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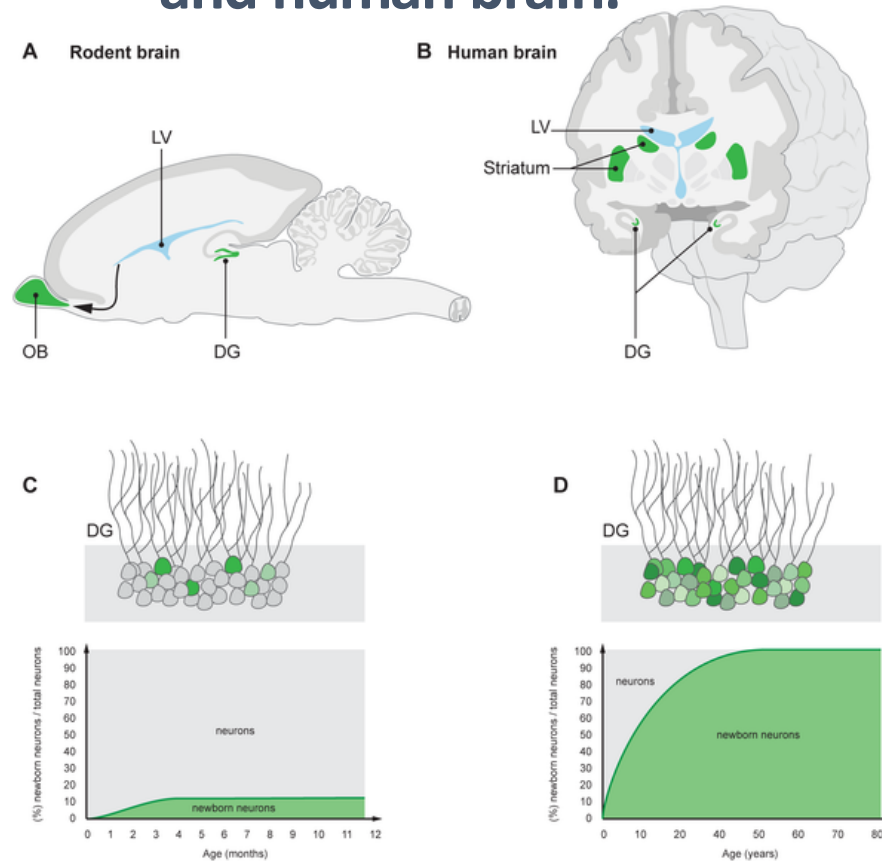
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Figure 1. Schematic illustration of adult neurogenesis in the adult rodent and human brain.



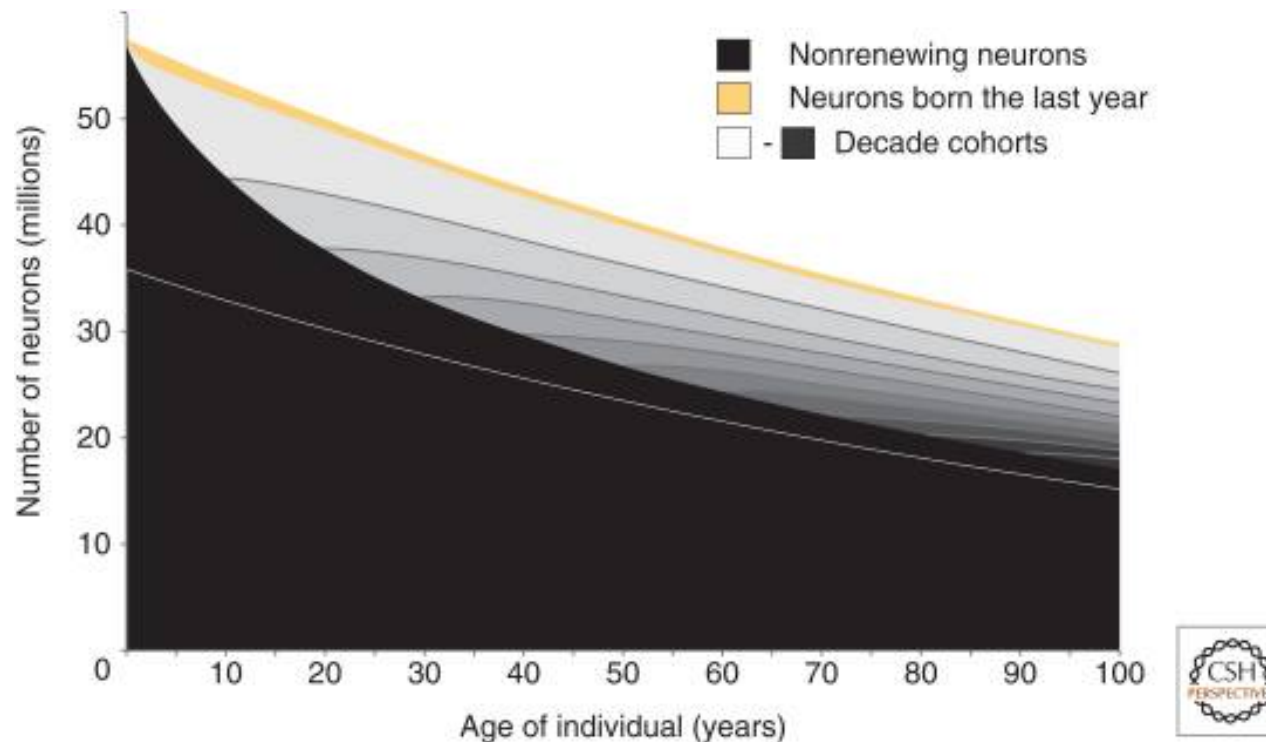
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Adult Neurogenesis in Humans

