + Social
Progressive Neurodegenerative
Pathways Changing
Systems
ADP vs ADC

Behavioral Neuroscience

- ✓ Validation (Guideliness)
 - ✓ What about normal? Control WT?
 - ✓ Test - Screening and validation of the model
 - ✓ Face V., Predictive V., Construct V. Convergent V.
 - ✓ From unidimensional to Tridimensional: Cognitive + BPSD + DLA
and to multidimensional: Motor + Sensorial + Social
 - ✓ Translational, Longitudinal
 - ✓ Gender dependent
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- ✓ Life events + Life style ('Dementia beyond drugs')
 - ✓ External interventions (Pharmacol, Immunological, others)
-
- ✓ Prevention + Therapeutics

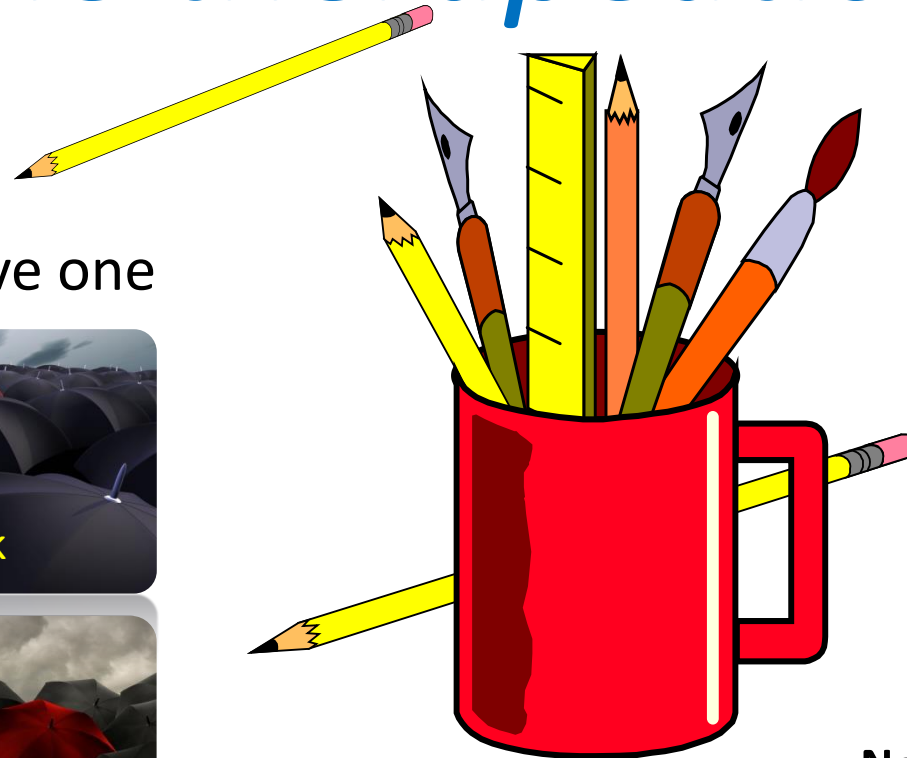


The complexity of the therapeutical strategies

The unique

The best

The exclusive one



Cognition & Memory
Cholinergic deficits

Behavioral Alterations
Neurotransmitters

Neuroprotection & Regeneration
Glutamate antagonists
Genetic Strategies
Growth Factors

Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome

A Disease of Canine and Feline Brain Aging

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KEYWORDS

- Cognitive dysfunction syndrome • Brain aging • Behavior • Canine • Feline

KEY POINTS

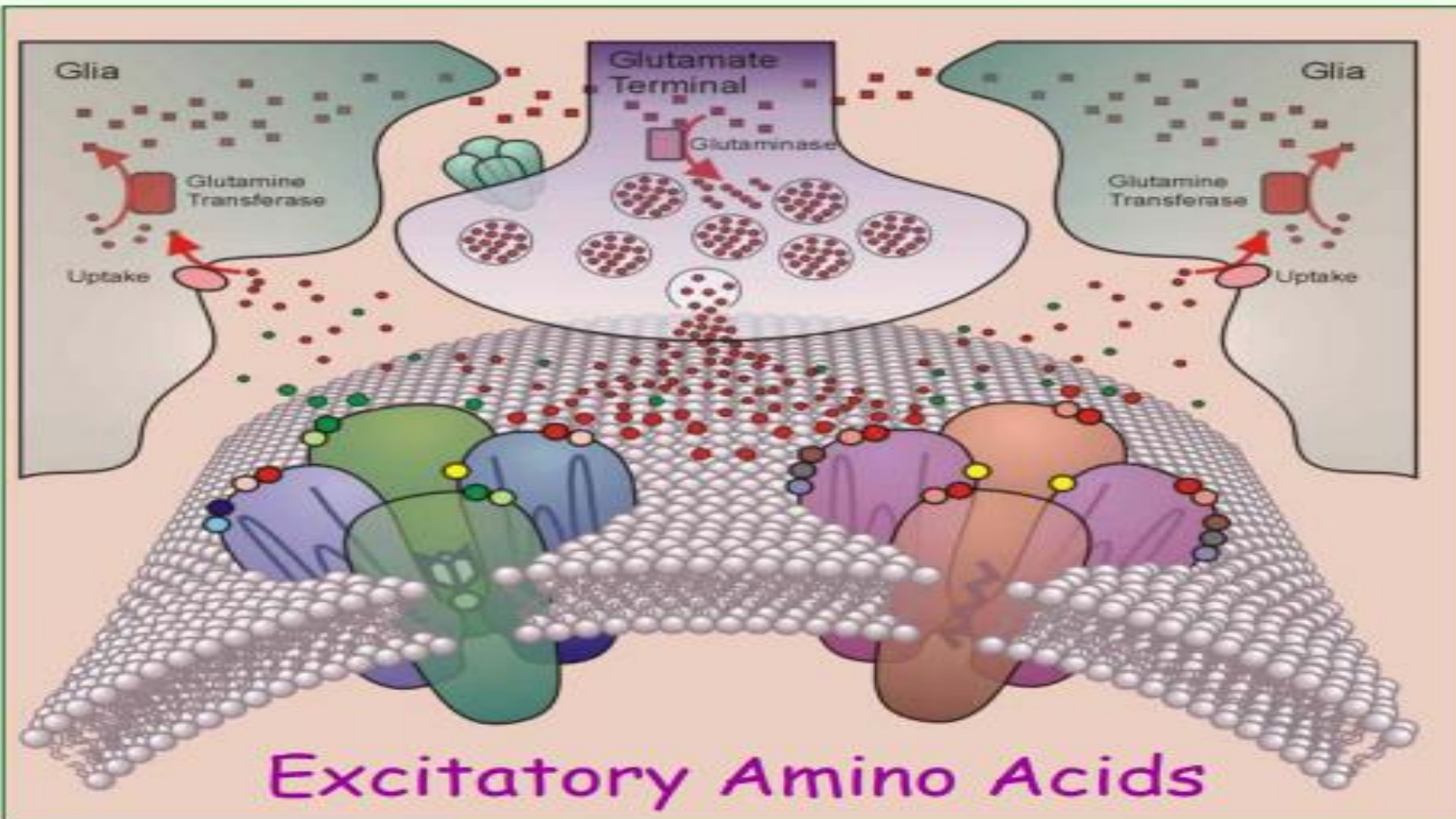
- Brain aging is a degenerative process that for many dogs and cats ultimately progresses to a loss of one or more cognitive domains or impairment of cognitive function.
- Diagnosis of cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS) is based on recognition of behavioral signs and exclusion of other medical conditions and drug side effects, which in some cases can mimic or complicate CDS.
- Clinical categories include disorientation, alterations in social interactions, sleep-wake cycles, elimination habits, and activity, as well as increasing anxiety. Deficits in learning and memory have also been well documented.
- Treatment is aimed at slowing the advancement of neuronal damage and cell death and improving clinical signs. Drugs, diet, and supplements can be used alone or concurrently to improve neurotransmission and reduce oxidative damage and inflammation.

Table 1 CDS checklist ¹		
Signs: DISHAAL	Age First Noticed	Score 0–3 ^a
D: Disorientation/Confusion—Awareness—Spatial orientation Gets stuck or cannot get around objects Stares blankly at walls or floor Decreased recognition of familiar people/pets Goes to wrong side of door; walks into door/walls Drops food/cannot find Decreased response to auditory or visual stimuli Increased reactivity to auditory or visual stimuli (barking)		
I: Interactions—Social Relationships Decreased interest in petting/avoids contact Decreased greeting behavior In need of constant contact, overdependent, “clingy” Altered relationships other pets—less social/irritable/aggressive Altered relationships with people—less social/irritable/aggressive		
S: Sleep–Wake Cycles; Reversed Day/Night Schedule Restless sleep/waking at nights Increased daytime sleep		
H: Housesoiling (Learning and Memory) Indoor elimination at sites previously trained Decrease/loss of signaling Goes outdoors, then returns indoors and eliminates Elimination in crate or sleeping area		
A: Activity—Increased/Repetitive Pacing/wanders aimlessly Snaps at air/licks air Licking owners/household objects Increased appetite (eats quicker or more food)		
A: Activity—Apathy/Depressed Decreased interest in food/treats Decreased exploration/activity/play Decreased self-care (hygiene)		
A: Anxiety Vocalization, restlessness/agitation Anxiety, fear/phobia to auditory or visual stimuli Anxiety, fear/phobia of places (surfaces, locations) Anxiety/fear of people Separation anxiety		
L: Learning and Memory—Work, Tasks, Commands Decreased ability to perform learned tasks, commands Decreased responsiveness to familiar commands and tricks Inability/slow to learn new tasks		

^a Score: 0 = none; 1 = mild; 2 = moderate; 3 = severe.

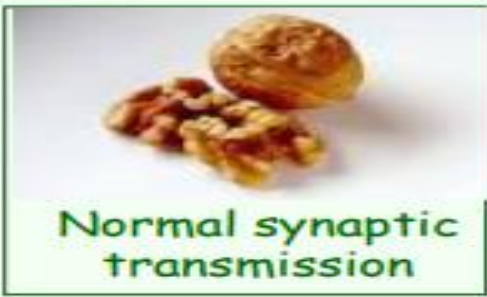
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Animal models for Psychiatric and Neurologic disorders



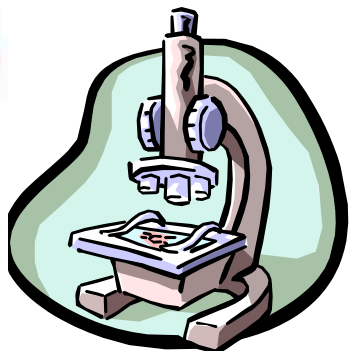
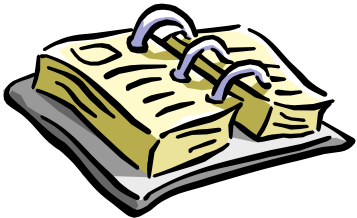
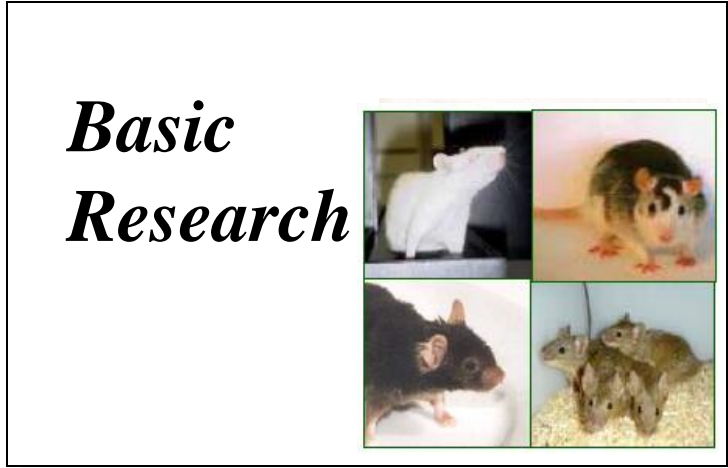
Acute neuropathology

- Hypoxia/ischaemia
- Stroke
- Trauma
- Hypoglycaemia
- Exogenous toxins

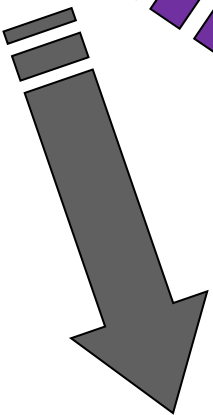
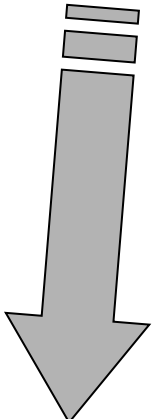
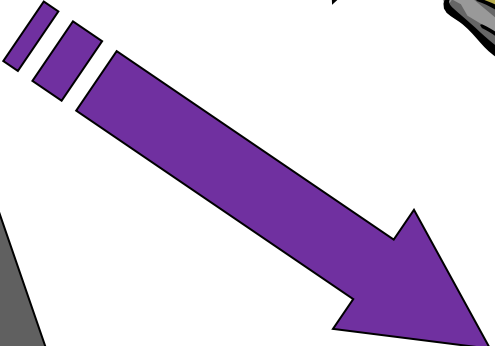
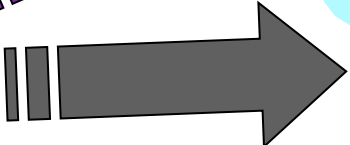
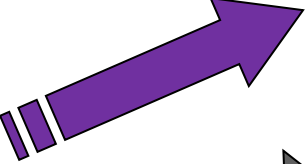
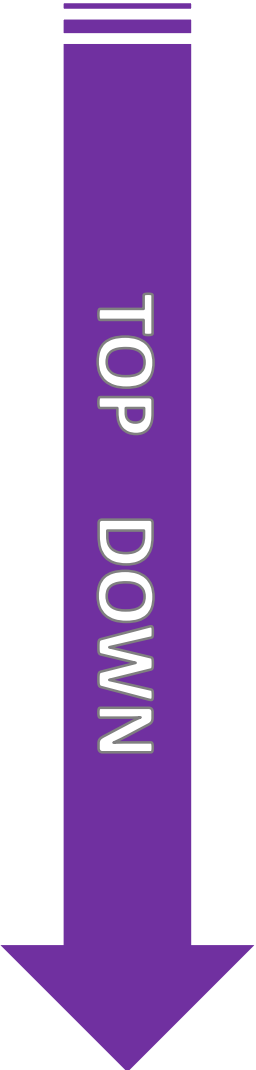


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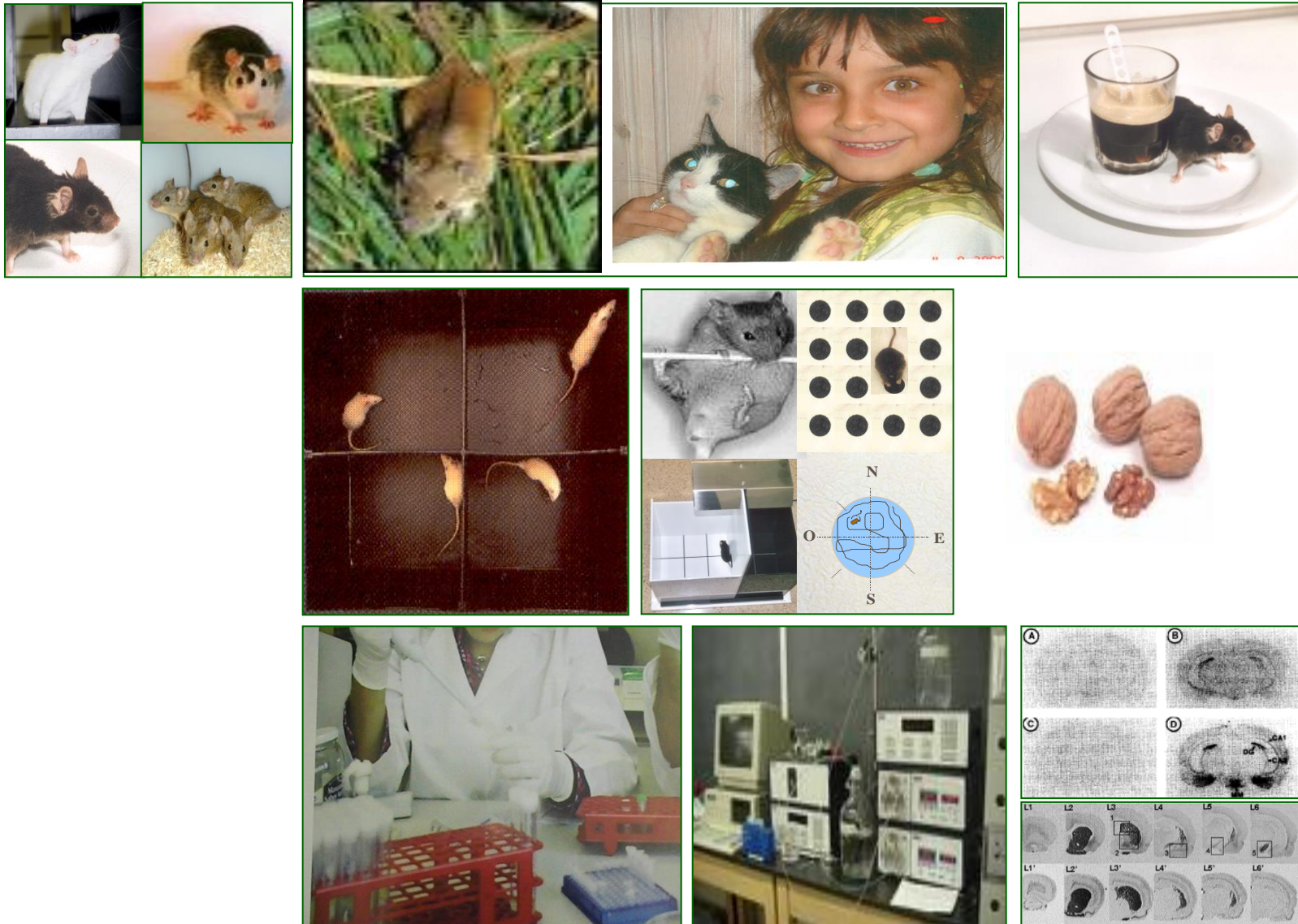
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- Parkinson's disease
- Motoneuron disease



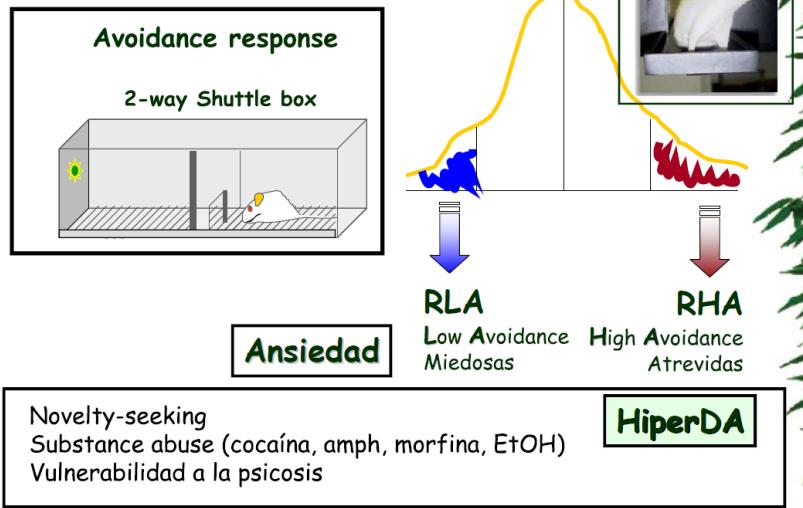
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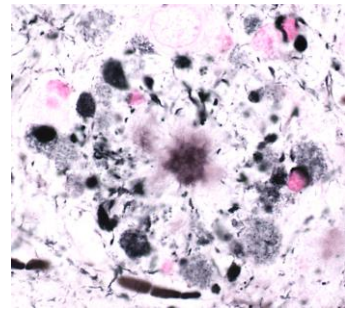
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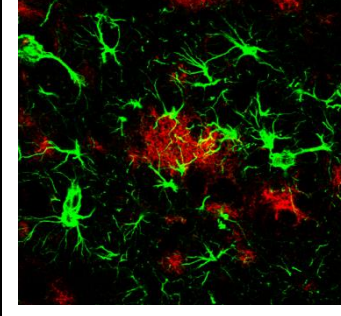
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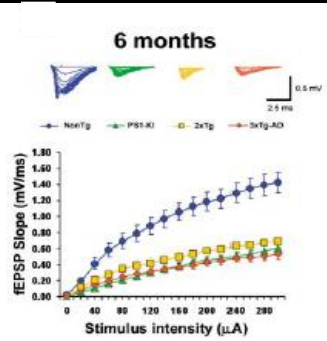
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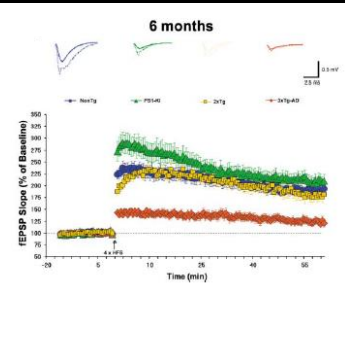
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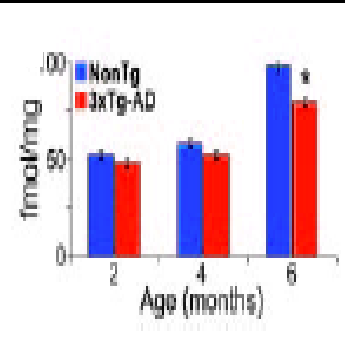
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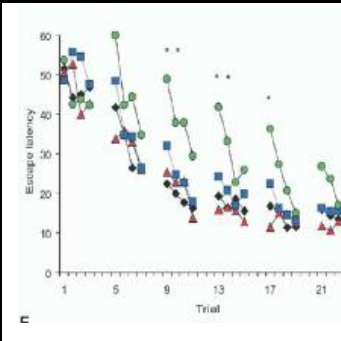
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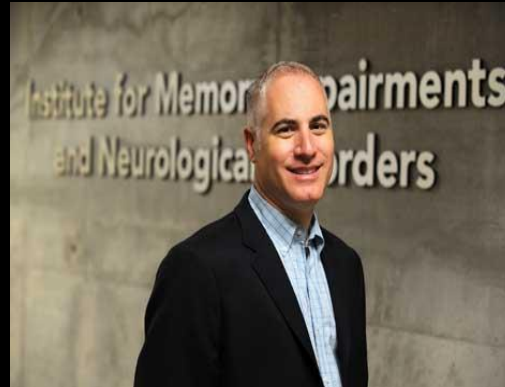
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3xTgAD