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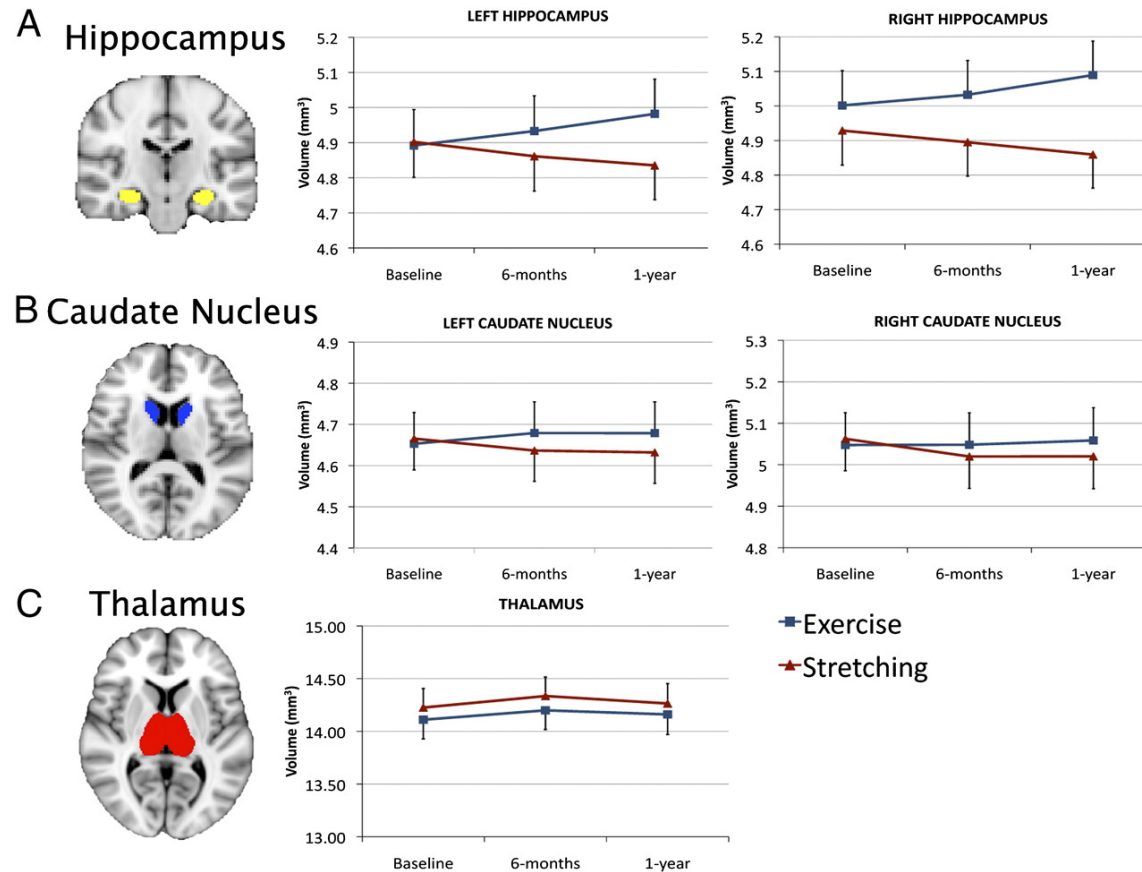


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(A) Example of hippocampus segmentation and graphs demonstrating an increase in hippocampus volume for the aerobic exercise group and a decrease in volume for the stretching control group.

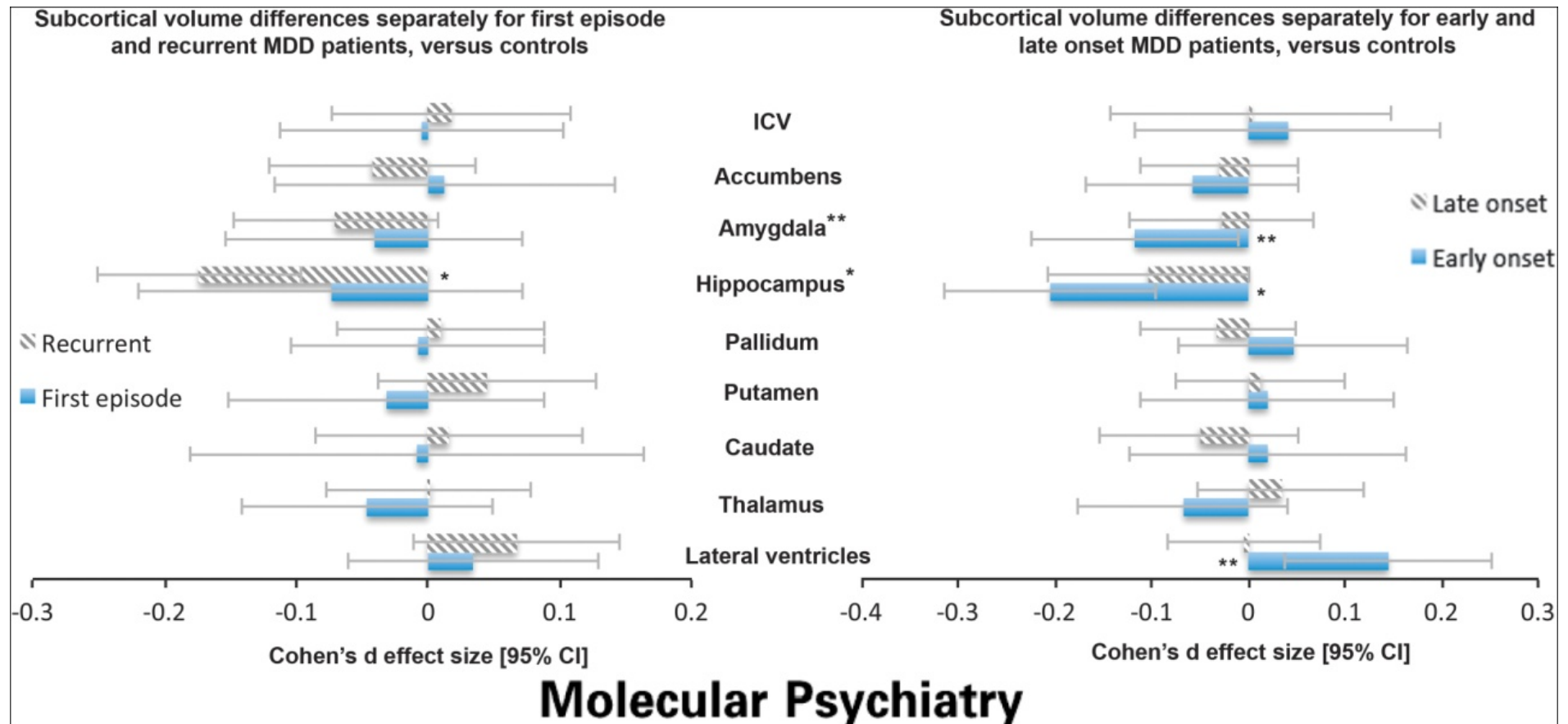


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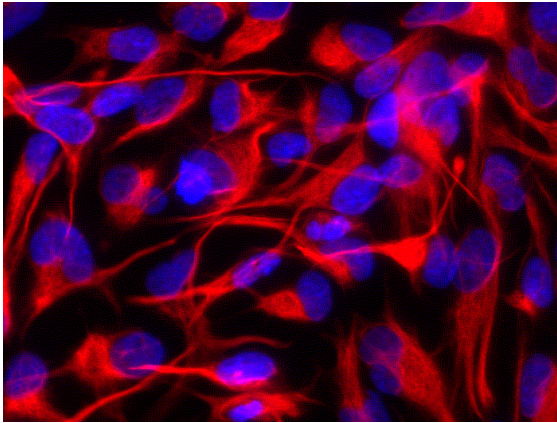
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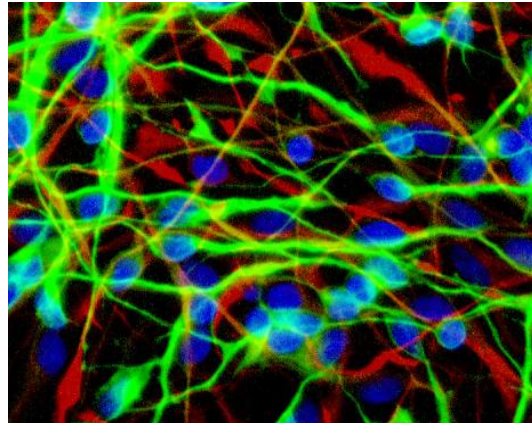
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Discovery of Neurogenic Drugs

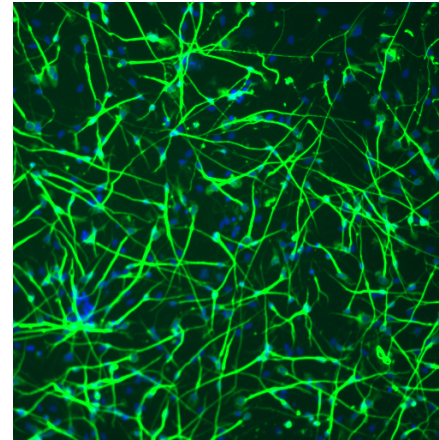
Based on Human Hippocampal Neurogenesis *in vitro*