PSD_{M164V}

APP_{Swe}

tau_{P301L}

Review

Modeling behavioral and neuronal symptoms of Alzheimer's disease in mice: A role for intraneuronal amyloid

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Abstract

The amyloid A β -peptide (A β) is suspected to play a critical role in the cascade leading to AD as the pathogen that causes neuronal and synaptic dysfunction and, eventually, cell death. Therefore, it has been the subject of a huge number of clinical and basic research studies on this disease. A β is typically found aggregated in extracellular amyloid plaques that occur in specific brain regions enriched in nAChRs in Alzheimer's disease (AD) and Down syndrome (DS) brains. Advances in the genetics of its familial and sporadic forms, together with those in gene transfer technology, have provided valuable animal models that complement the traditional cholinergic approaches, although modeling the neuronal and behavioral deficits of AD in these models has been challenging. More recently, emerging evidence indicates that intraneuronal accumulation of A β may also contribute to the cascade of neurodegenerative events and strongly suggest that it is an early, pathological biomarker for the onset of AD and associated cognitive and other behavioral deficits. The present review covers these studies in humans, in in vitro and in transgenic models, also providing more evidence that adult 3 \times Tg-AD mice harboring *PS1*^{M146V}, *APP*^{Swe}, *tau*^{P301L} transgenes, and mimicking many critical hallmarks of AD, show cognitive deficits and other behavioral alterations at ages when overt neuropathology is not yet observed, but when intraneuronal A β , synaptic and cholinergic deficits can already be described.

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Keywords: Intraneuronal amyloid; Animal models; 3xTgAD mice; Learning and memory; Neuropsychiatric-like symptoms; Activity; Circadian rhythms; Emotion; Psychosis

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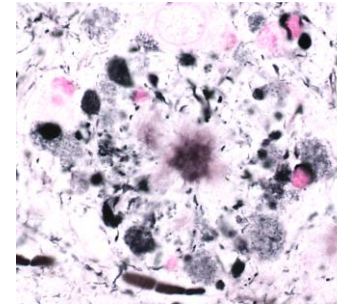
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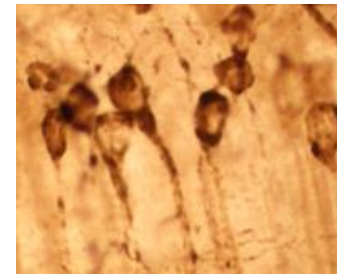
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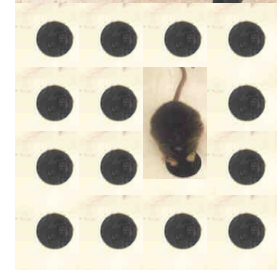
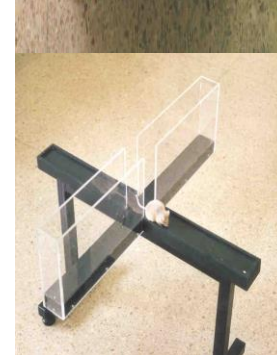
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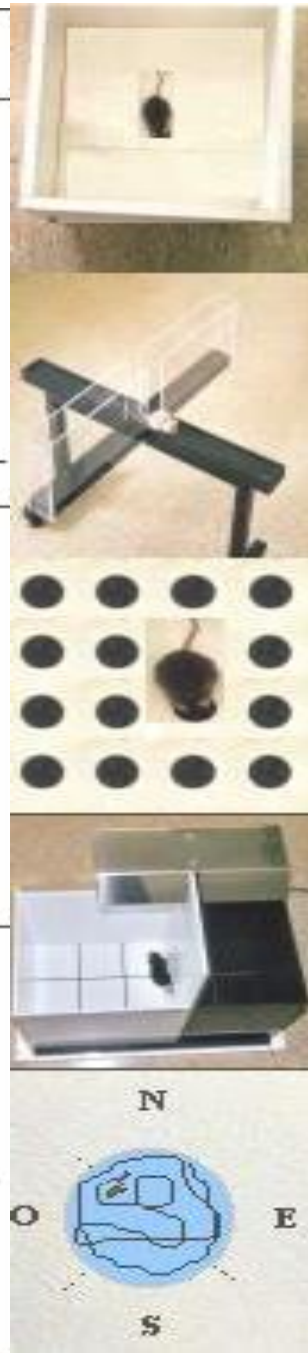
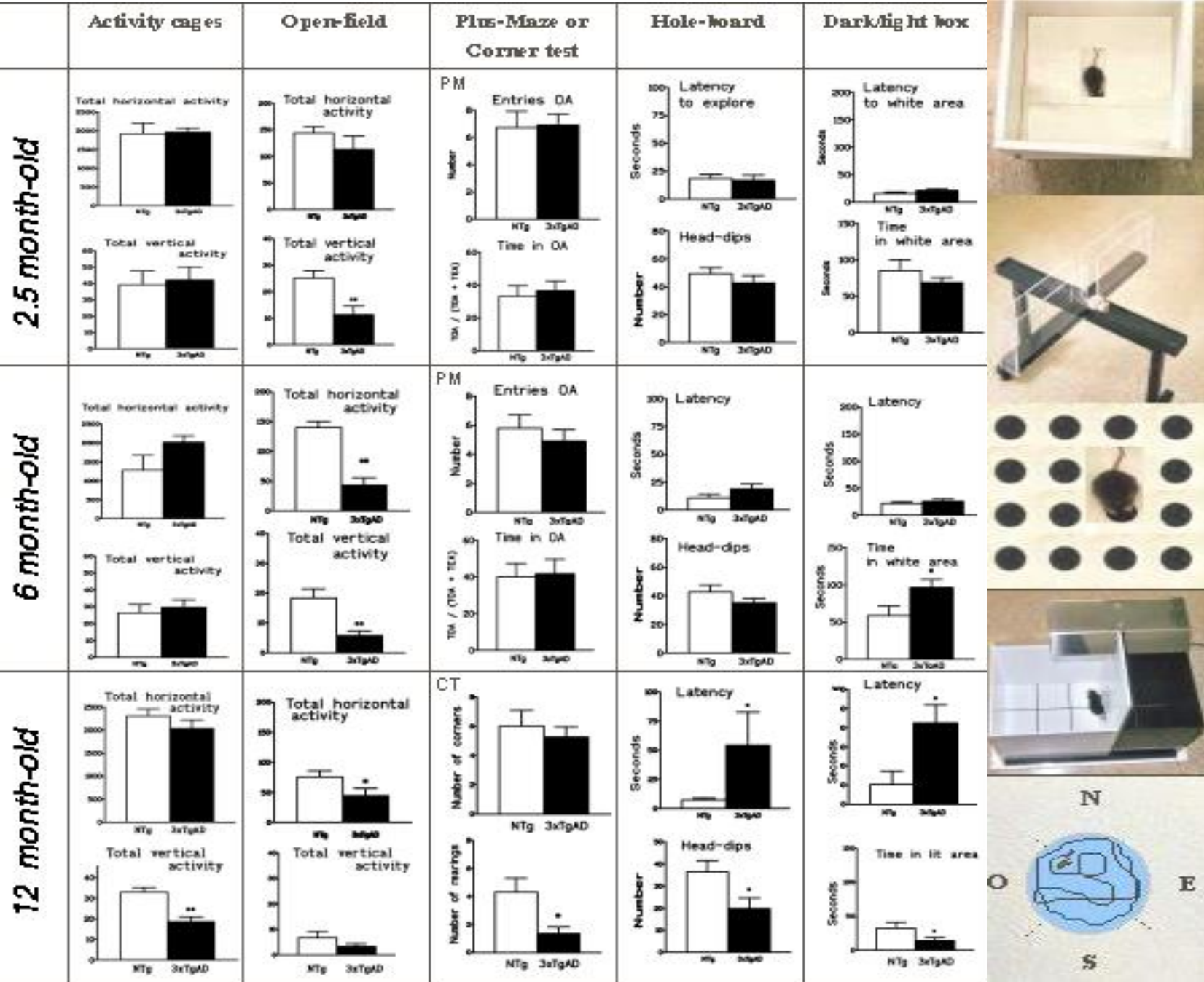
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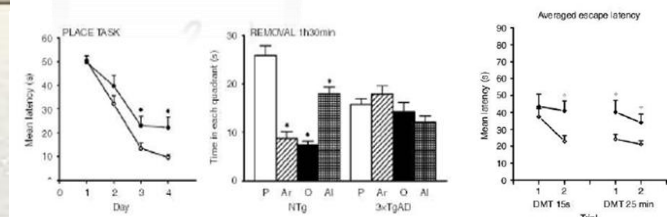
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Behavioral screening of 3xTgAD mice



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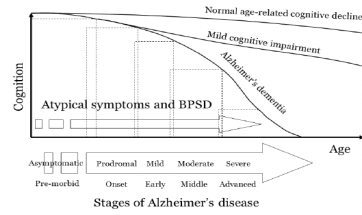


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Table 1. Temporal course of behavioral changes observed in males and females of a Spanish colony of 3xTg-AD versus NTg mice

Giménez-Llort et al., 2014 Ann N Y Acad Sci. 2012

Behavior parameter	Stages of neurodegeneration			
	Onset (2.5 m)	Early stages (4 m)	Moderate stages (6 m)	Advanced stages (12 m or more)
Increased sensorimotor function	n.s.	n.s.	+	++
BPSD-like symptoms				
Emotionality	+	+	++	+++
Neofobia	n.s.	+	n.s.	+++
Reduced exploration in ansiogenic places	+	++	++	+++
Anxiety-like behaviors	+	++	++	+++
Hyperactivity	n.s.	+	+	++
Desinhibition	n.s.	n.a.	++	n.s.
Impulsivity	n.s.	n.a.	+	+++
Reduced novelty seeking	n.s.	n.a.	n.s.	n.a.
Dysfunction of startle response	n.a.	n.a.	+	n.a.
Dysfunction of prepulse inhibition	n.a.	n.a.	+	n.a.
Cognition				
Spatial Working memory deficits	n.s.	n.a.	+	+++
Spatial Short-term memory deficits	n.s.	n.a.	n.s.	+++
Spatial Long-term memory deficits	n.s.	+	++	+++
Instrumental conditioning deficits	n.a.	n.a.	++	n.a.
Alteration Circadian rhythms	n.a.	n.a.	+	+++



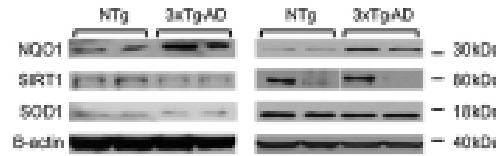


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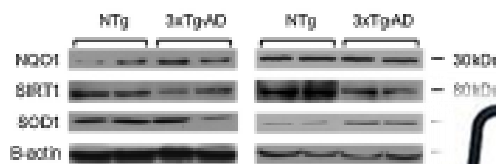
Neophobia, NQO1 and SIRT1 as premorbid and prodromal indicators of AD in 3xTg-AD mice

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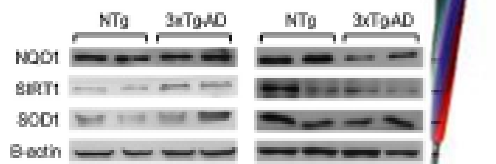
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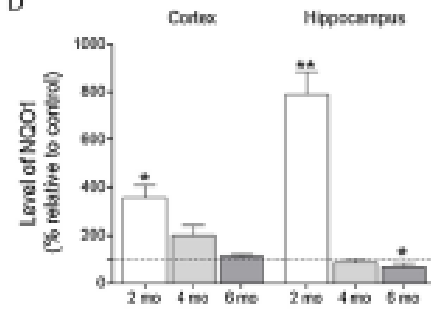
B. 4 month-old



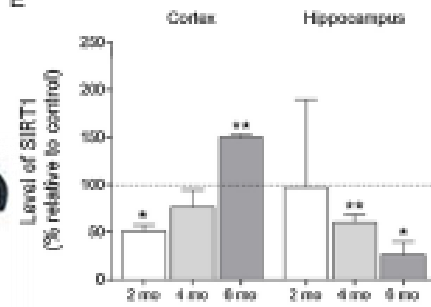
C. 6 month-old



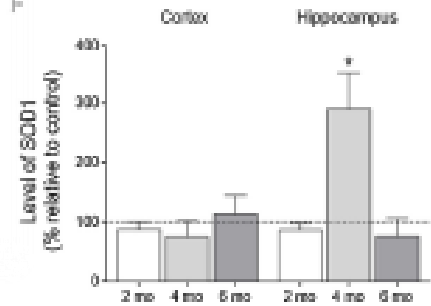
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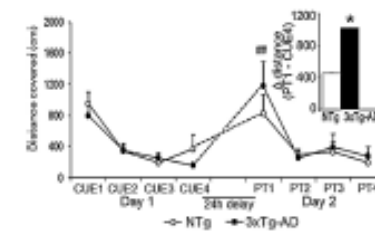


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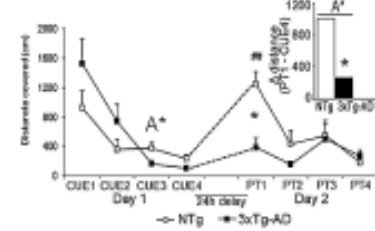


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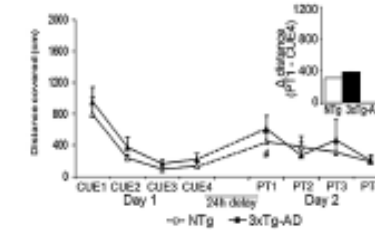
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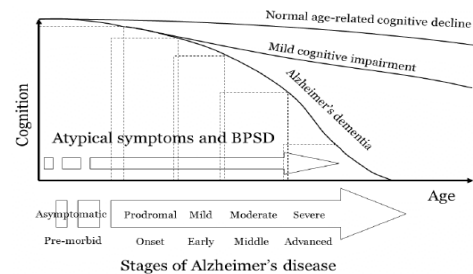
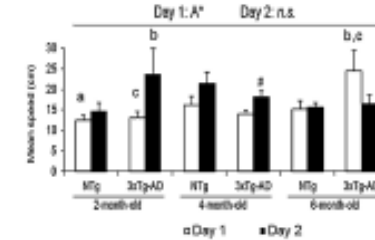
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B. Distance covered, 4-month-old



D. Mean speed, 2-4 and 6-month-old



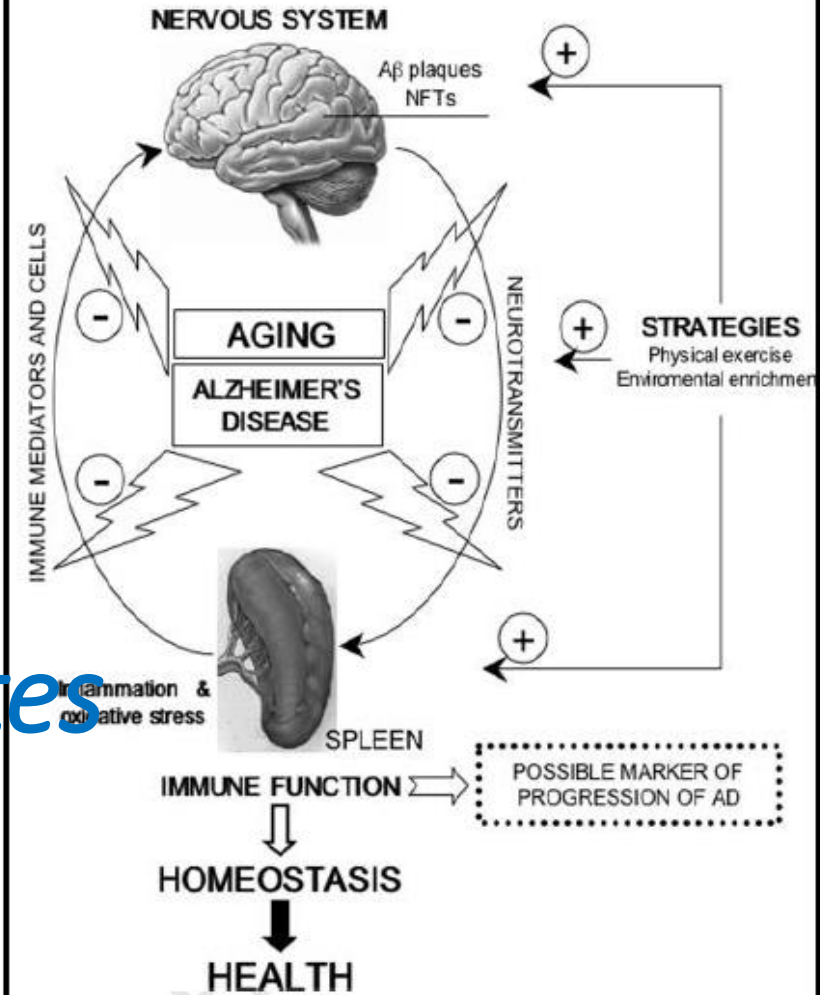
- Latency of rearing was the first behavioral indicator of premorbid AD (Pm-AD).
- Prodromal AD was clearly defined by cognitive deficits at 6 months of age.
- High levels of cortical and hippocampal NQO1 were a redox indicator of Pm-AD.
- SOD1 was changed only in hippocampus at 4 months of age, before prodromal AD.
- SIRT1 levels had opposite regional and temporal premorbid/prodromal patterns.

Crosstalk between Behavior and Immune System in AD

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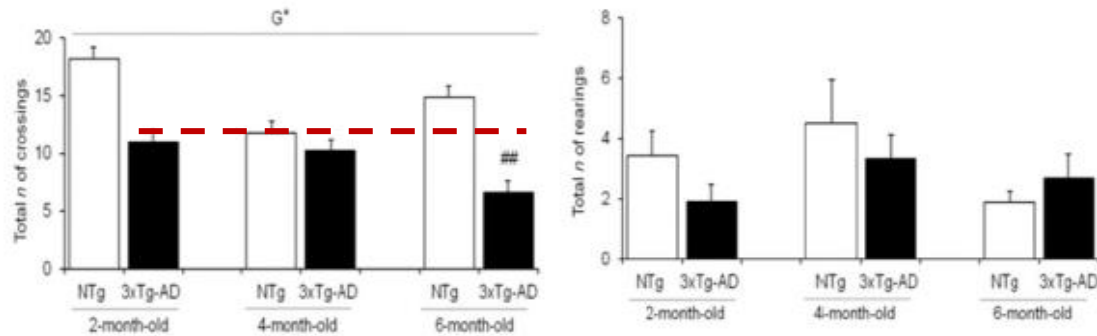
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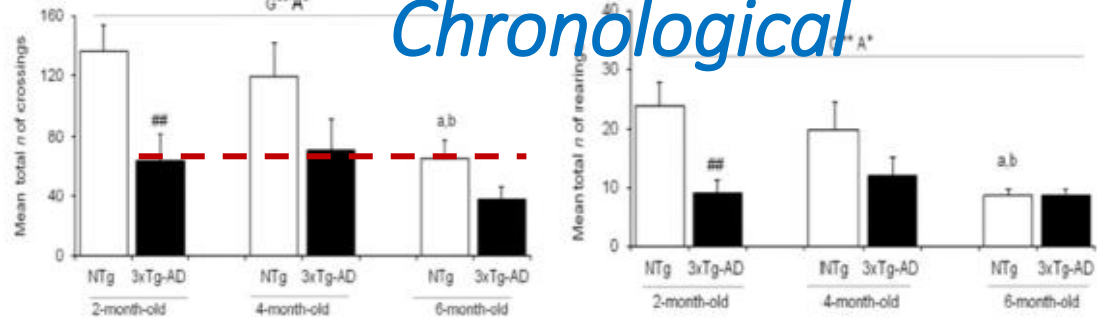
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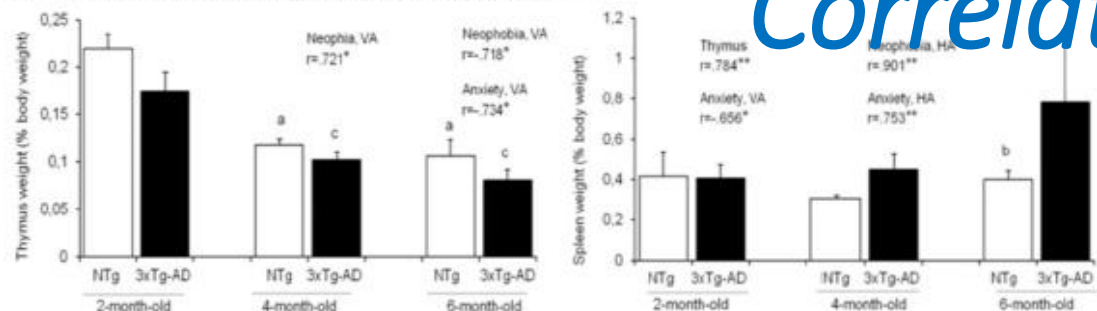


b. ANXIETY LIKE-BEHAVIOR

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c. PERIPHERAL IMMUNOLOGICAL SYSTEM



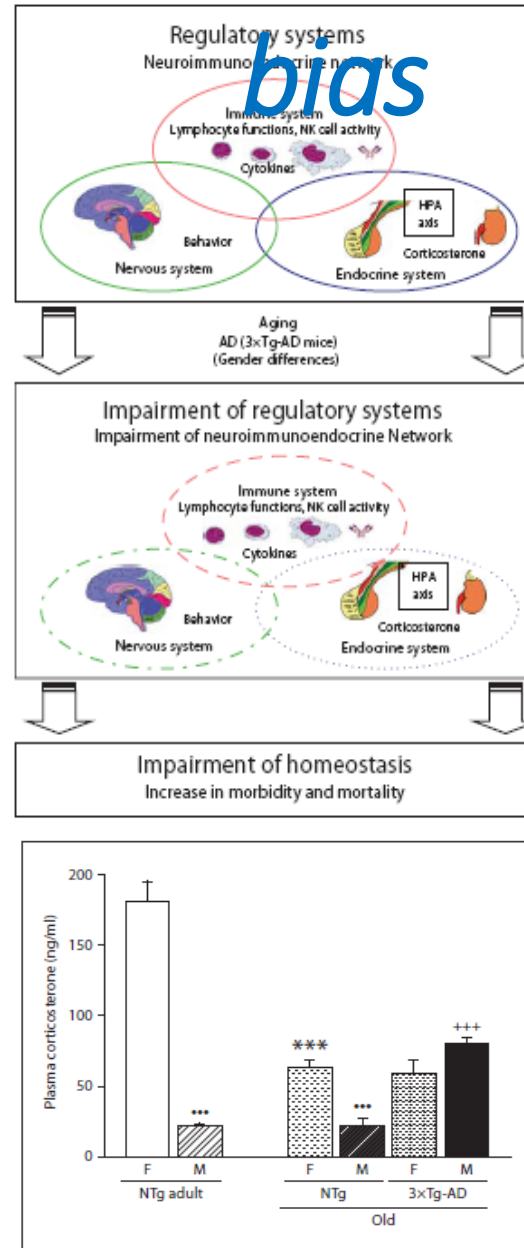
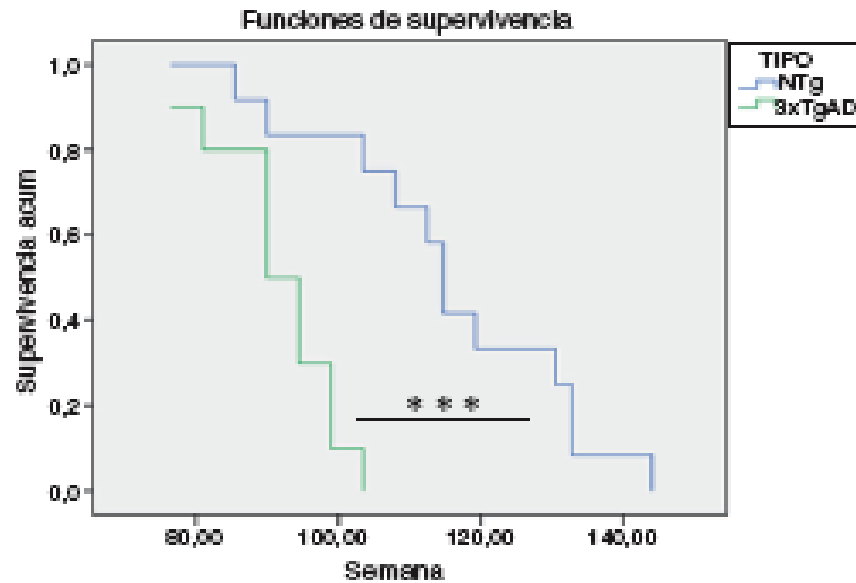
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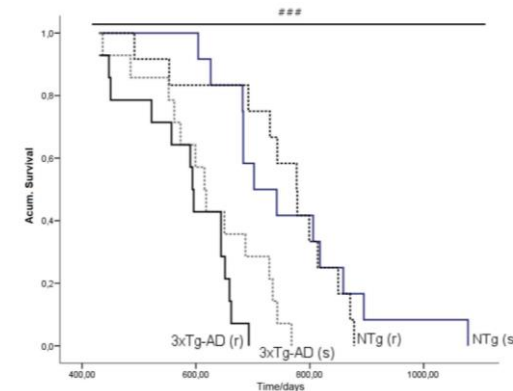
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Article

Survival Bias and Crosstalk between Chronological and Behavioral Age: Age- and Genotype-Sensitivity Tests Define Behavioral Signatures in Middle-Aged, Old, and Long-Lived Mice with Normal and AD-Associated Aging

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Behavioral Tests and Variables	G	A	S
<i>Corner test (CT)</i>			
Total visited corners	*	**	**
Total numbers of rearings	-	-	-
Latency of rearing (s)	-	-	-
<i>Open field test (OF)</i>			
Freezing- Latency of first movement (s)	-	*	-
Latency to exit the center (s)	-	-	-
Latency to entering the peripheral ring (s)	-	***	-
Latency of rearing (s)	***	***	-
Latency of self-grooming (s)	-	-	-
Total horizontal activity (n crossings)	*	***	-
"in the center (n crossings)	-	*	*
"in the periphery (n crossings)	*	***	-
Total vertical activity (n of rearings)	*	***	*
Gait analysis- Total number of pauses	-	***	-
Gait analysis- Mean number of crossings	***	*	-
Defecation (n)	*	-	-
Urination (%)	-	-	***
<i>Context and object recognition tests</i>			
OF2- Freezing- Latency of first movement (s)	-	***	-
OF2- Latency to exit the center (s)	***	***	-
OF2- Latency to entering the peripheral ring(s)	***	***	-
OF2- Latency of rearing (s)	*	**	-
OF2- Latency of self-grooming (s)	-	-	-
OF2- Total horizontal activity	*	*	-
OF2- "in the center (n of crossings)	-	-	-
OF2- "in the periphery (n of crossings)	-	*	-
OF2- Total vertical activity (n of rearings)	-	*	-
OF2- Urination (%)	-	-	***
OR Sample trial- Time exploring object (s)	-	*	-
OR-Sample trial- Time to reach the criteria (s)	-	-	-
OR- Test trial- Object latency (s)	*	-	-
<i>Marble test (MB)</i>			
Intact (n)	-	*	-
Buried (n)	-	***	-
<i>Spontaneous alternation in the T-Maze test</i>			
Latency of first movement (s)	-	***	-
Latency to cross the intersection (s)	-	*	*
Total time to complete the test (s)	-	-	-
Total number of errors (n)	*	**	-
<i>T-Maze test</i>			
Latency of first movement (s)	*	-	-
Test trial- Latency to cross the intersection (s)	**	-	-
Test trial- time to complete the test (s)	**	-	-
<i>Morris water maze test (MWM)</i>			
Escape latency - CUE	-	-	-
Escape latency - PT1	-	-	-
Escape latency - PT2	-	-	-
Escape latency - PT3	**	**	-
Escape latency - PT4	*	***	-
Distance - CUE	-	-	*
Distance - PT1	-	-	-
Distance - PT2	-	-	-
Distance - PT3	-	**	-
Distance - PT4	-	***	-
Swimming speed - CUE	***	***	-
Swimming speed - PT1	***	**	-
Swimming speed - PT2	**	**	-
Swimming speed - PT3	-	***	-
Swimming speed - PT4	*	**	-
Probe trial- Opposite quadrant distance (m)	-	***	-
Probe trial- Target quadrant distance (m)	*	-	-
Probe trial- Latency to platform (s)	*	-	-
<i>Physical status</i>			
Body Weight (g)	-	***	***
Frailty index	***	***	*

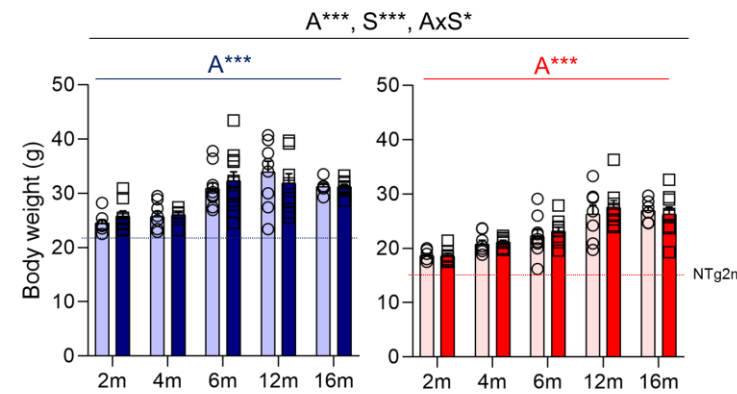
As shown in most behavioral variables, behavioral performances were strongly dependent on age.

Genotypes differed in their horizontal and vertical activities, thigmotaxis, coping with stress strategies, working memory, and frailty index.

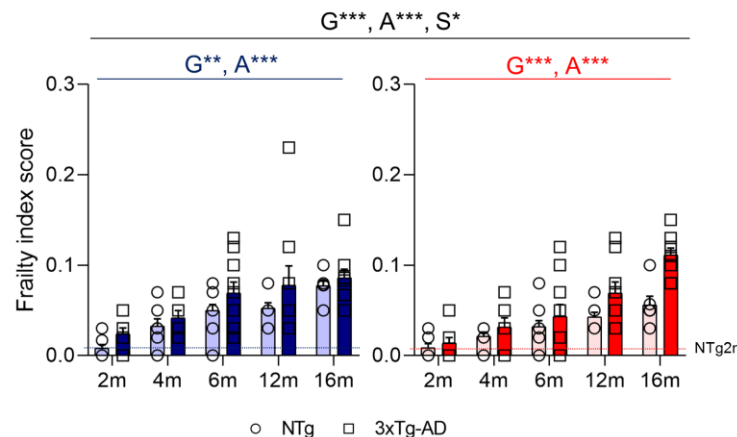
Sex effect was predominantly observed in a classical emotional variable and physical status, but also the horizontal and vertical activity in the test of neophobia and the open field.

PHYSICAL STATUS

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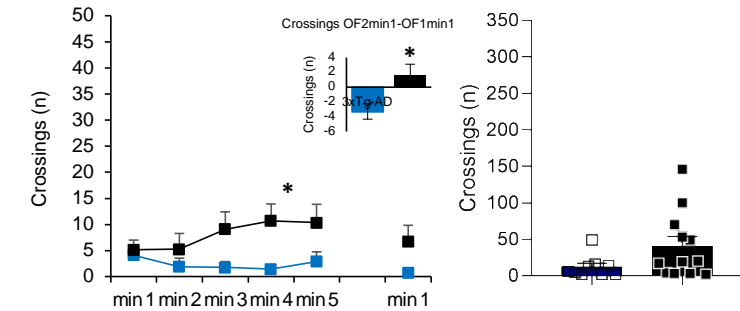
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SOCIAL ISOLATION IMPACT ON 3xTg-AD

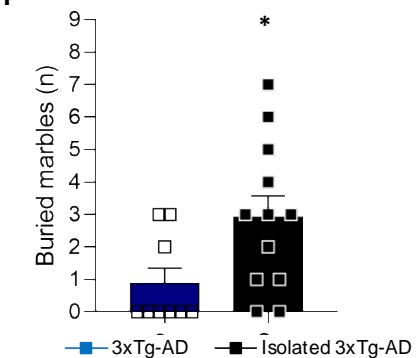
OPEN FIELD TEST

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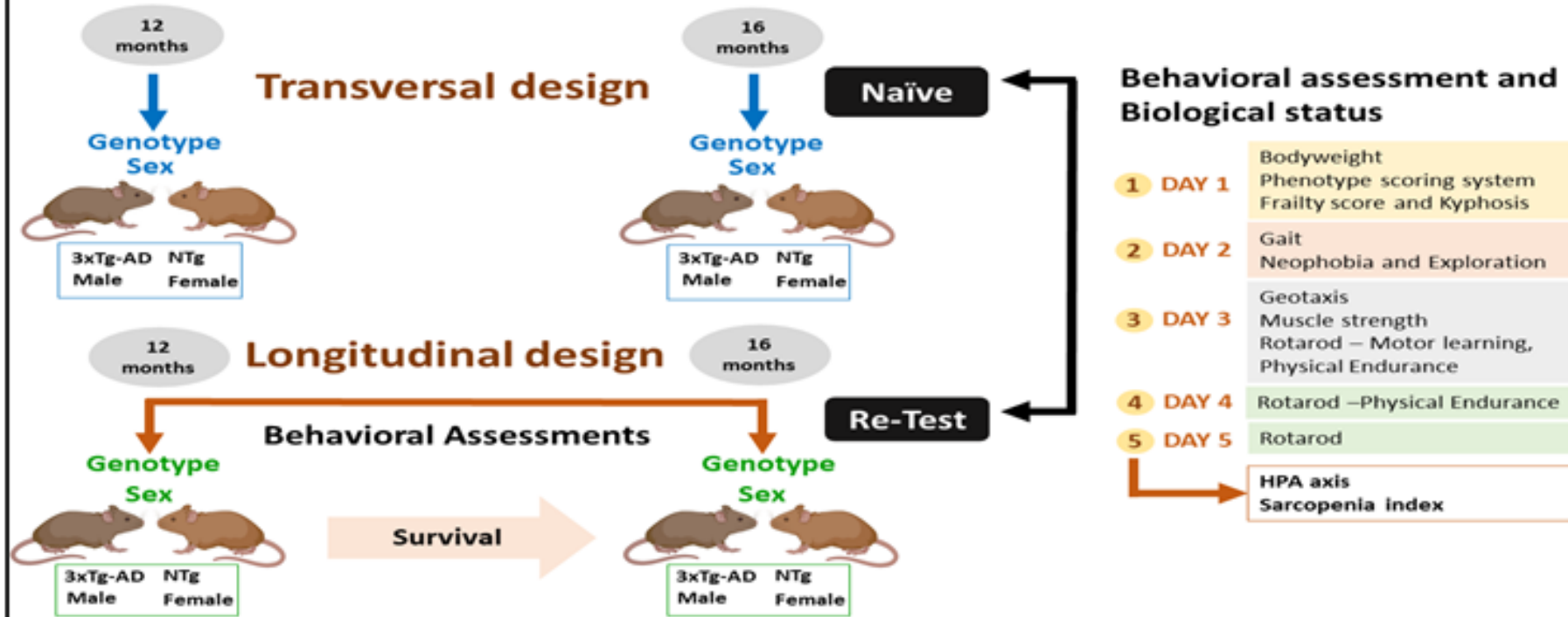


MARBLE TEST

B)



Impact of behavioral assessment and re-test as functional trainings that modify survival, anxiety and functional profile (physical endurance and motor learning) of old male and female 3xTg-AD mice and NTg mice with normal aging



Genotype load modulates amyloid burden and anxiety-like patterns in male 3xTg-AD survivors despite similar neuro-immunoendocrine, synaptic and cognitive impairments.

STUDY 3

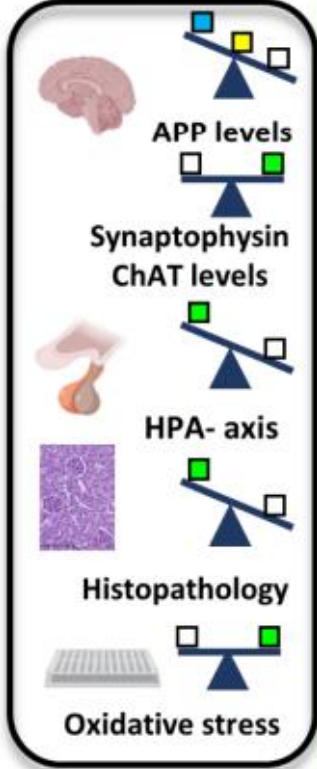
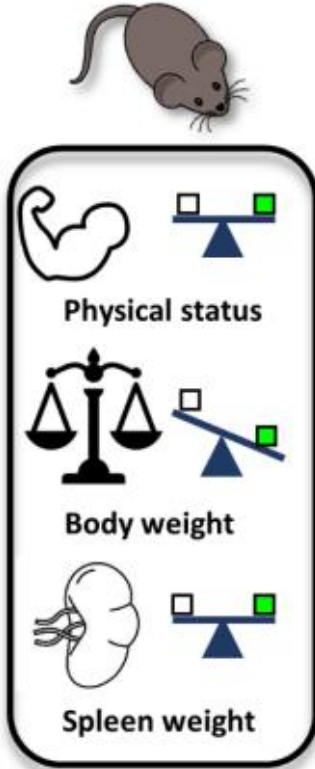
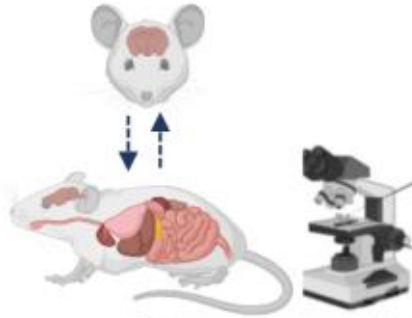
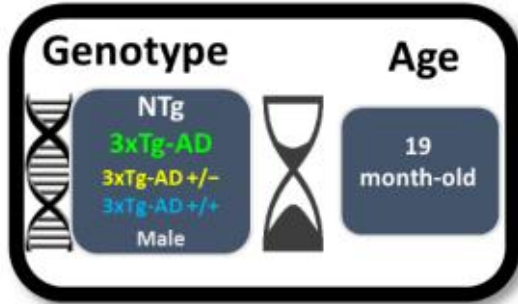