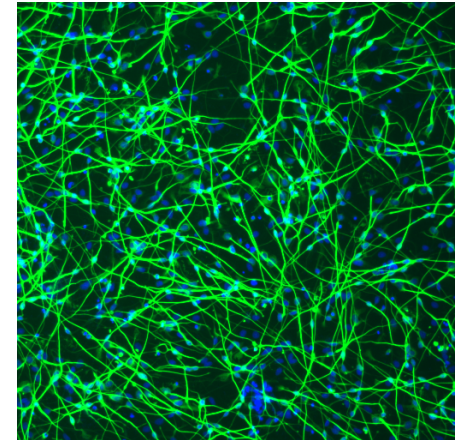
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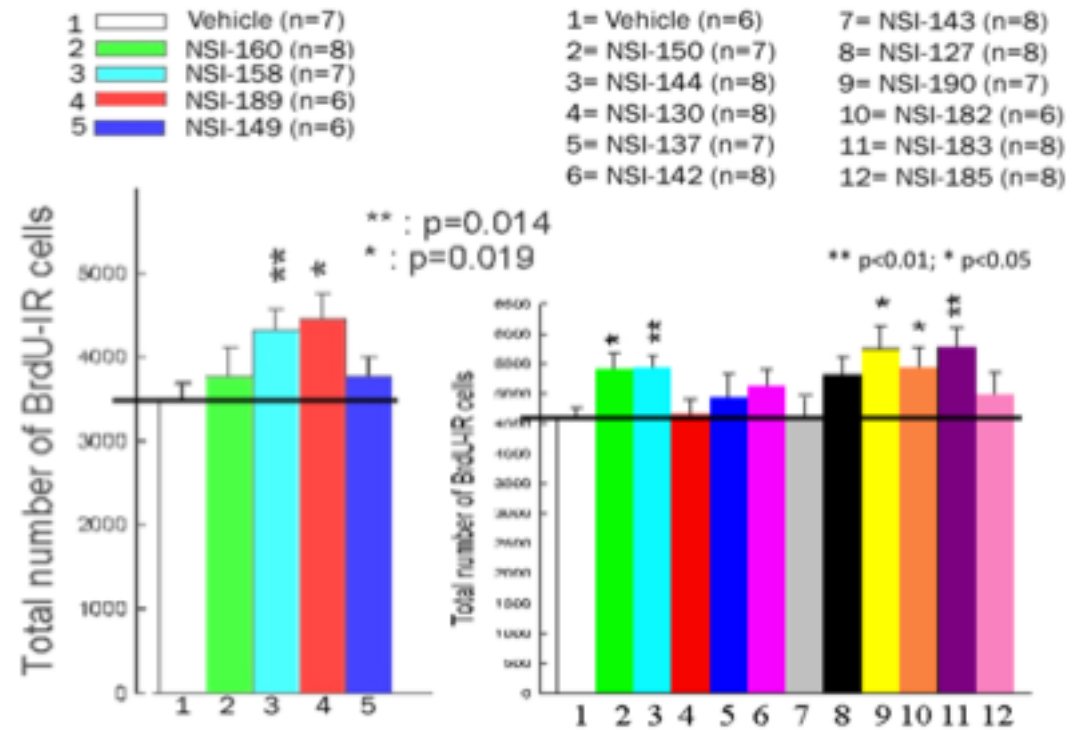
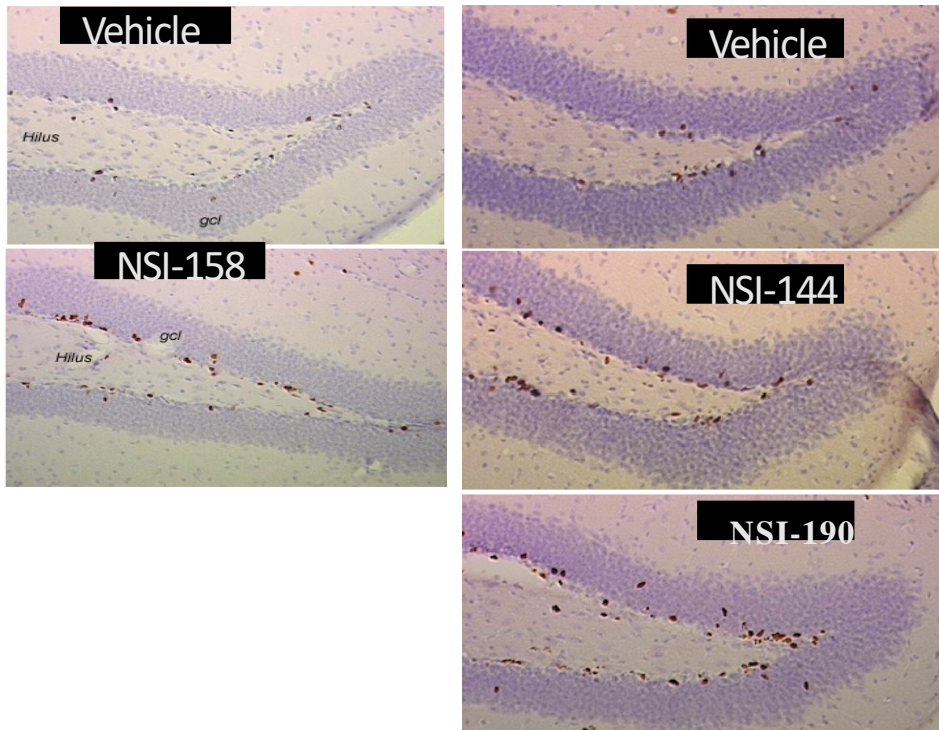