3xTg-AD+/+
3xTg-AD+/-
NTg
♂
19 months old

BEHAVIORAL PHENOTYPE

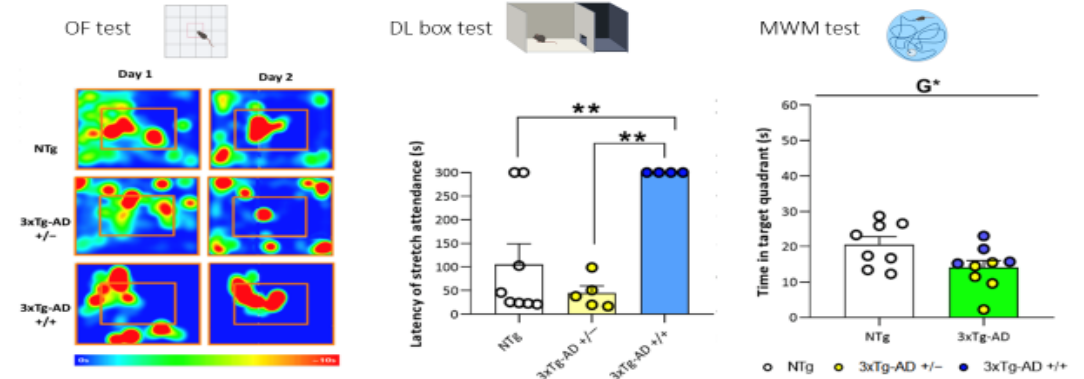
SYSTEMIC PHENOTYPE

NEUROPATHOLOGY



BEHAVIORAL PHENOTYPE

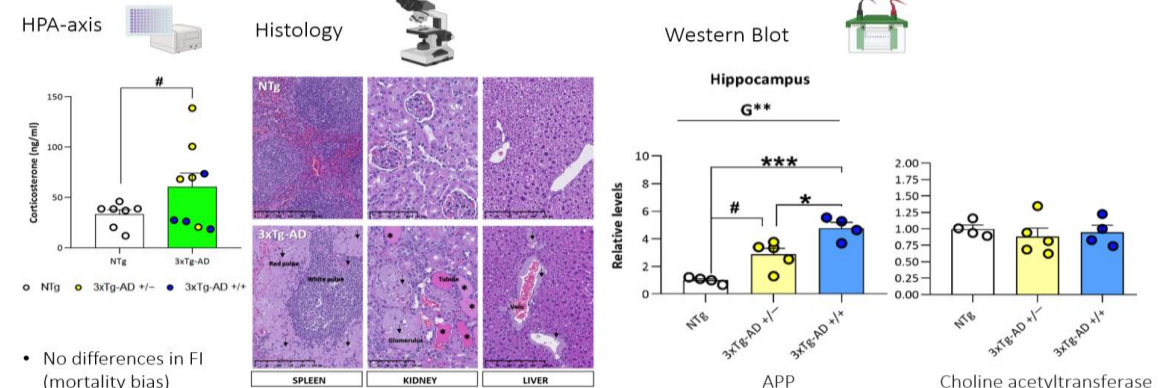
Survival Bias: Convergence of behavioral profile. Cognitive impairment the salient trait
Genotype: Anxiety-like profile more related to genetic load



Non-linear impact of genetic load in the different dimensions studied

SYSTEMIC PHENOTYPE

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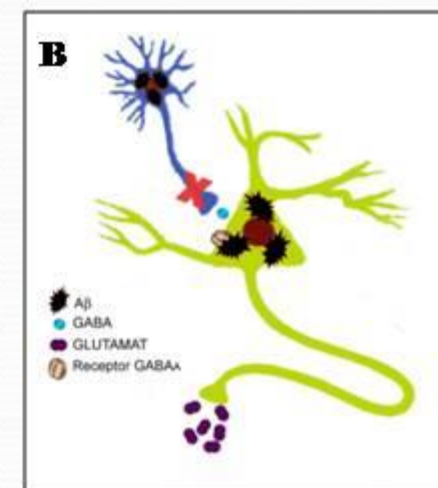
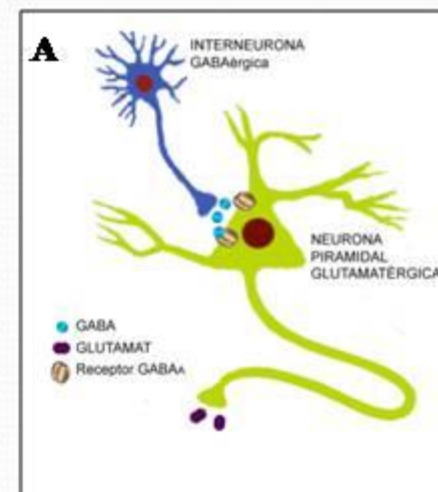
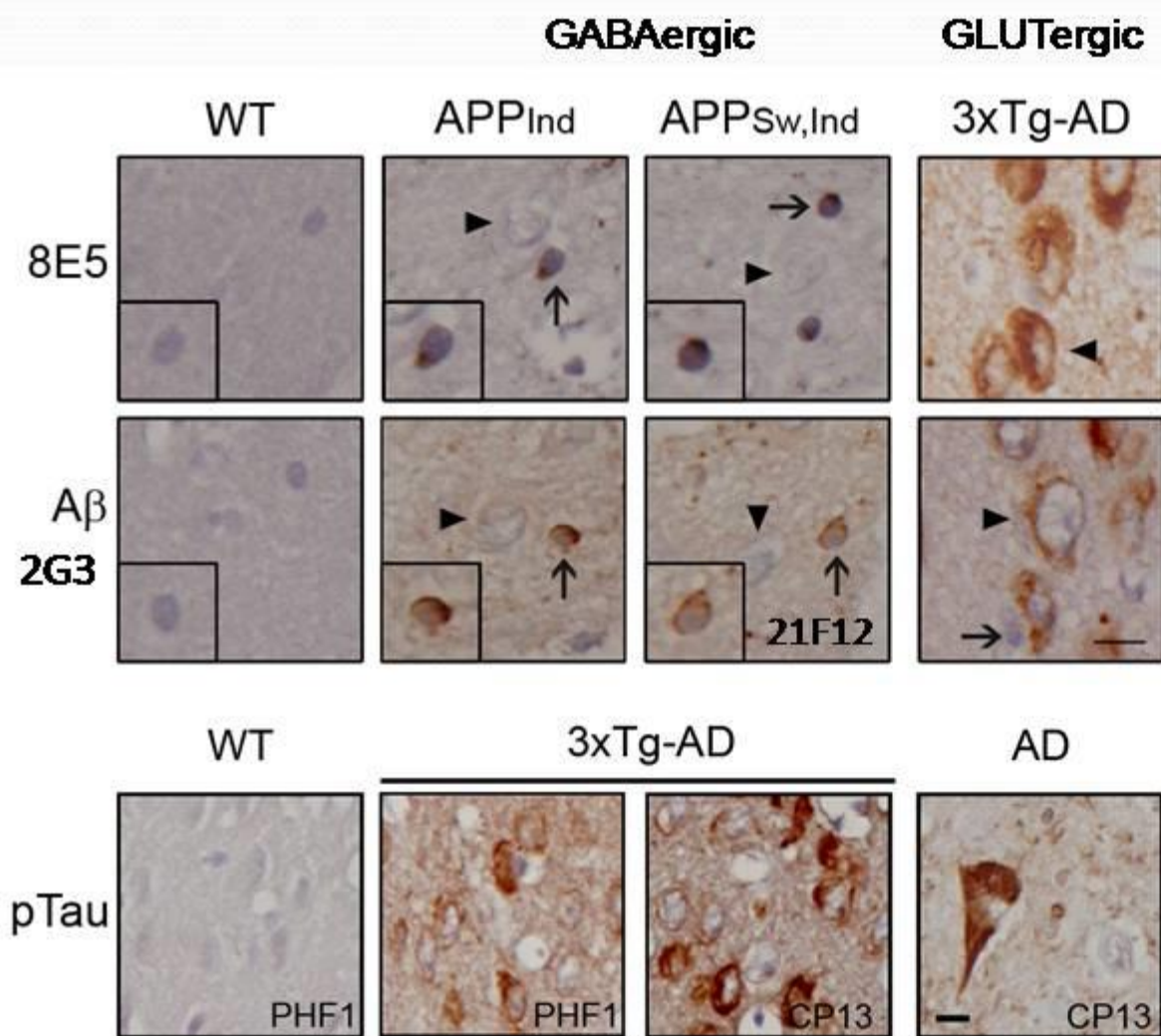
- No differences in FI (mortality bias)
- Non-linear increase of corticosterone levels

Histopathology provided evidence of the systemic features of AD, despite similar peripheral organs' oxidative stress

Increased APP
Convergent synaptophysin and choline acetyltransferase brain levels

Non-linear impact of genetic load in the different dimensions studied

Intraneuronal A β accumulation in the basolateral amygdala of AD mice



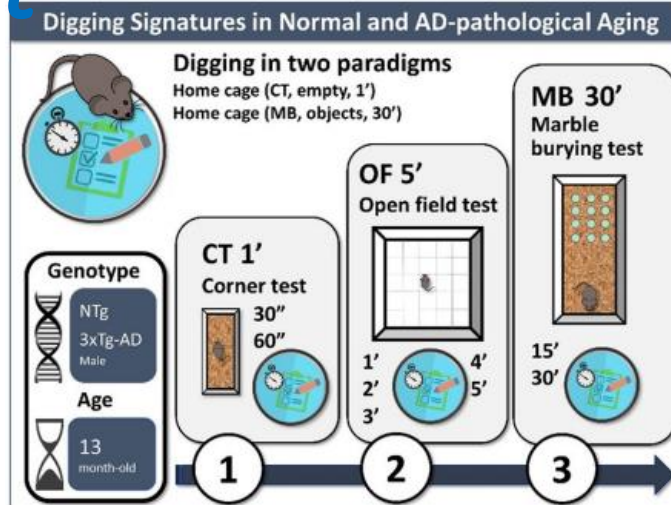
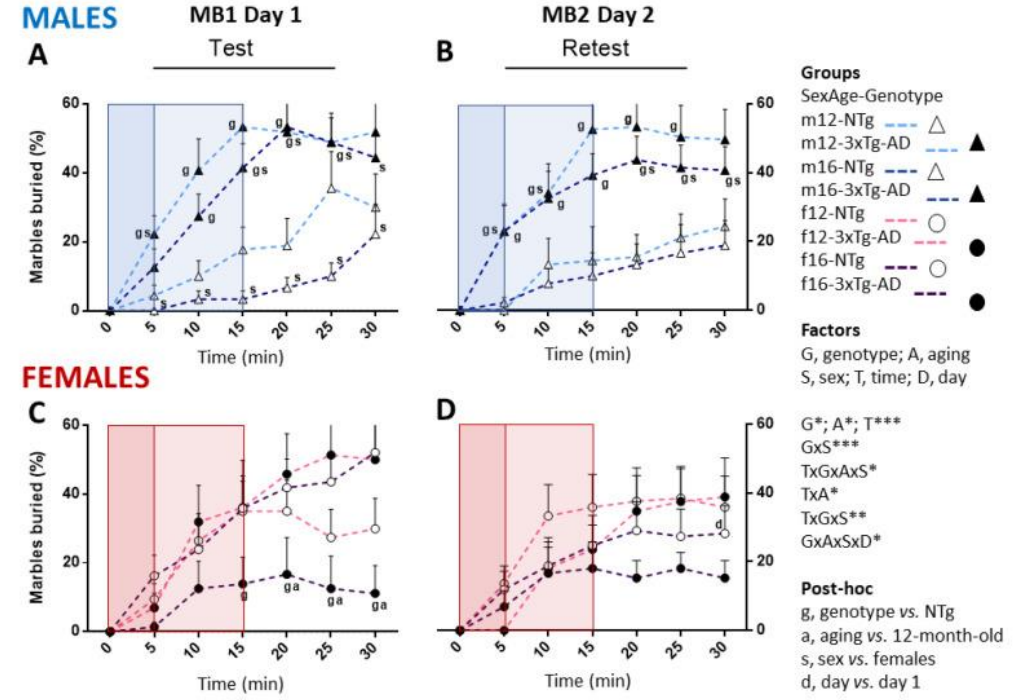
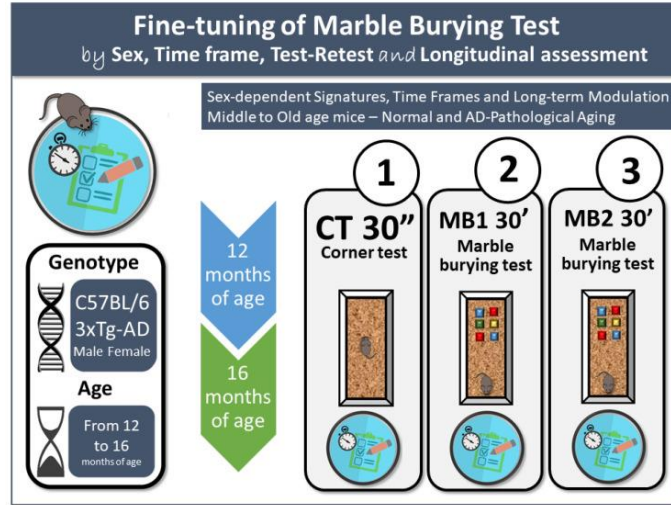


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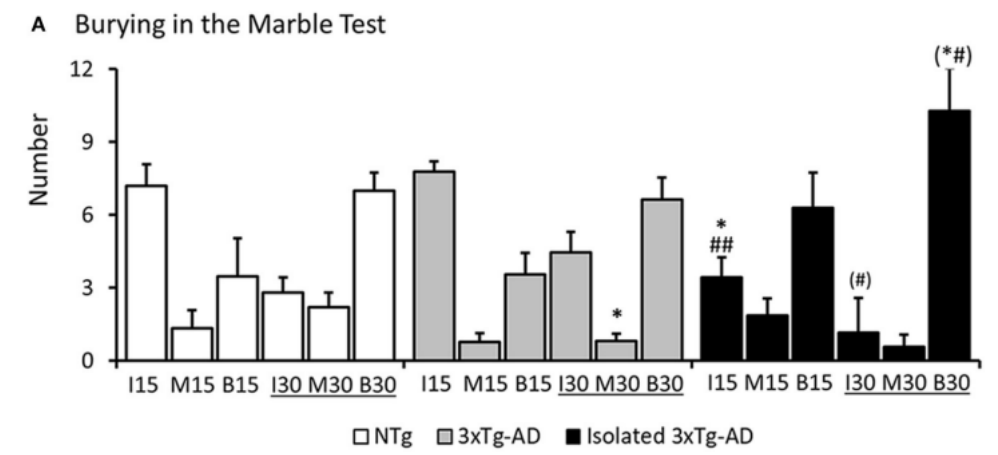
Marble-burying is enhanced in 3xTg-AD mice, can be reversed by risperidone and it is modifiable by handling

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Rethinking Repurposing Refinement

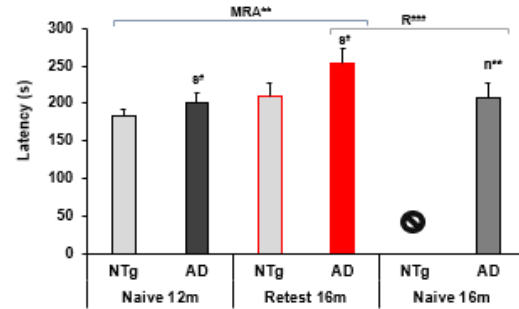
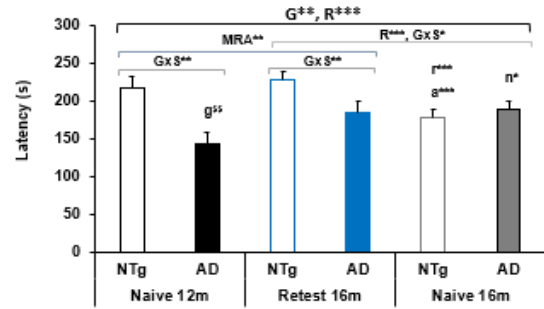


Digging in a New Home Cage with Objects

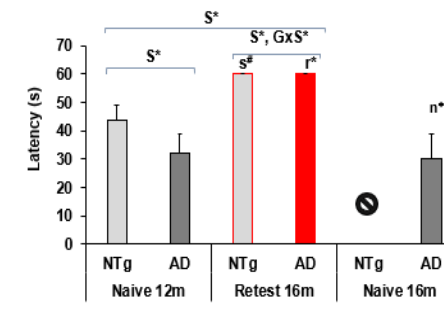
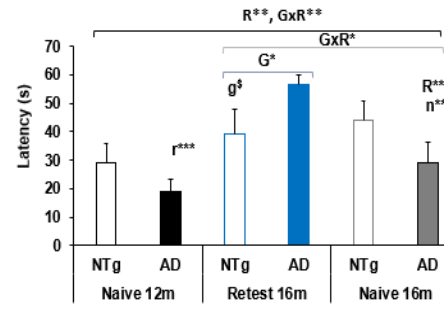


Motor learning and Physical Endurance - Rotarod

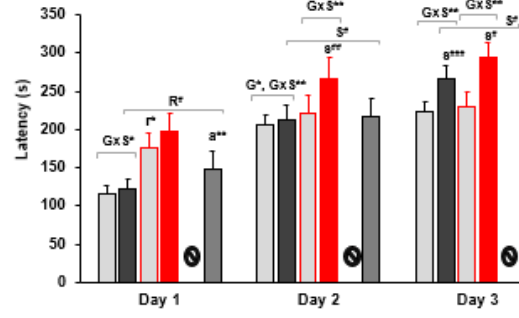
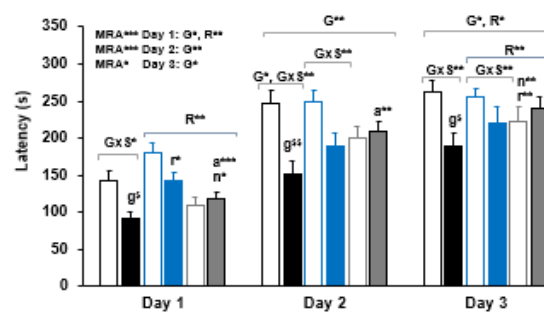
Physical Endurance – latency



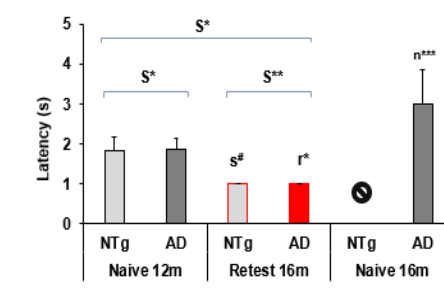
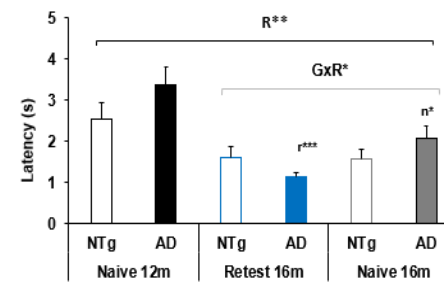
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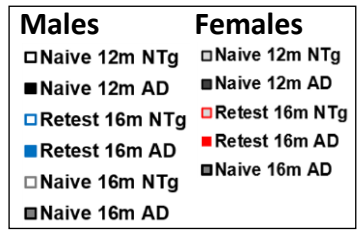
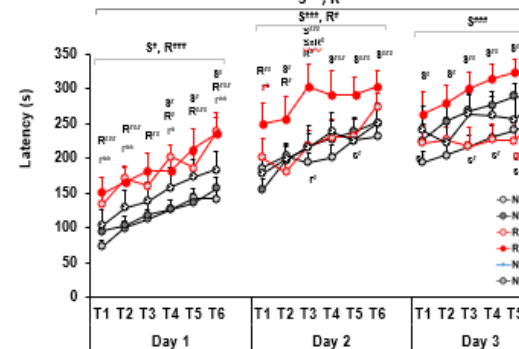
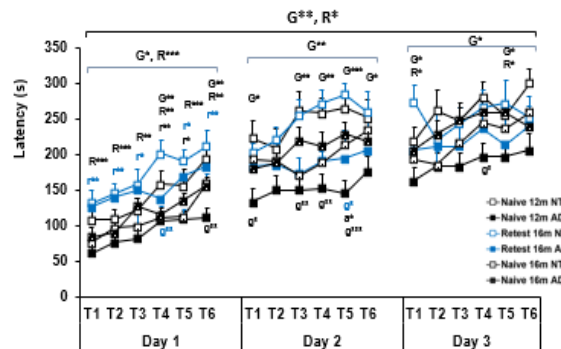
Physical Endurance - day by day



Motor learning - trial's learning



Physical Endurance - trial by trial



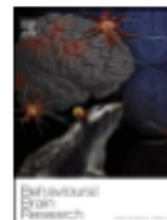
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Research report

Bizarre behaviors and risk assessment in 3xTg-AD mice at early stages of the disease

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Bizarre behaviors in 3xTg-AD mice were conspicuous and measurable early-BPSD.
- They consisted in stereotyped-rearing and stretching, backward movements and jumps.
- Female gender was the most suitable to study bizarre movements and risk assessment.
- Handling reduced bizarre behaviors and freezing whereas potentiated risk assessment.
- Besides, handling induced selective effects on locomotor activity and emotionality.

Handling (PND1–PND21)



Table 1

Long-term effects of postnatal handling on bizarre behaviors elicited by 6-months-old C57BL/6 × 129 and 3xTg-AD mice in the open field test.

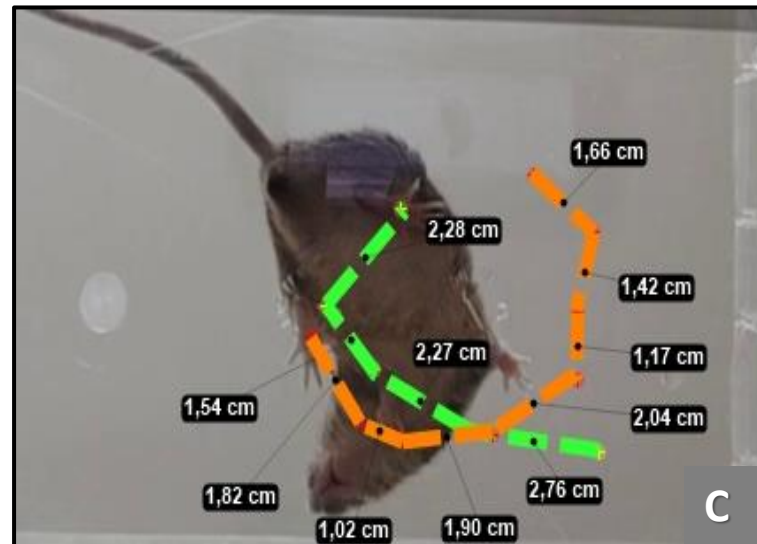
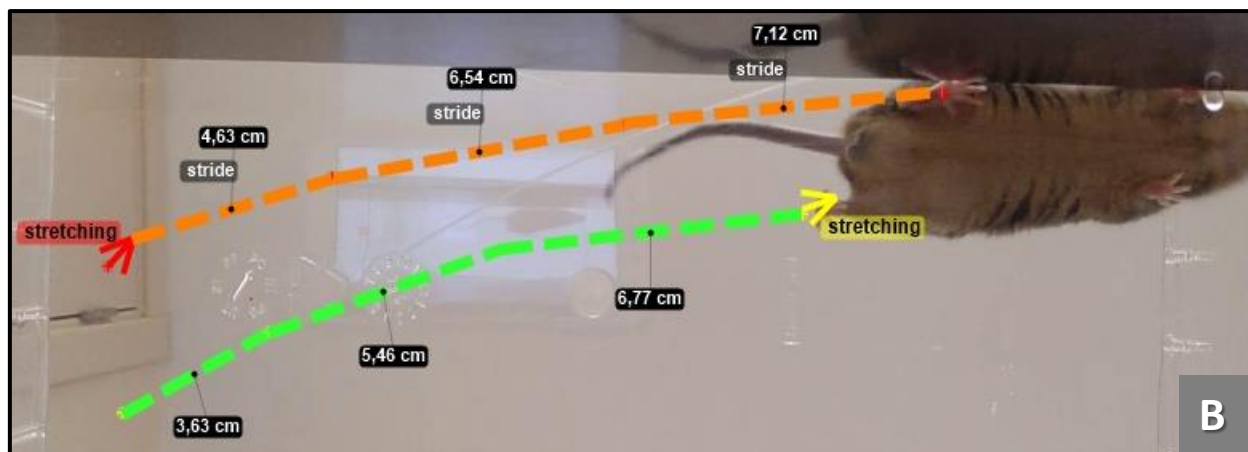
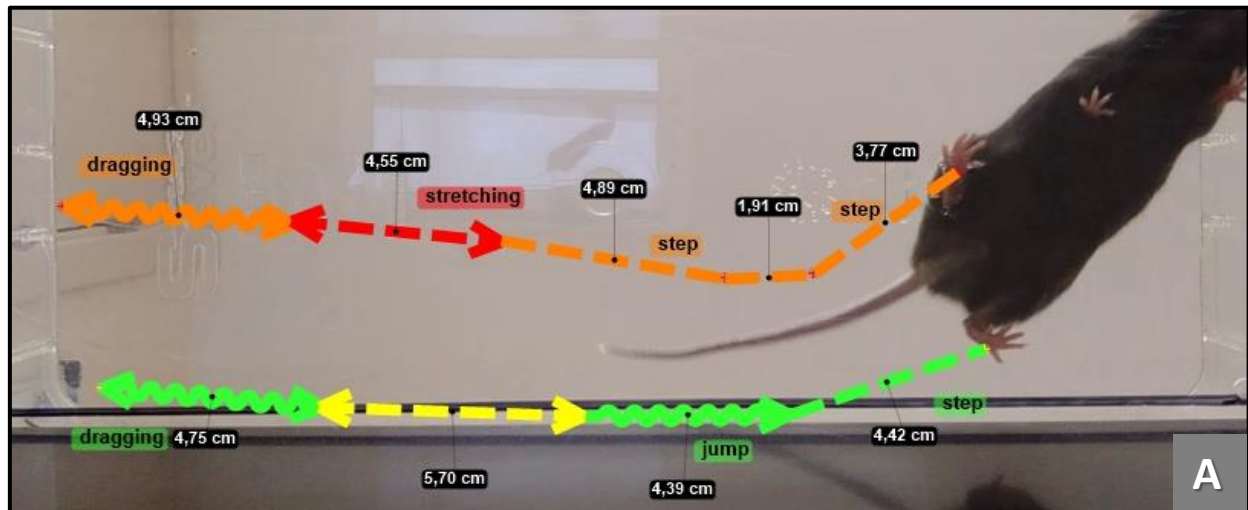
	Non-transgenic mice		3xTg-AD mice	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Non-handled animals				
Stereotyped stretching	–	+	–	+
Stereotyped rearings	+++	+++	+++	++
Backward movements	–	+	–	+++
Jumping	+	–	–	–
Handled animals				
Stereotyped stretching	–	+	–	+
Stereotyped rearings	++	+	++	+
Backward movements	+	+	+	+
Jumping	–	–	–	–

For each of the four bizarre behaviors, the results are expressed as the incidence (percentage, %) of animals exhibiting that behavior: 0% (–); 0–33% (+); 33–66% (++); 66–100% (+++).

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Refinement

Gait and Bizarre gait patterns



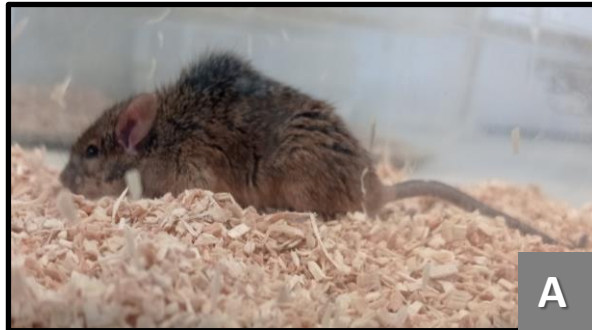
Gait patterns and trajectory (A), (B)

"Circling" bizarre gait pattern (C)

Castillo-Mariqueo L, Pérez-García MJ, Giménez-Llort L. Modeling Functional Limitations, Gait Impairments, and Muscle Pathology in Alzheimer's Disease: Studies in the 3xTg-AD Mice. *Biomedicines*. 2021;9(10):1365. Published 2021 Oct 1. doi:10.3390/biomedicines9101365

Refinement

Kyphosis and Hindlimb clasp



Structural Kyphosis: (A) Sagittal plane lateral view; (B) Front plane rear view; (C) Transverse plane top view.



Hindlimb clasp:
(D) normal response,
(E) moderate response, and (F) severe response

Experimental research



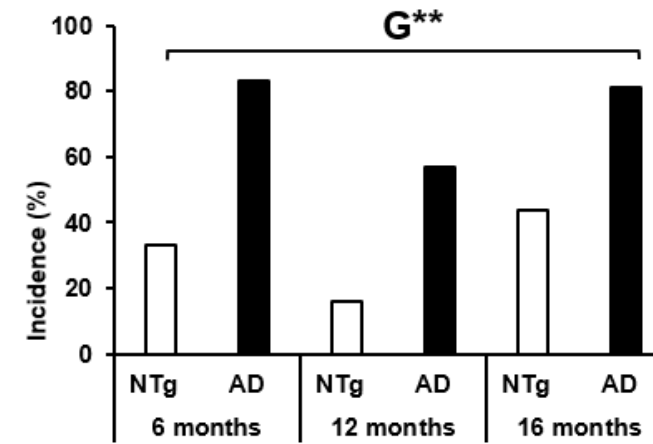
Modelling Functional Limitations, Gait Impairments, and Muscle Pathology

Conditions	NTg			3xTg-AD			Statistics
	6-months	12-months	16-months	6-months	12-months	16-months	
1. Survival (mean + SEM days) (mortality ratio)	329 + 25.26 3/15 (20%)	337 + 29.09 3/9 (33.3%)	350 + 15.60 20/40 (50%)	208 + 1.26 0/15 (0%)	395 + 9.63 1/16 (6.2%)	481 + 25.31 5/24 (20.8%)	S&A
2. Kyphosis (animals, %)	-	3/6 (50%)	5/9 (56%)	1/6 (17%)	3/7 (43%)	4/11 (36%)	A**
Postural	-	-	-	1/6 (17%)	-	1/11 (9%)	n.s.
Structural	-	3/6 (50%)	5/9 (56%)	-	3/7 (43%)	3/11 (27%)	A*
3. Physical conditions (animals, %)							
Body weight	30 g.	30 g.	30 g.	28 g.	33 g.	34g.	A*, a#
Alopecia	2/6 (33%)	4/6 (67%)	5/9 (56%)	1/6 (17%)	4/7 (57%)	4/11 (36%)	n.s.
Body position	-	-	-	-	-	5/11 (45%)	a#
Palpebral closure	-	-	-	-	-	4/11 (36%)	a#
Piloerection	-	1/6 (17%)	2/9 (22%)	-	-	6/11 (55%)	A*
Tail position	-	-	-	-	-	4/11 (36%)	a#
Tremor	-	1/6 (17%)	-	-	-	9/11 (82%)	A**, G*

Kaplan-Meier, Log Rank: S&A p<0.01. X₂, A: age, ** p < 0.01 * p < 0.05, G: genotype, * p < 0.05. n.s. p > 0.05.

- Signs of physical frailty accompany functional deterioration in these animals.

Hindlimb claspings



- The hindlimb claspings reflex is also a primary impairment indicating worsening AD symptomatology, present in 3xTg-AD mice regardless of age.



Research report

Cognitive and emotional alterations in young Alzheimer's disease (3xTgAD) mice: Effects of neonatal handling stimulation and sexual dimorphism

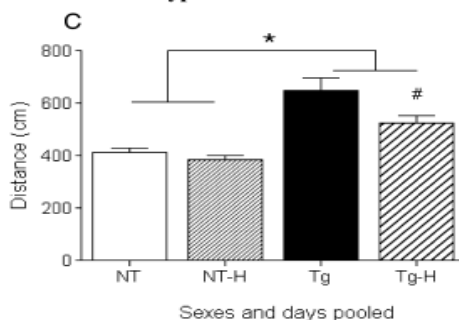
T. Cañete*, G. Blázquez, A. Tobeña, L. Giménez-Llort, A. Fernández-Teruel*

- Young 3xTgAD mice exhibit a spatial learning and reference memory deficit.
- 3xTgAD mice exhibit increased behavioral inhibition in some novelty tests.
- Sexual dimorphism appears in most novelty tests.
- Gender differences are reflected by increased cognitive deficits in females.
- Neonatal Handling improves spatial learning and normalize motor activity.



Refinement: Who and When

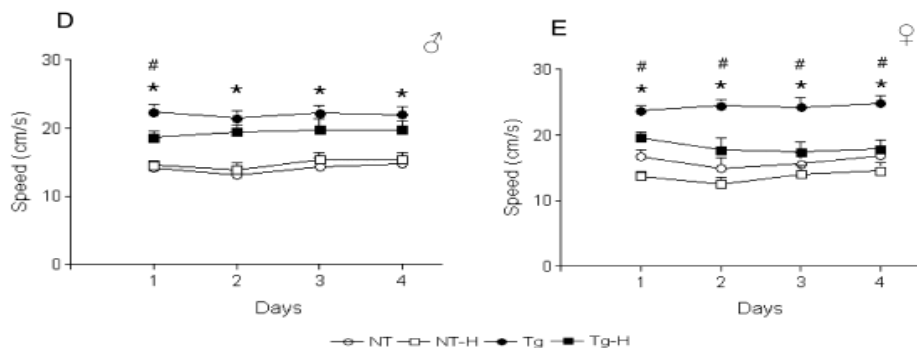
Genotype and Treatment effect



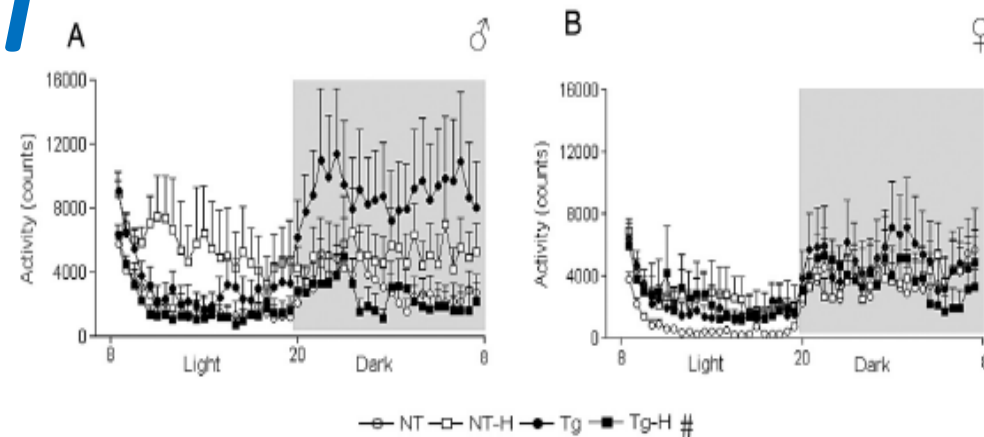
Handling (PND1-PND21)



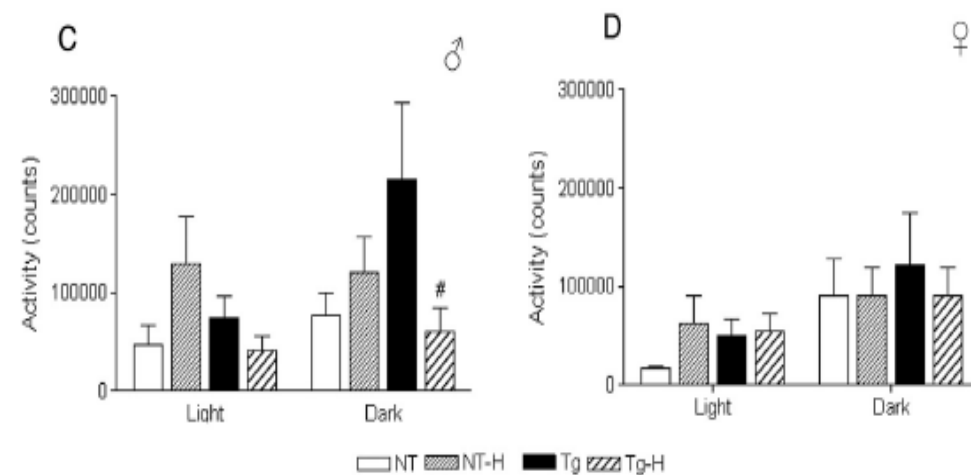
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SPONTANEOUS ACTIVITY
Genotype x Treatment effect

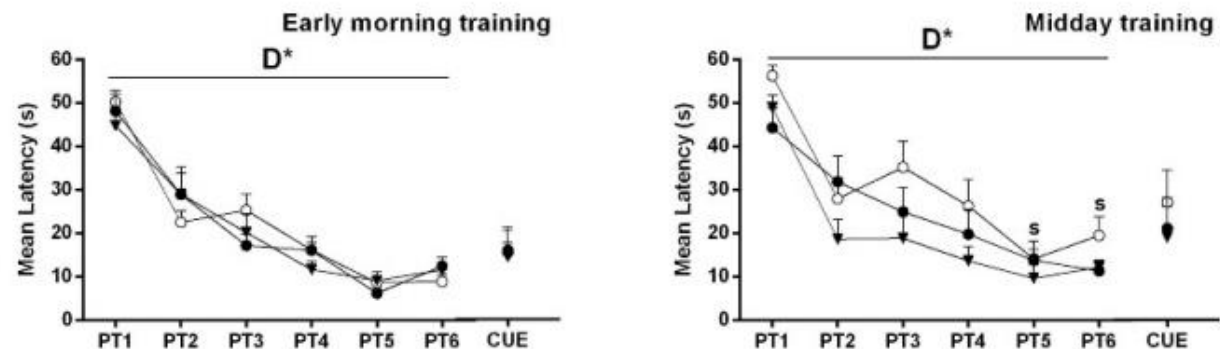


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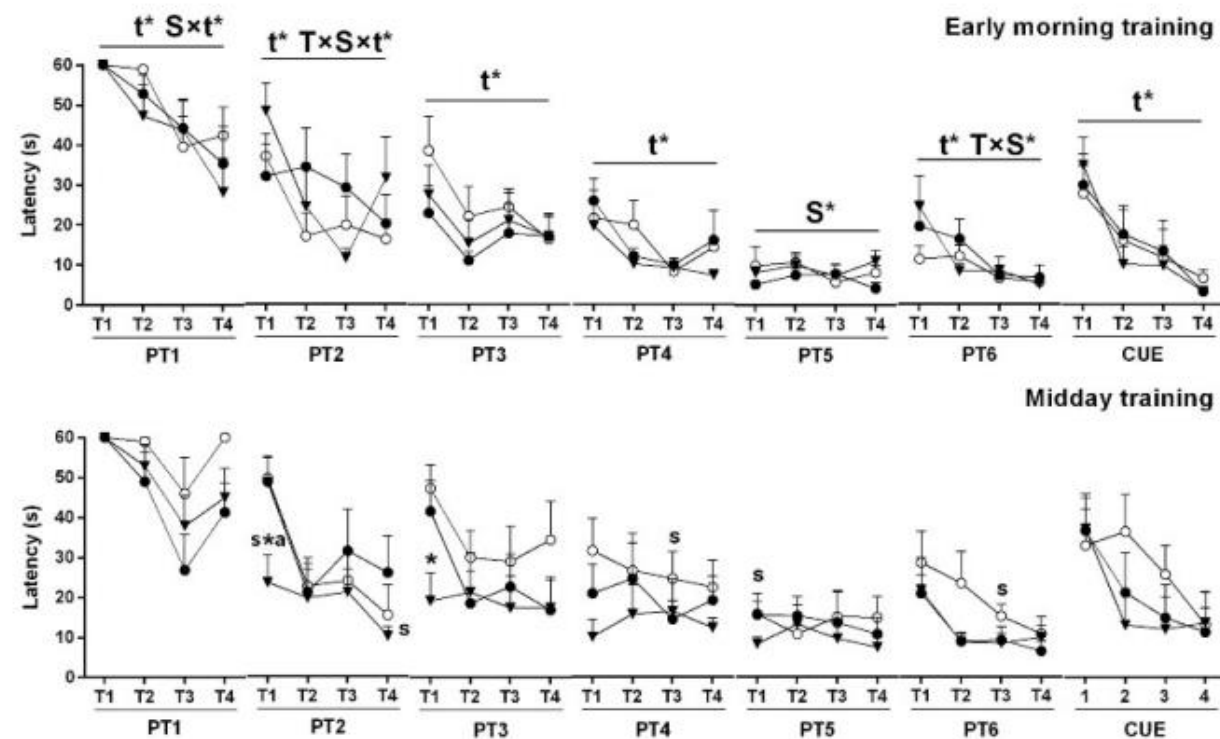


○ Saline ● HX 0.12 $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ▼ AVCRI 0.6 $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$

A. Day-by-day



B. Trial-by-trial

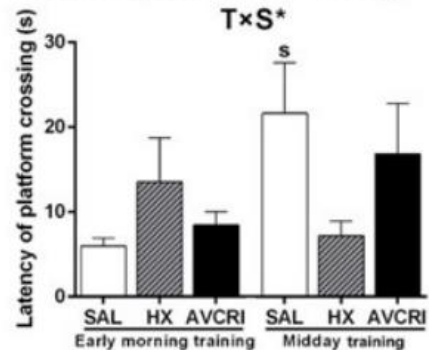


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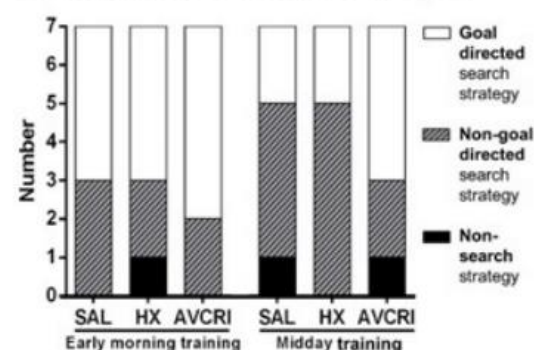
Clock/Sleep-Dependent Learning and Memory in Male 3xTg-AD Mice at Advanced Disease Stages and Extrinsic Effects of Huprine X and the Novel Multitarget Agent AVCRI104P3