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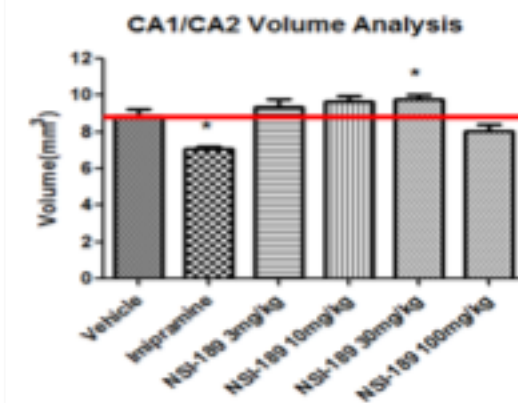
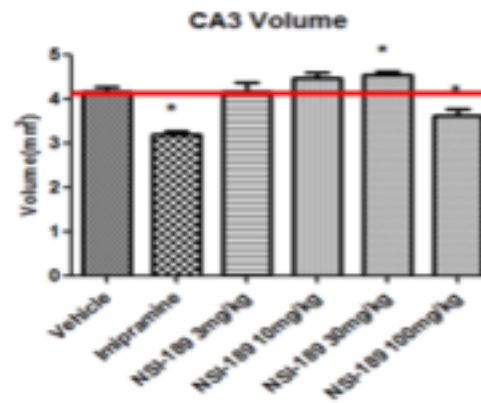
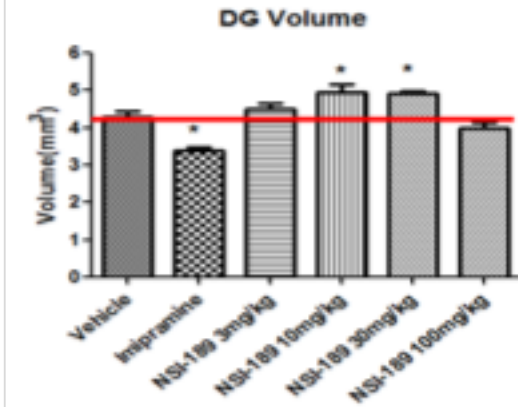
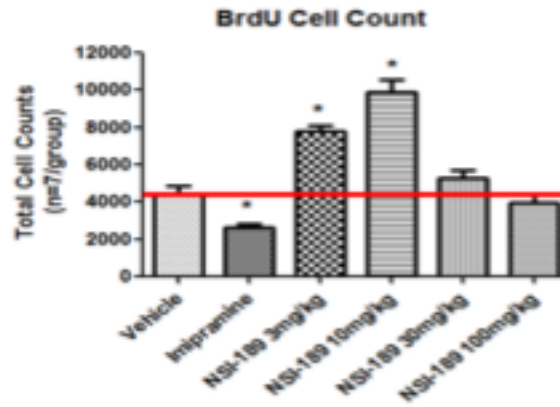
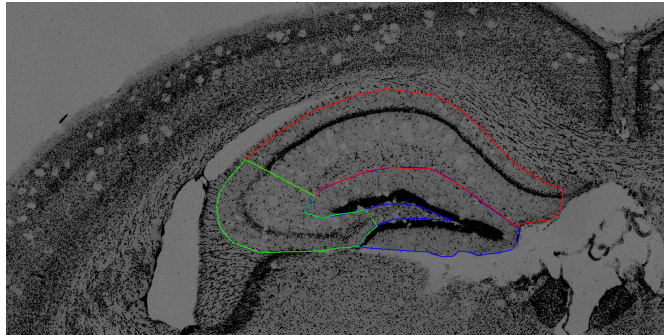
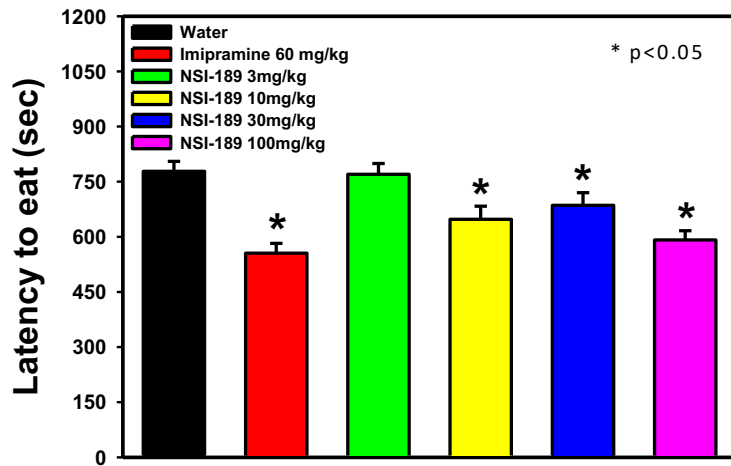
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Neurogenesis in Healthy Adult Mouse by NSI Compounds (10 mg/kg po)

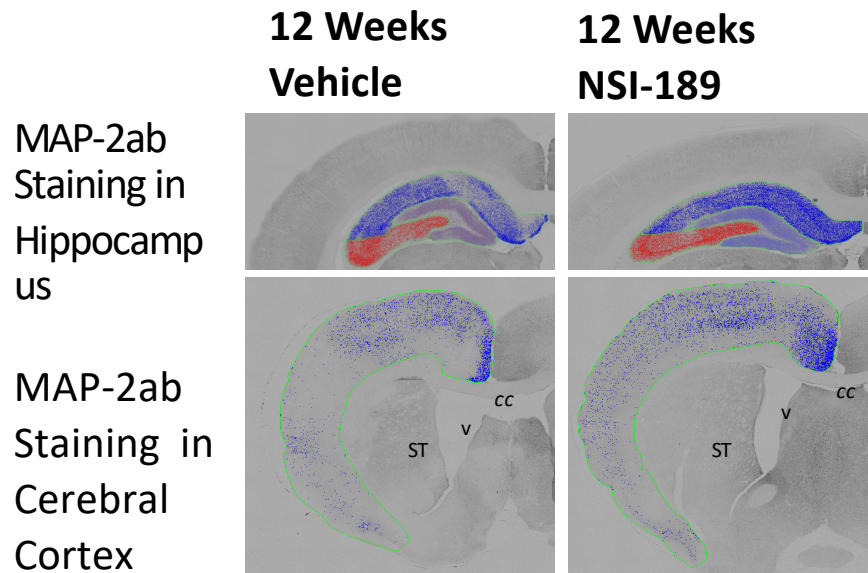


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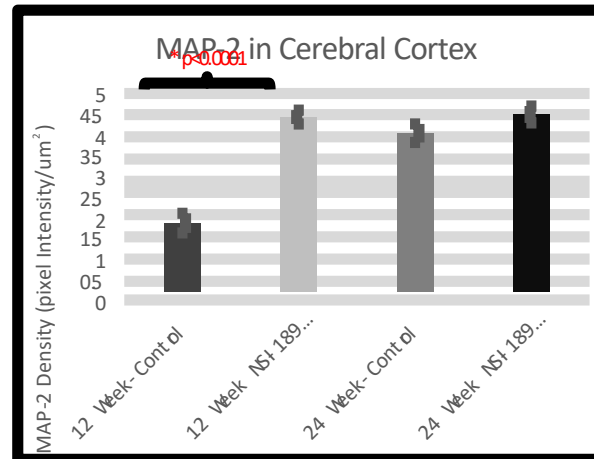
Effect in Chronic Novelty Suppressed Feeding Model of Depression: Increased HI Neurogenesis and Volume (10-30mg/kg po)



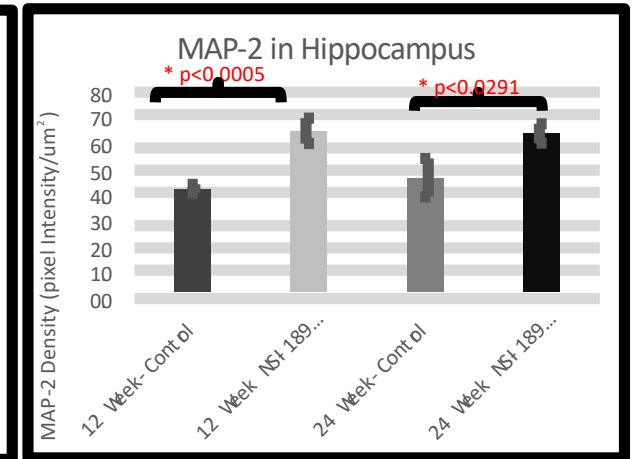
Synaptic Remodeling during Recovery from Ischemic Stroke Brain (30mg/kg po)



A. MAP-2 in Cerebral cortex

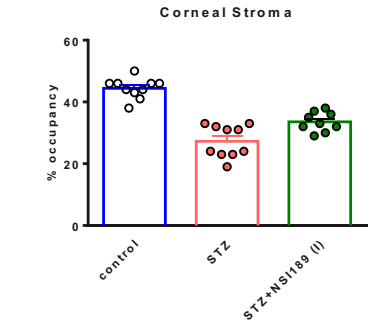
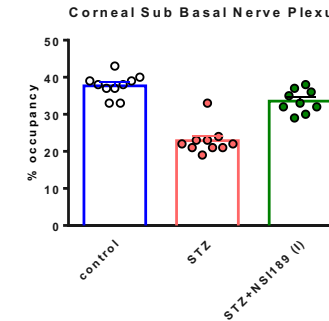
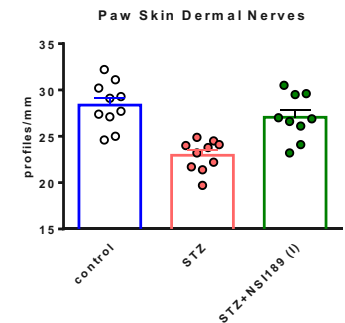
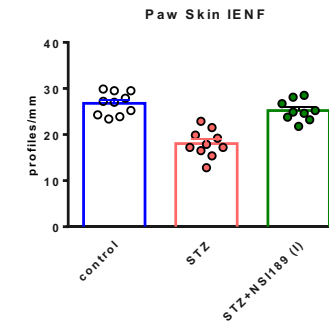
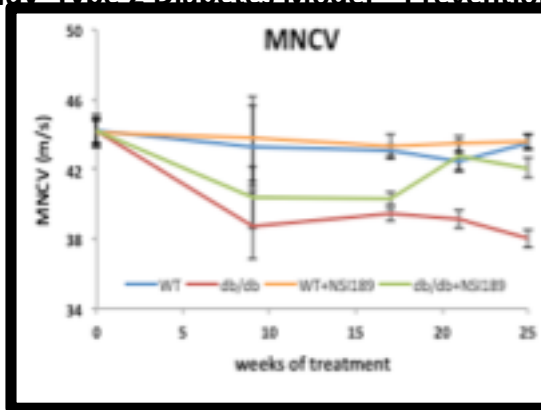
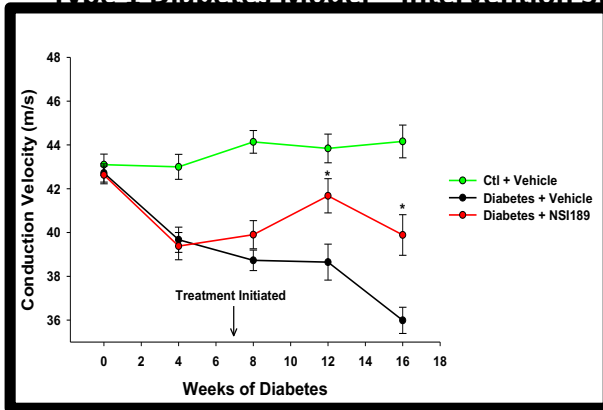


B. MAP-2 in Hippocampus



Motor Nerve Conduction Velocity in Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetic Models (10-30mg/kg po)

Type 1 Diabetes Model—Intervention Study Type 2 Diabetes Model—Prevention Study



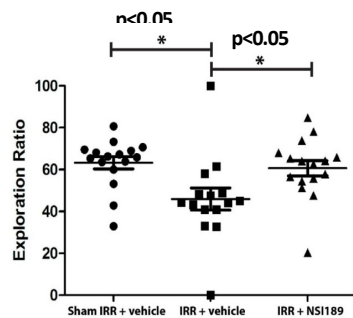
Number of PGP 9.5-stained profiles in the epidermis (intra-epidermal nerve fibers: IENF)



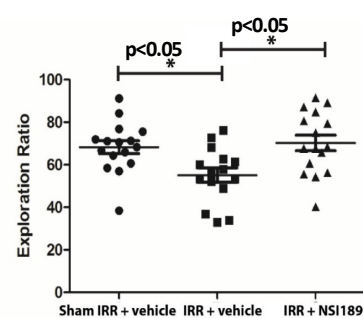
3D reconstruction of nerve structure in the mouse cornea: A delta fibers (yellow) penetrating the Bowman's layer and spreading into the sub-basal nerve plexus (red)