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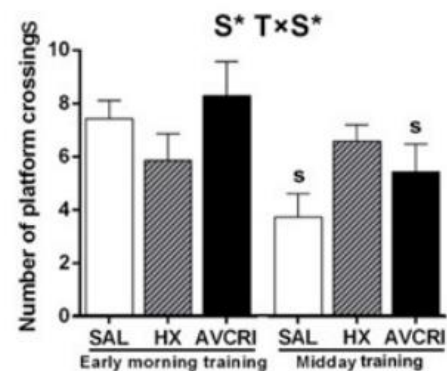
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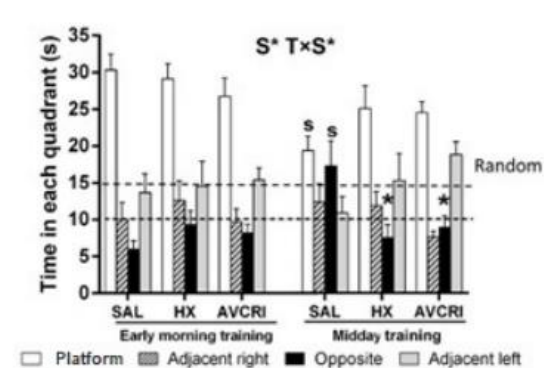
B. Search and non-search strategies



C. Annulus crossings



D. Performance in the probe trial

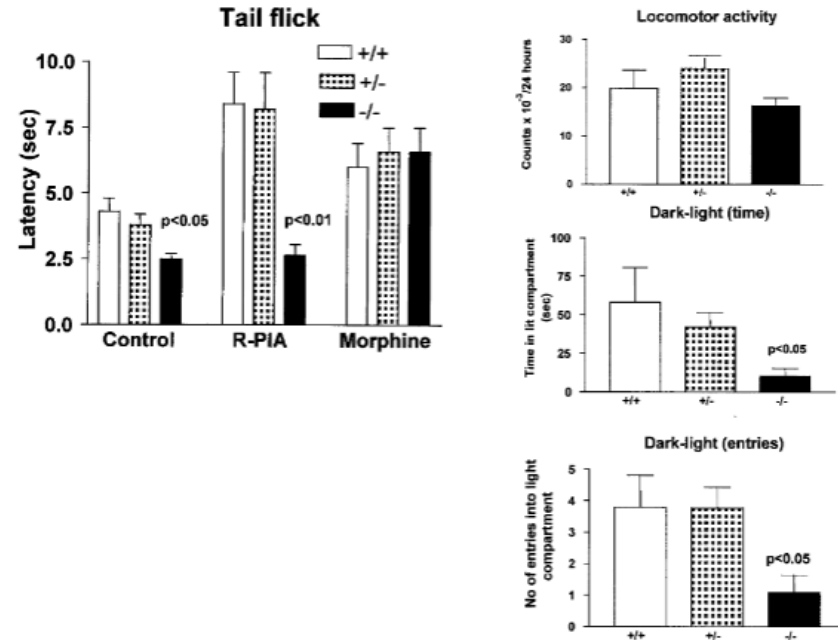


Hyperalgesia, anxiety, and decreased hypoxic neuroprotection in mice lacking the adenosine A₁ receptor

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Long-term Treatment with Low-Dose Caffeine Worsens BPSD-Like Profile in 3xTg-AD Mice Model of Alzheimer's Disease and Affects Mice with Normal Aging

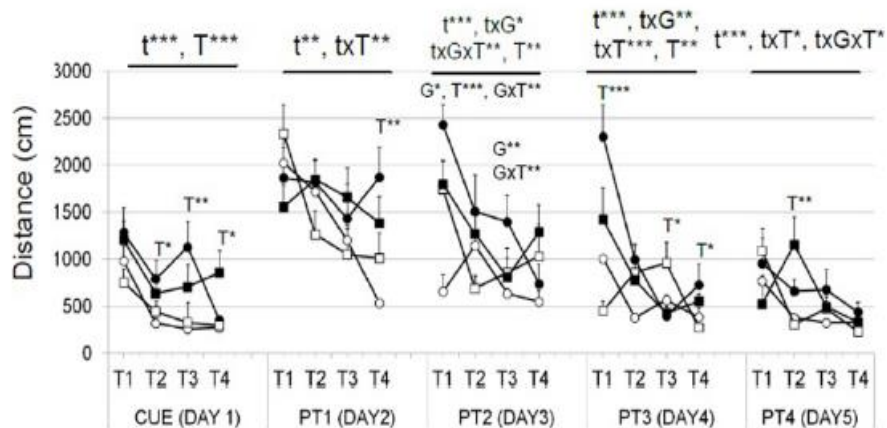
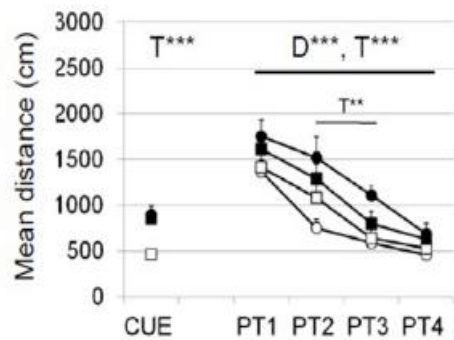
An exacerbation of BPSD-like symptoms may partly interfere with the beneficial cognitive effects of caffeine.

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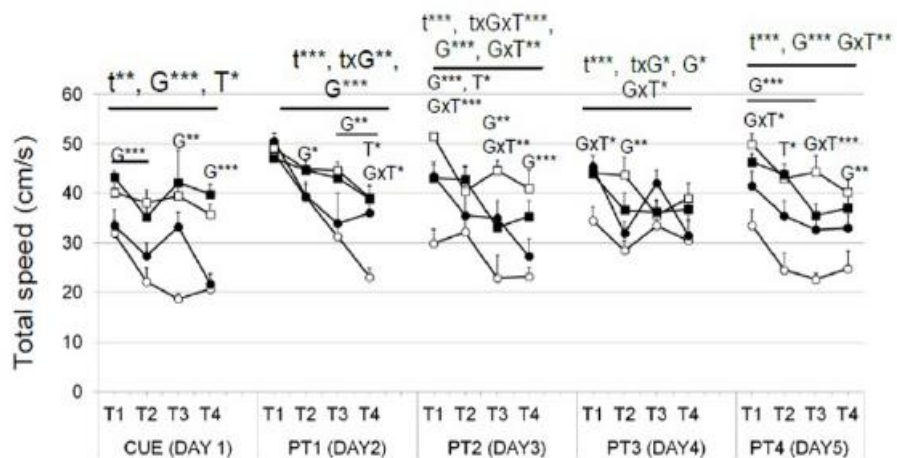
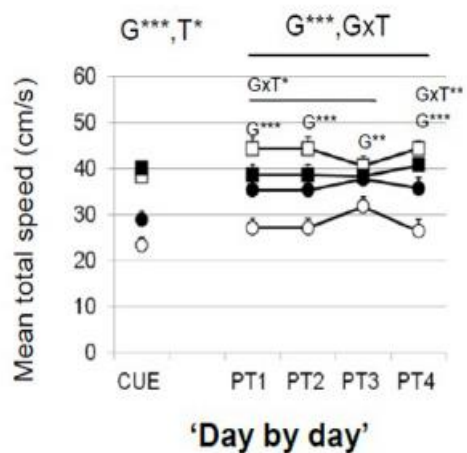
Mice lacking the adenosine A₁ receptor are anxious and aggressive, but are normal learners with reduced muscle strength and survival rate

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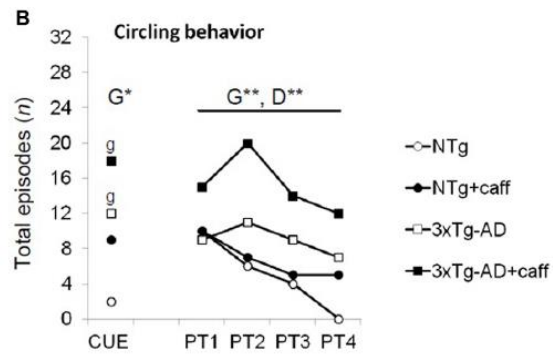
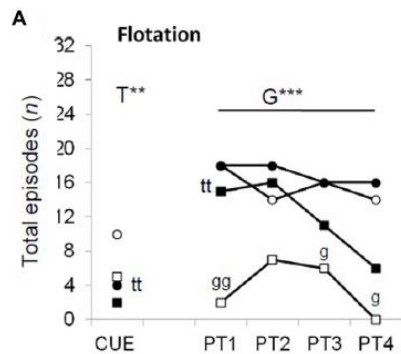
B DISTANCE



C SWIMMING SPEED



NON-SEARCH AND SEARCH STRATEGIES IN THE MORRIS WATER MAZE

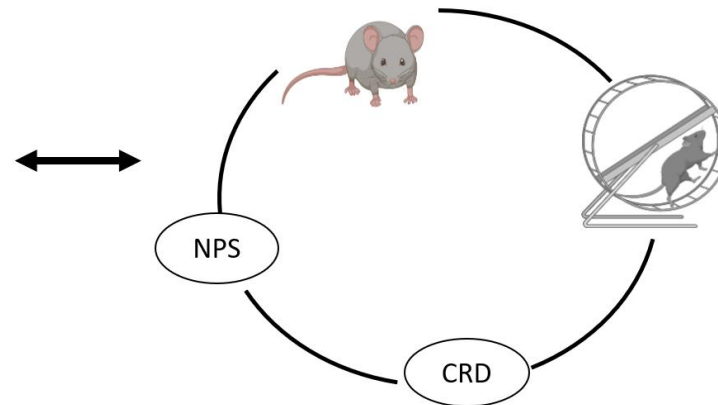
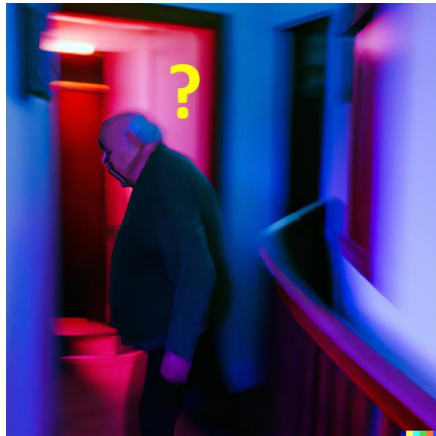


- Learning and memory, strongly influenced by anxiety in **3xTg-AD** mice, got little benefit from caffeine, only shown after a detailed analysis of **navigation strategies**.
- The worsened pattern in **NTg mice** and the use of search strategies in 3xTg-AD mice make **both groups more similar**.
- Caffeine normalized **splenomegaly** of 3xTg-AD mice but increased **corticosterone** levels.

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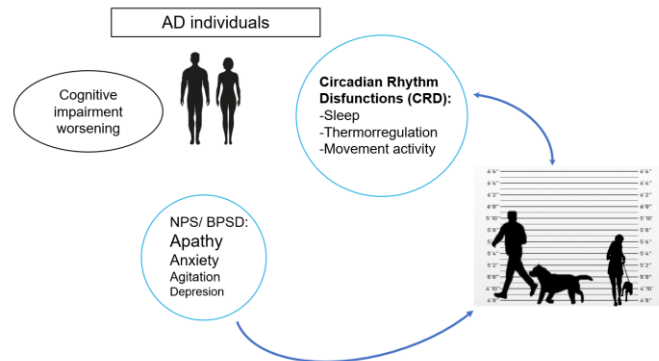
Sex- and Neuropsychiatric-Dependent Circadian Alterations in Daily Voluntary Physical Activity Engagement and Patterns in Aged 3xTg-AD Mice

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Clinical setting

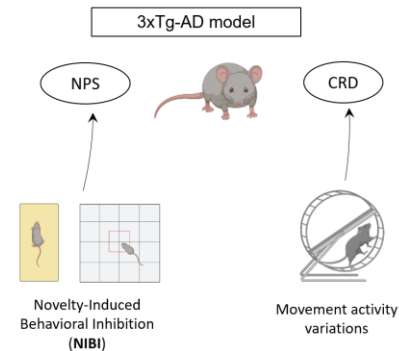
AD and Physical Activity (PA) levels



- Physical Activity (PA) = non-structured physical exercise including activities of daily living. (Bowen et al., *Sport. Med.* **2011**, *41*, 73–86.)
- Negative influence of NPS/BPSD on PA levels in AD patients. (Watts, et al. *PLoS One* **2018**, *13*)
- Bidirectional relationship of CRD and PA levels in free living and institutionalized patients (Nassan, M.; Videnovic, A. *Nat. Rev. Neurol.* **2022**, *18*, 7–24)
- Marked reduction of PA in older AD women patients. (De Bono et al., *Am. J. Physiol. - Regul. Integr. Comp. Physiol.* **2006**, *290*, 926–934)

Preclinical field

AD and Physical Activity (PA) levels

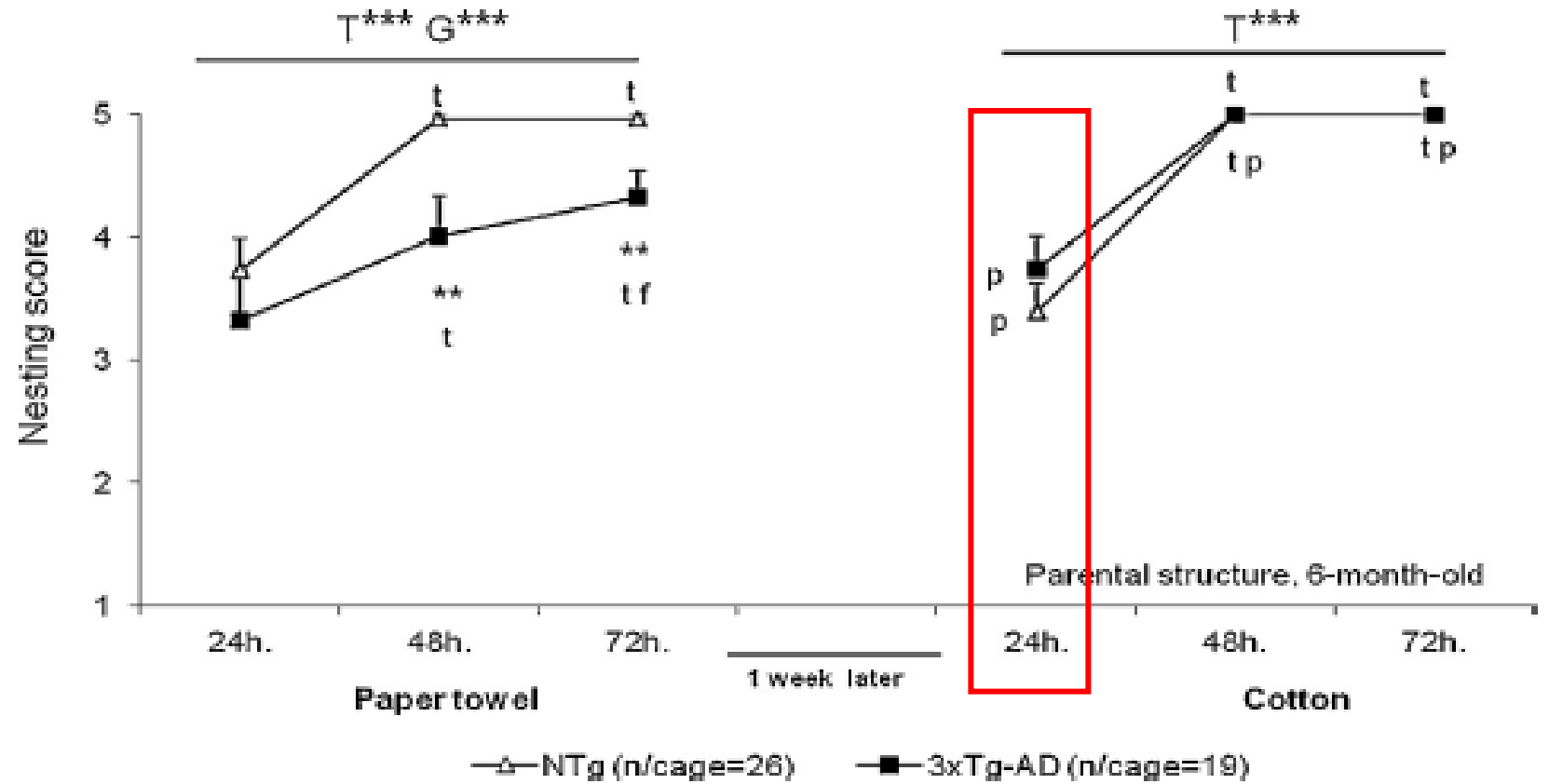


- In 3xTg-AD
- Good face and construct validity. (Bilkei-Gorzo et al., *Pharmacol. Ther.* **2014**, *142*, 244–57)
 - Replicates NPS symptoms. (Giménez-Llort et al., *Neurosci. Biobehav. Rev.* **2007**, *31*, 125–47)
 - Reproduces sleep and movement activity disorder (Stover et al., *Behav. Brain Res.* **2015**, *289*, 29–38)
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- In NTg and other Tg models
- Age-dependent decline of activity in Running Wheel (RW) (Ingram, D.K. *Med. Sci. Sports Exerc.* **2000**, *32*, 1623–29)
 - Greater levels of PA in females. (Bowen et al., *Sport. Med.* **2011**, *41*, 73–86)

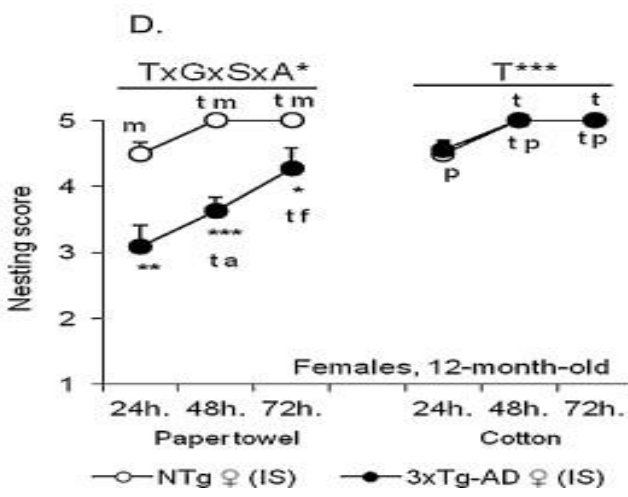
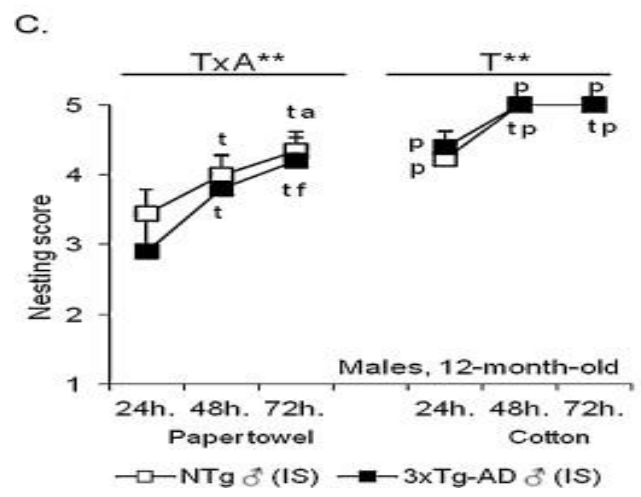
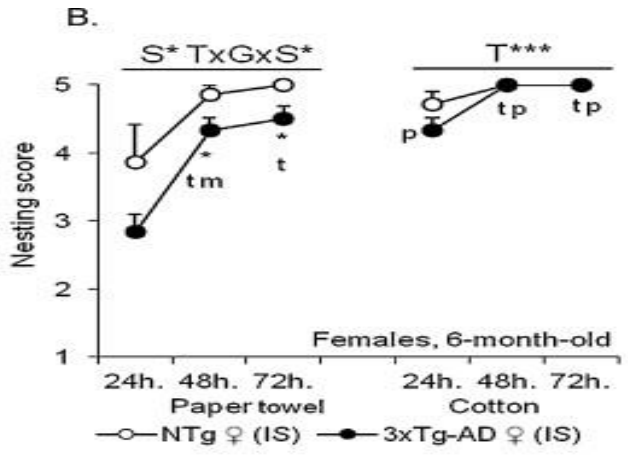
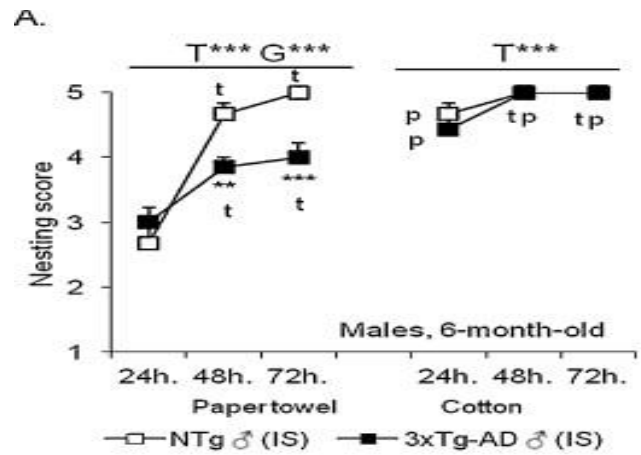
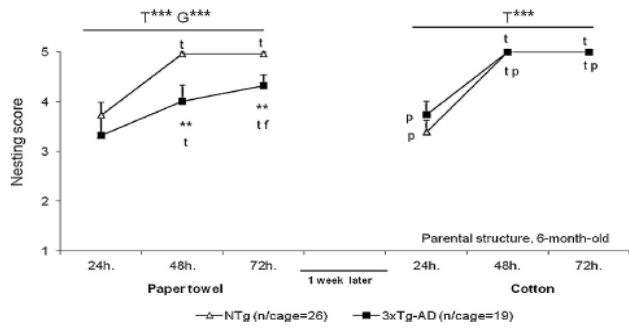
Nesting