Amelioration of Cognitive Deficits in Radiation-Induced Brain Injury Model (30mg/kg po)

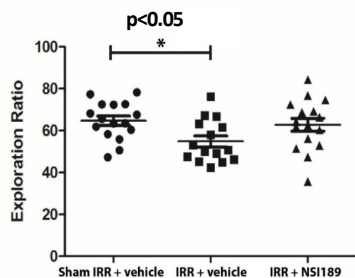
Spatial Cognitive Impairment Novel Place Recognition Task



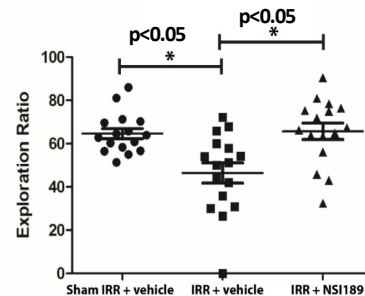
Episodic Memory Novel Object Recognition Task



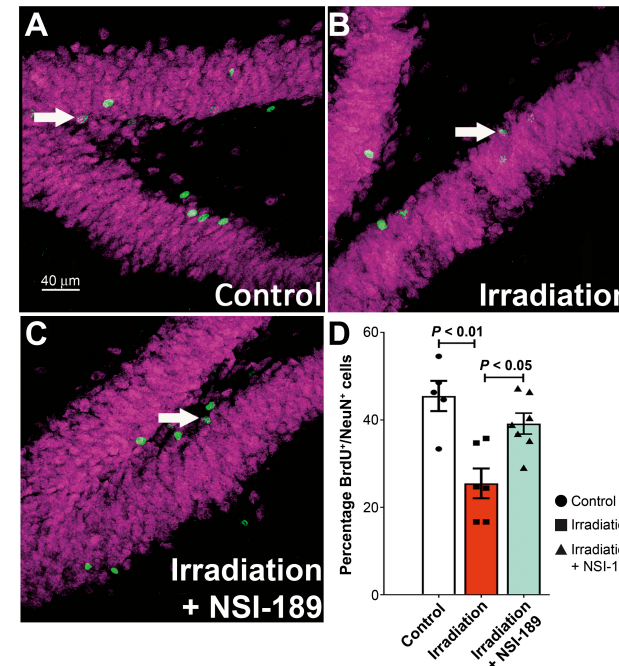
Spatial Memory Object in Place Task



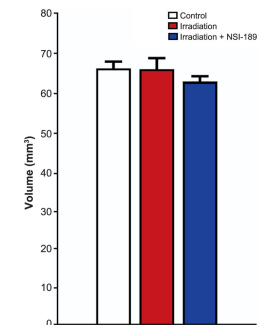
Spatiotemporal Episodic Memory Temporal Order Task



Neurogenesis



Hippocampal Volume



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Dose Escalation Safety for 28 days in MDD Patients

**A Phase 1B, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled,
Multiple-Dose Escalation Study Evaluating the Effects of NSI-189
Phosphate, a Neurogenic Compound, in Patients with Major
Depressive Disorder (MDD)**

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Phase 1b Study Design

- Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, multiple-dose study with three ascending cohorts (N=24)

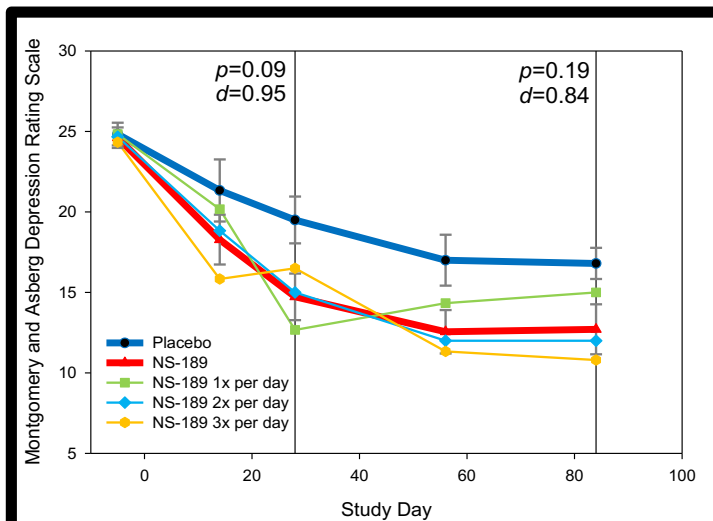
Cohort 1	N=8 (6 drug, 2 placebo)	40 mg QD
Cohort 2	N=8 (6 drug, 2 placebo)	40 mg BID
Cohort 3	N=8 (6 drug, 2 placebo)	40 mg TID
Drug Treatment: 28 days		No-Drug Follow up: 35, 42, 49, 70, 84