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Deacon
 Nesting Score
 (Cotton, 24h, 1-5)



Nesting Behavior



Social Nesting in Male and Female Mice for Home Cage Behavioral Monitoring

Genotype



NTg
3xTg-AD
Male Female

Treatment



PND1
to
PND21

Age



6
month-
old



Example: Monitoring in male and female NTg and 3xTg-AD mice the long-term effects of neonatal sensorial stimulation



Deacon's nesting score (1-5)

Social nesting
Sleeping behavior



1
Day

Social nesting
Sleeping behavior

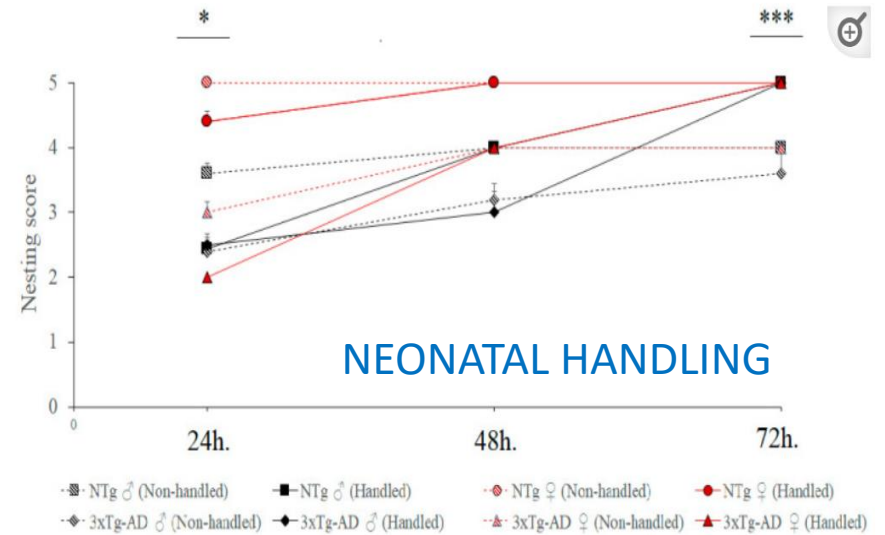


2
Day

Social nesting
Sleeping behavior



3
Day

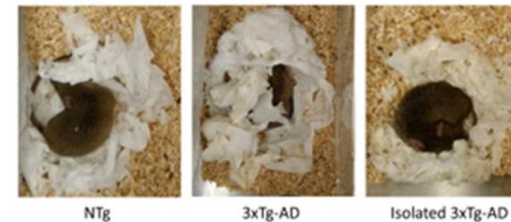


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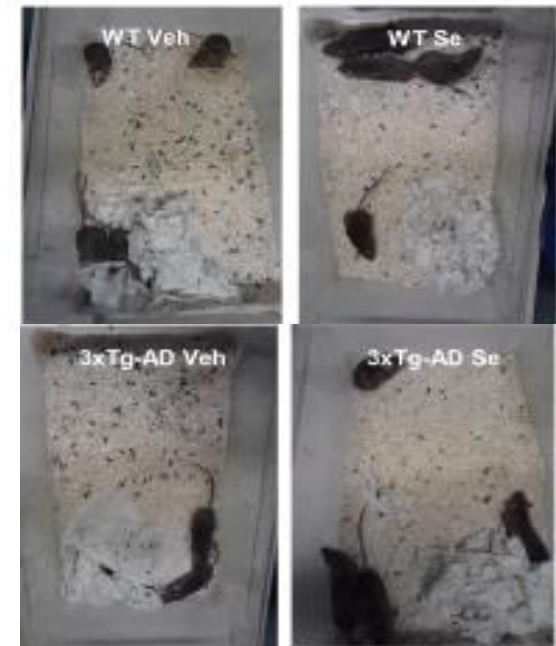
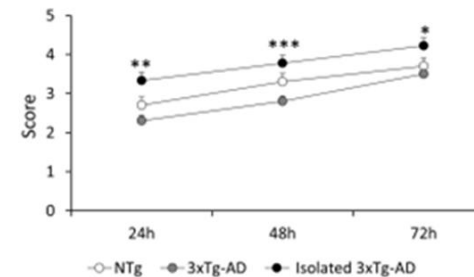
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A Representative nest buildings



B Nesting score

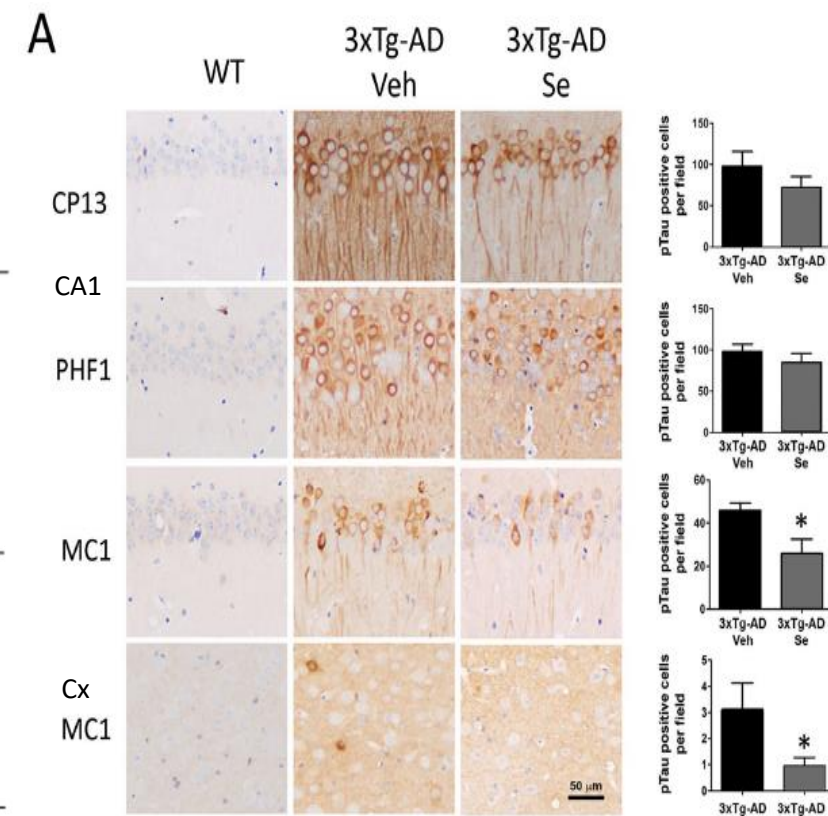
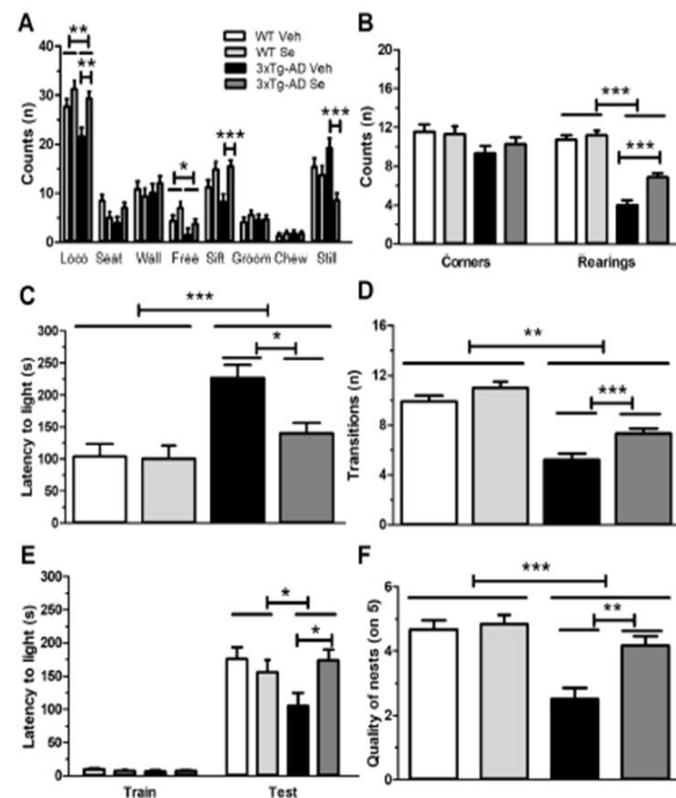
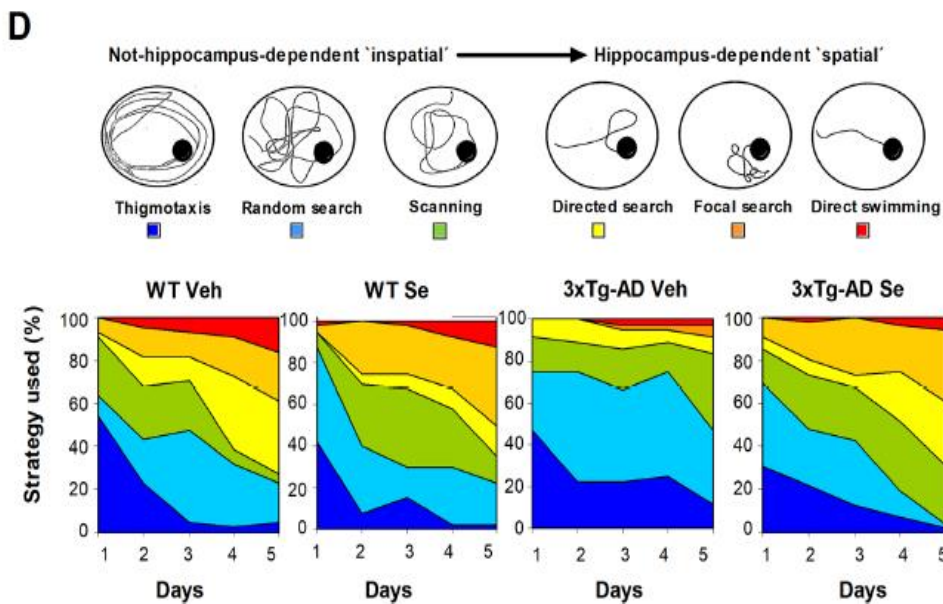
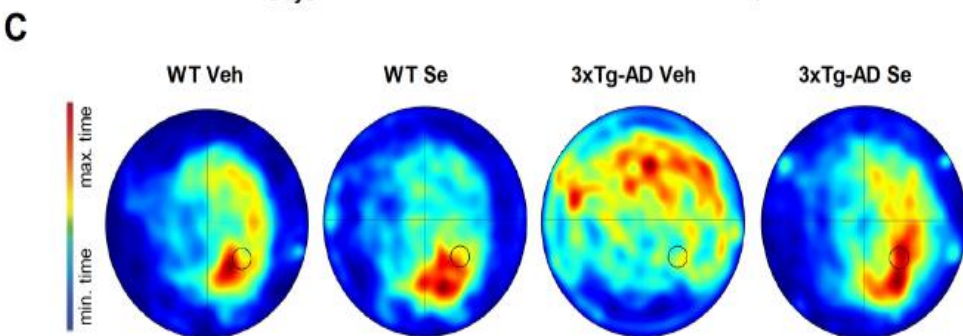
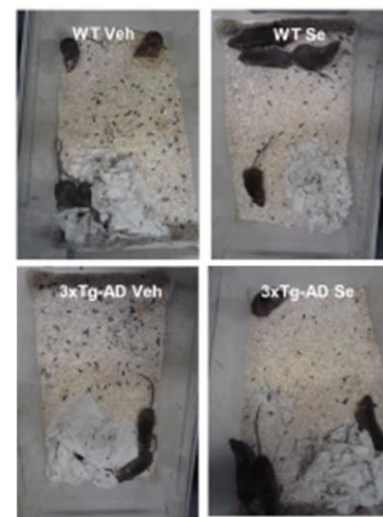
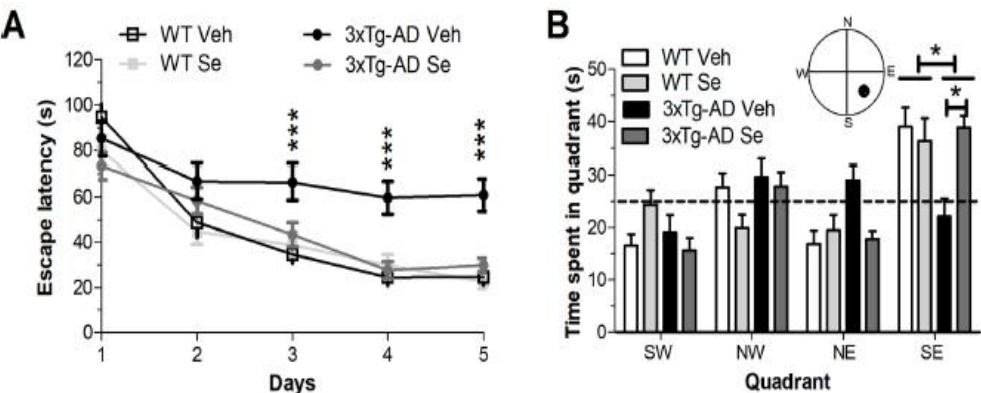


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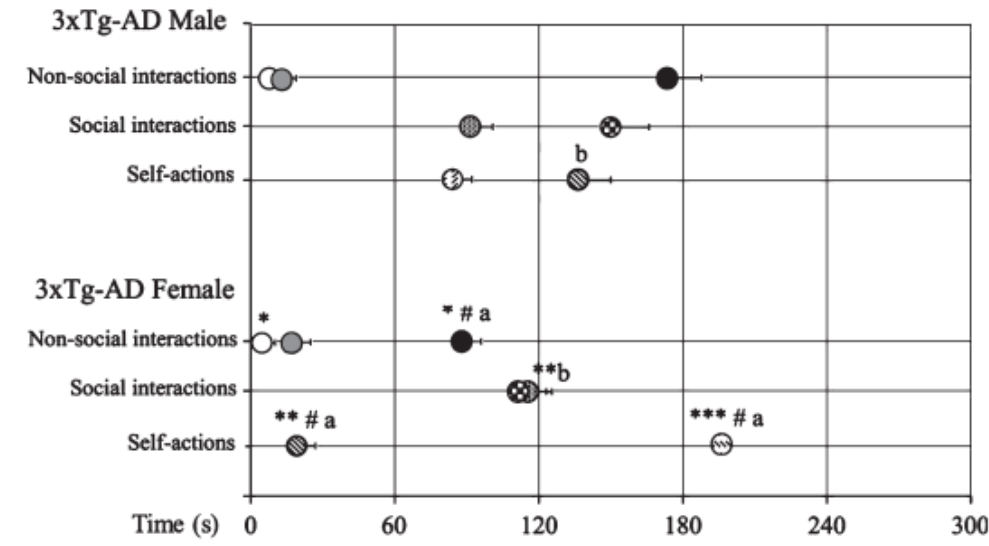
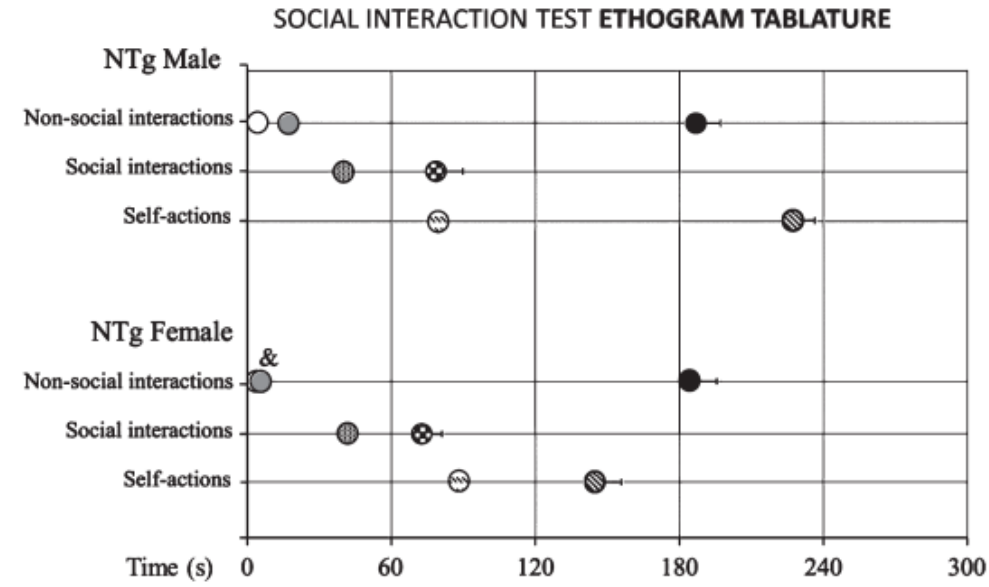
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Brothers Sisters

Vibrating Tail, Digging, Body/Face Interaction, and Lack of Barbering: Sex-Dependent Behavioral Signatures of Social Dysfunction in 3xTg-AD Mice as Compared to Mice with Normal Aging

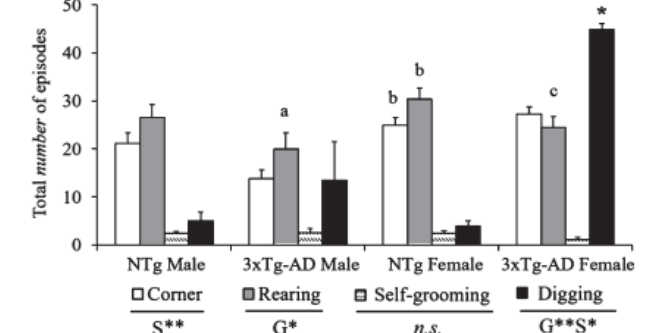
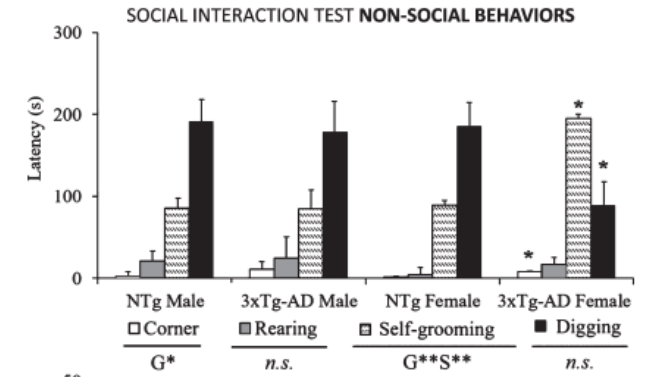
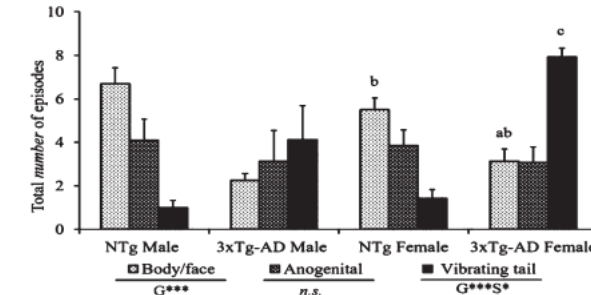
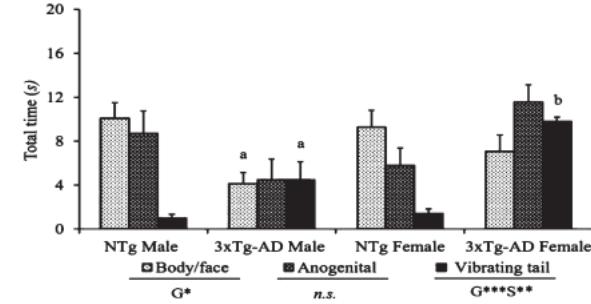
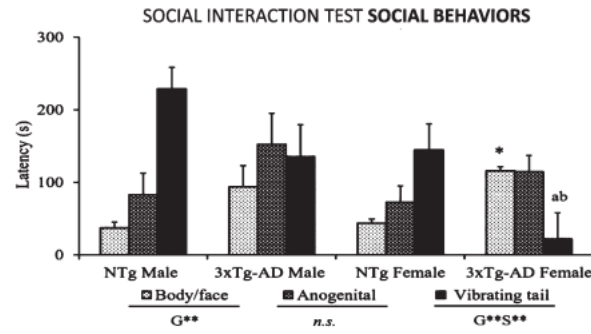
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○ Corners **G*** ● Rearing *n.s.* ● Digging *n.s.*

● Body/Face **G**** ⊗ Anogenital *n.s.*

⊗ Self-grooming **G**S**** ⊗ Vibrating tail **G**S****



Research report

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Cognitive and emotional profiles of aged Alzheimer's disease (3 × TgAD) mice: Effects of environmental enrichment and sexual dimorphism

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- Aged 3 × TgAD mice show deficits in spatial learning, short-term and working memory.
- 3 × TgAD mice show signs of increased anxiety and normal sensorimotor functions.
- Sexual dimorphism is reflected by increased behavioral inhibition in males.
- Sexual dimorphism is reflected by increased cognitive deficits in females.
- Environmental enrichment in adulthood induces beneficial effects on working memory.

Table 2

Behavioral battery results of 12- (A) and 15-month-old (B) NTg and 3 × TgAD, control and enriched (EE) male (left) and female (right) mice. Results are presented as mean ± standard error. G, T, indicate "genotype" or "treatment" effects. "Initial freezing"; latency to the first movement. "Latency to white"; latency to the first entry into the white compartment. "Entries into white"; total number of entries in the white compartment. "Time in white"; time spent in the white compartment.

	(A) 12 months of age				F(1,36)	P _≤					F(1,35)	P _≤
	Males		3 × TgAD				Females		3 × TgAD			
	NTg		NTg				NTg		3 × TgAD			
	Control n=11	EE n=8	Control n=11	EE n=10	Control n=10	EE n=12	Control n=10	EE n=7				
Open field												
Initial freezing (s)	3.9 ± 1.4	7.5 ± 3.1	58.4 ± 25.9	21.5 ± 14.5	G 4.94	0.05	8.2 ± 2.2	12.7 ± 6.3	16.8 ± 4.5	5.7 ± 1.7	G 0.03	n.s.
Crossings	153.0 ± 20.3	116.1 ± 18.7	21.4 ± 12.8	48.9 ± 19.5	G 29.60	0.001	115.4 ± 12.2	76.1 ± 8.7	85.9 ± 19.4	78.4 ± 27.7	G 0.67	n.s.
Rearings	18.0 ± 3.7	12.5 ± 3.6	2.6 ± 1.3	2.7 ± 1.7	G 21.79	0.001	13.3 ± 2.6	7.8 ± 1.1	7.3 ± 2.2	7.3 ± 2.9	G 2.18	n.s.
Defecation boluses	2.0 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.3	2.9 ± 0.7	2.4 ± 0.4	G 2.64	n.s.	2.2 ± 0.7	1.3 ± 0.3	3.9 ± 0.4	4.4 ± 0.4	G 24.56	0.001
Dark-light box												
Latency to white (s)	48.2 ± 28.2	67.1 ± 38.4	165.7 ± 38.4	148.9 ± 41.5	G 7.08	0.05	82.6 ± 35.2	66.3 ± 31.9	113.7 ± 41.0	156.1 ± 51.0	G 2.37	n.s.
Entries into white	6.1 ± 1.3	5.5 ± 1.4	1.3 ± 0.5	1.8 ± 0.5	G 18.20	0.001	4.1 ± 0.9	3.1 ± 0.6	3.9 ± 1.1	2.1 ± 0.9	G 0.44	n.s.
Time in white (s)	82.1 ± 20.3	62.1 ± 17.9	13.7 ± 4.9	15.6 ± 5.1	G 18.25	0.001	52.0 ± 13.6	32.7 ± 7.2	59.3 ± 22.1	17.3 ± 8.4	G 0.08	n.s.
Defecation boluses	3.1 ± 0.6	1.5 ± 0.6	3.8 ± 0.6	2.3 ± 0.6	G 1.39	n.s.	3.2 ± 0.5	1.8 ± 0.5	4.2 ± 0.5	4.0 ± 0.9	G 7.05	0.05
					T 6.18	0.05						
Hole board test												
Number of head-dips	21.0 ± 3.7	31.4 ± 8.1	19.4 ± 5.0	11.6 ± 3.2	G 4.28	0.05	19.7 ± 3.3	16.0 ± 2.9	23.7 ± 3.7	17.1 ± 3.8	G 0.51	n.s.
Time exploring (s)	17.0 ± 3.0	33.3 ± 9.9	16.1 ± 2.7	12.1 ± 2.9	G 4.12	0.052	18.2 ± 4.0	16.4 ± 3.7	54.2 ± 23.7	16.4 ± 3.8	G 1.25	n.s.
Defecation boluses	1.8 ± 0.4	2.1 ± 0.6	3.8 ± 0.8	3.1 ± 0.7	G 5.56	0.05	2.2 ± 0.6	1.7 ± 0.3	3.6 ± 0.9	3.4 ± 0.7	G 5.26	0.05
(B) 15 months of age												
Open field												
Initial freezing (s)	8.8 ± 3.2	4.1 ± 0.9	53.8 ± 22.8	38.0 ± 7.5	G 9.96	0.005	5.7 ± 1.4	3.7 ± 0.9	44.5 ± 17.0	35.1 ± 20.3	G 9.28	0.005
Crossings	64.0 ± 9.5	55.7 ± 13.6	63.7 ± 20.3	50.9 ± 16.6	G 0.02	n.s.	35.0 ± 5.1	44.3 ± 6.9	51.6 ± 11.3	48.3 ± 15.4	G 1.15	n.s.
Rearings	3.7 ± 1.3	4.5 ± 1.7	2.9 ± 1.6	0.7 ± 0.4	G 2.59	n.s.	1.6 ± 0.9	1.2 ± 0.7	1.5 ± 0.7	0.7 ± 0.7	G 0.13	n.s.
Defecation boluses	2.2 ± 0.7	3.9 ± 0.9	3.6 ± 0.8	3.4 ± 0.9	G 0.30	n.s.	3.0 ± 0.6	2.6 ± 0.4	3.5 ± 0.6	4.1 ± 1.2	G 2.35	n.s.

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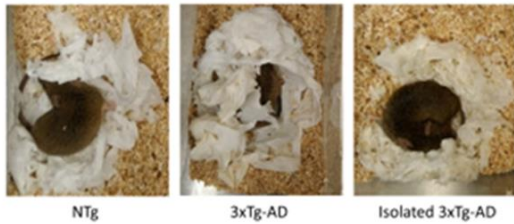
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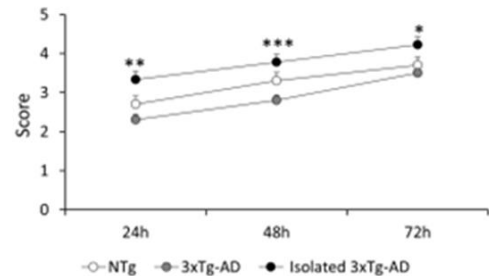
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L'aïllament social augmenta l'agitació i l'asimetria en l'atròfia cerebral de la malaltia d'Alzheimer



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Impact of Social Isolation on the Behavioral, Functional Profiles, and Hippocampal Atrophy Asymmetry in Dementia in Times of Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19): A Translational Neuroscience Approach

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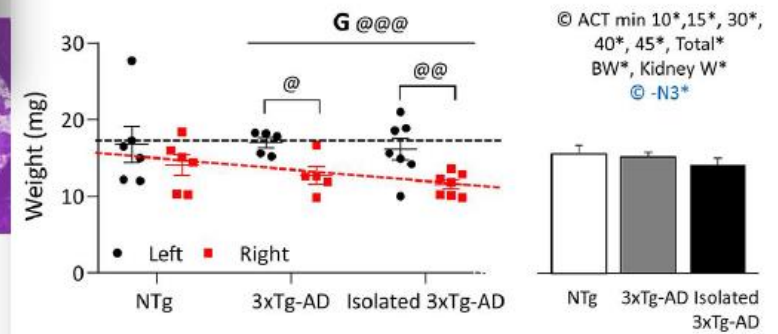
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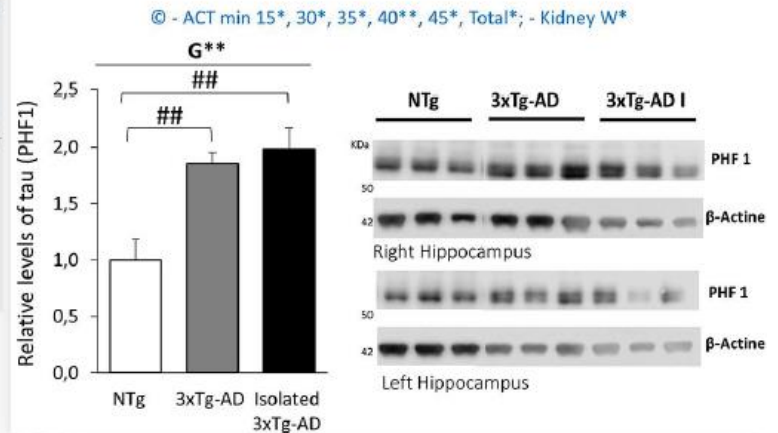
The impact of COVID-19 on the elderly is devastating, and nursing homes are struggling to provide the best care to the most fragile. The urgency and severity of the pandemic forces the use of segregation in restricted areas and confinement in individual rooms as desperate strategies to avoid the spread of disease and the worst-case scenario of becoming a deadly trap. The conceptualization of the post-COVID-19 era implies

NEUROPATHOLOGY

A Hippocampal asymmetry and behavioral correlates



B tau pathology and behavioral correlates



Food Finding Test: Sensorial behavioral paradigm for olfactory function in ageing neurodegeneration.

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(Dziechciaz et al., 2014; Wilson et al., 2009; Volkers et al., 2011)

Sensory systems must ensure our ability to perceive and recognize the world

In older people sensory deficiencies

Have been proposed as Predictors of cognitive decline

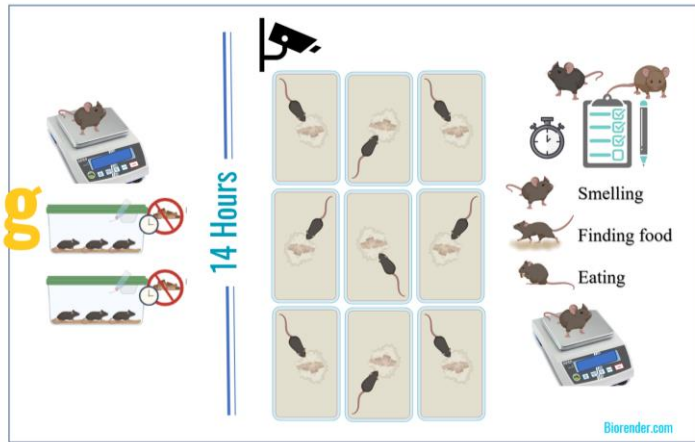
Early indicators of the prodromal stages of Alzheimer's disease

Olfactory impairment or deficiency may be an indicator

Increase their risk of biological, psychological, and social impoverishment

are more likely to Develop Dementia

Food Finding Test



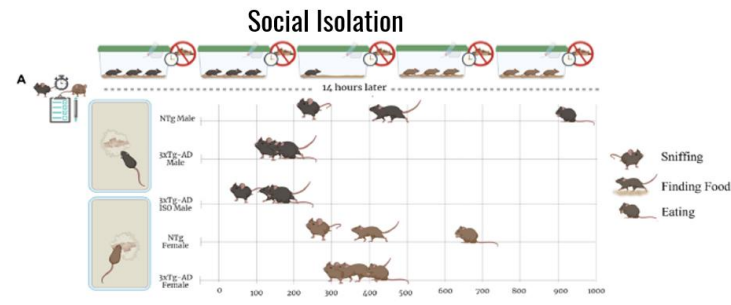
(Deacon et al., 2009)

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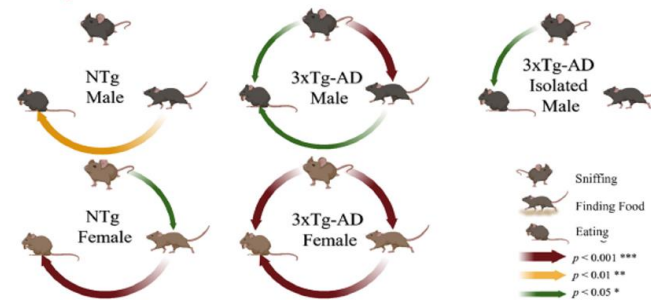


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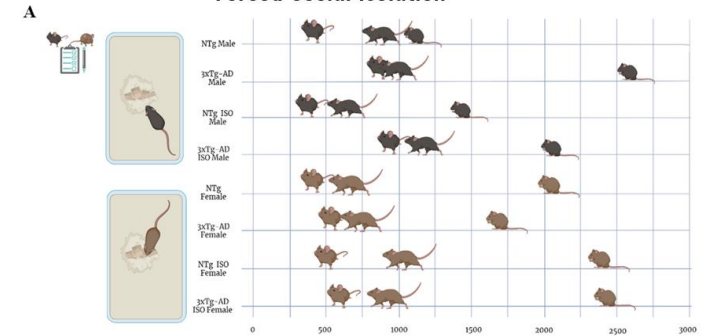
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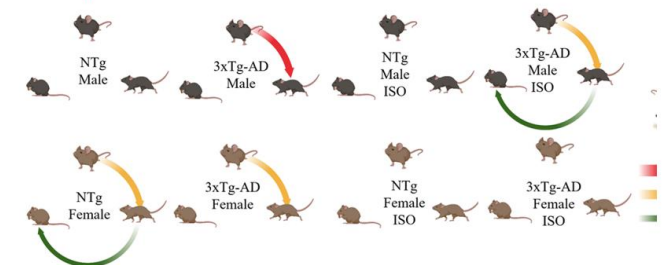
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Forced Social Isolation



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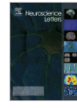
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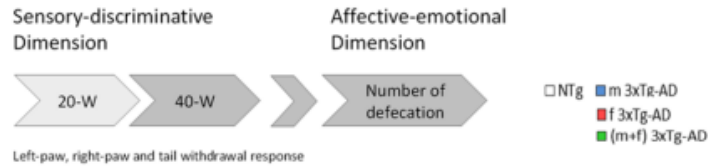


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Tail-flick test response in 3×Tg-AD mice at early and advanced stages of disease

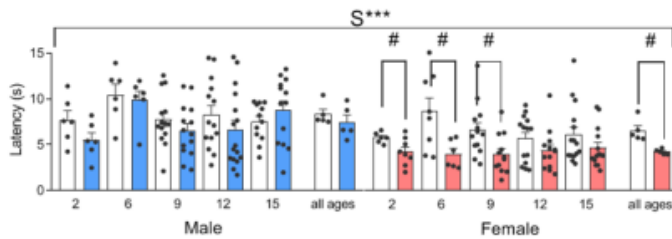
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A Plantar test - Protocol

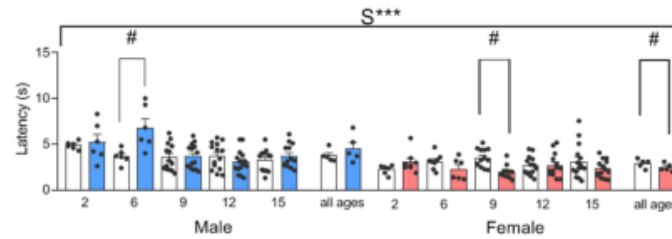


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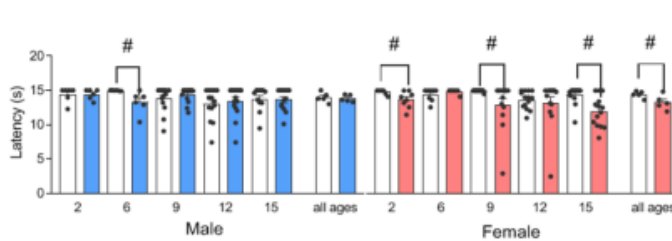
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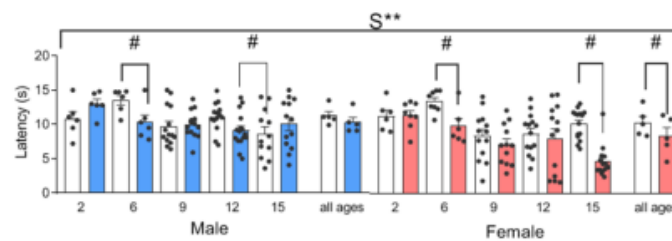
C Hind paw - High intensity (40-W)



D Tail withdrawal - Low intensity (20-W)



E Tail withdrawal - High intensity (40-W)



Preserved Thermal Pain in 3xTg-AD Mice With Increased Sensory-Discriminative Pain Sensitivity in Females but Affective-Emotional Dimension in Males as Early Sex-Specific AD-Phenotype Biomarkers

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Sensitivity to painful external stimuli preserved in all phases of Alzheimer's disease in mice

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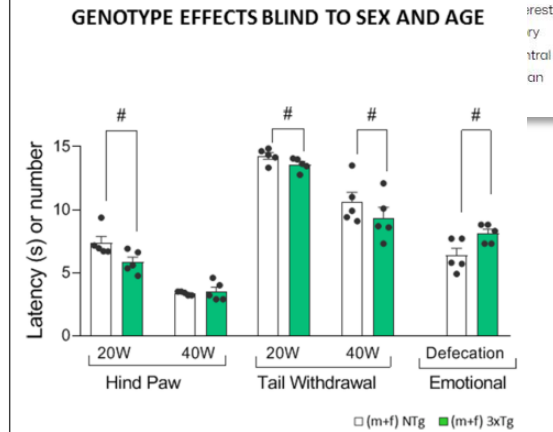


A UAB study in Alzheimer's disease in mice demonstrates that pain caused by a harmful external stimulus is preserved in all phases of the disease, even in the most advanced phases, and that there are differences in sensory and emotional reactions in males and females. The results validate the animal models used in the study of behaviours and mechanisms involved in the reaction to pain of people with dementia, as well as possible treatments.

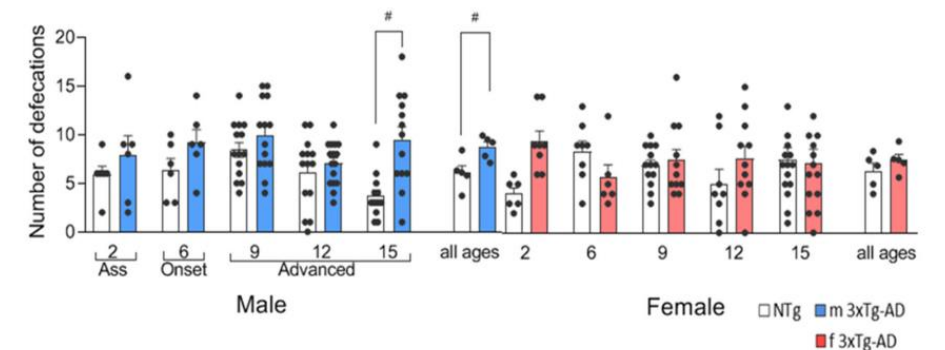
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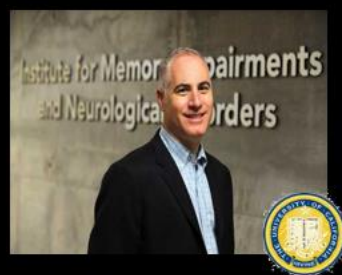


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