Participants

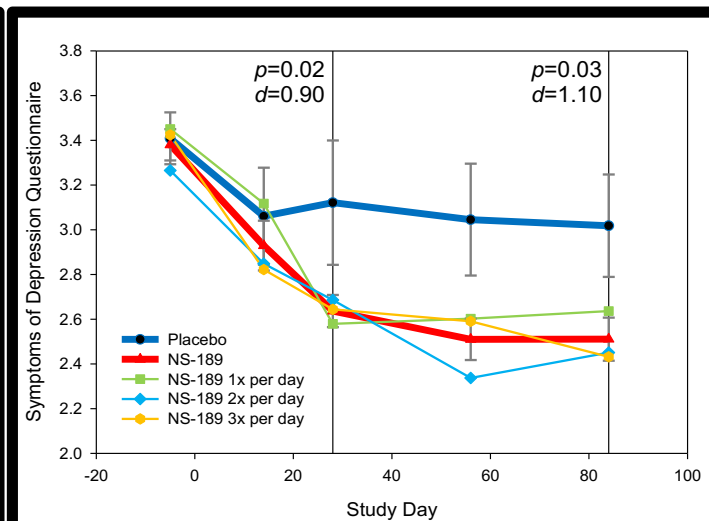
- Male or female, 18 to 60 years of age, diagnosed with MDD, recurrent, as per DSM-IV-TR confirmed by SCID-CT
- Patients at screening could be taking an antidepressant medication(s), or have a history of taking antidepressant medication(s) in the past for their depressive disorder
- At least two prior depressive episodes (including current episode)

Phase 1b Clinical Outcomes

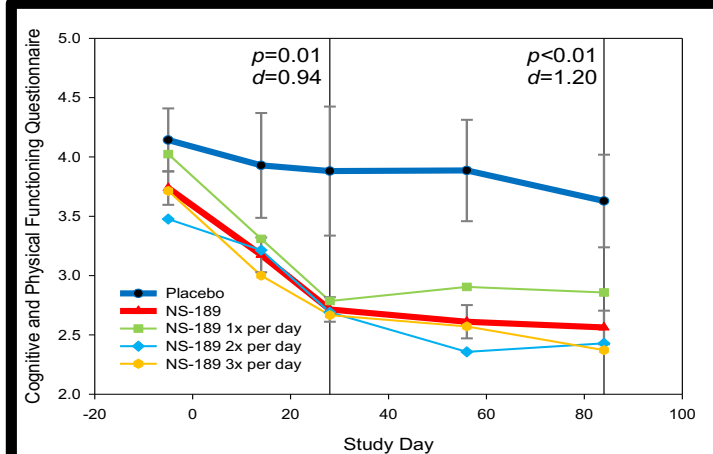
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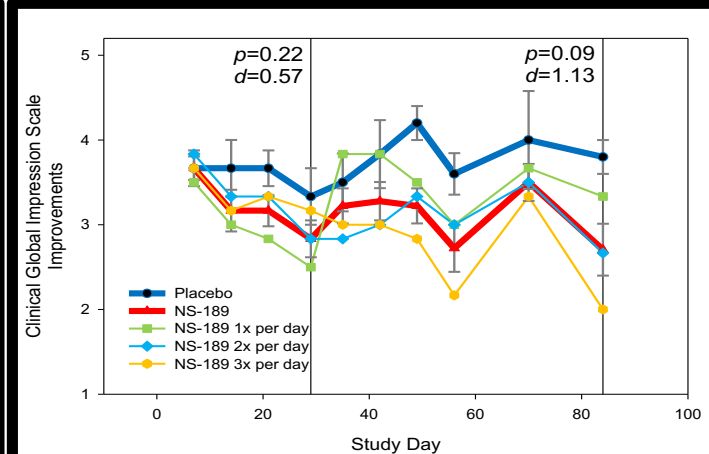
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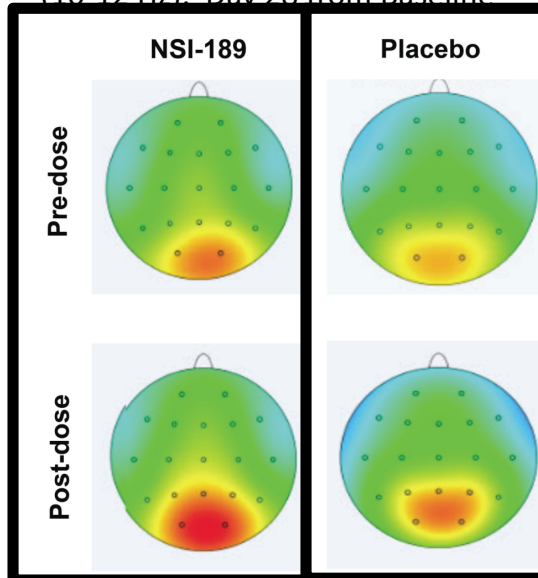
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Biomarker Results

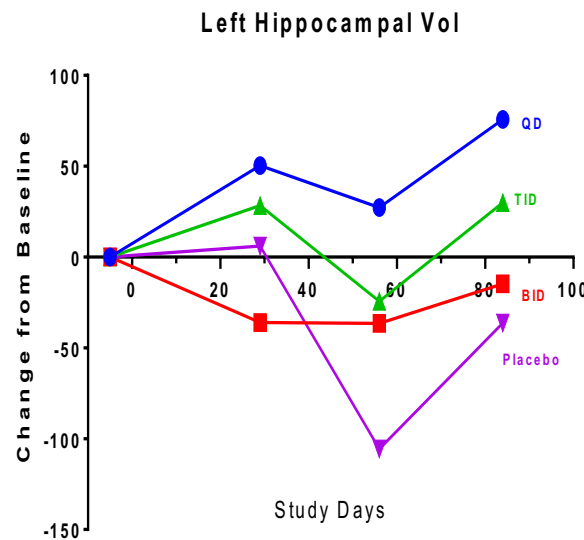
qEEG

Topographs of High Frequency alpha (10-12 Hz): Day 28 from Baseline



Left posterior temporal (T5) ($t=2.45$, $p=0.02$)
Left parietal regions (P3) ($t=3.31$, $p=0.004$)

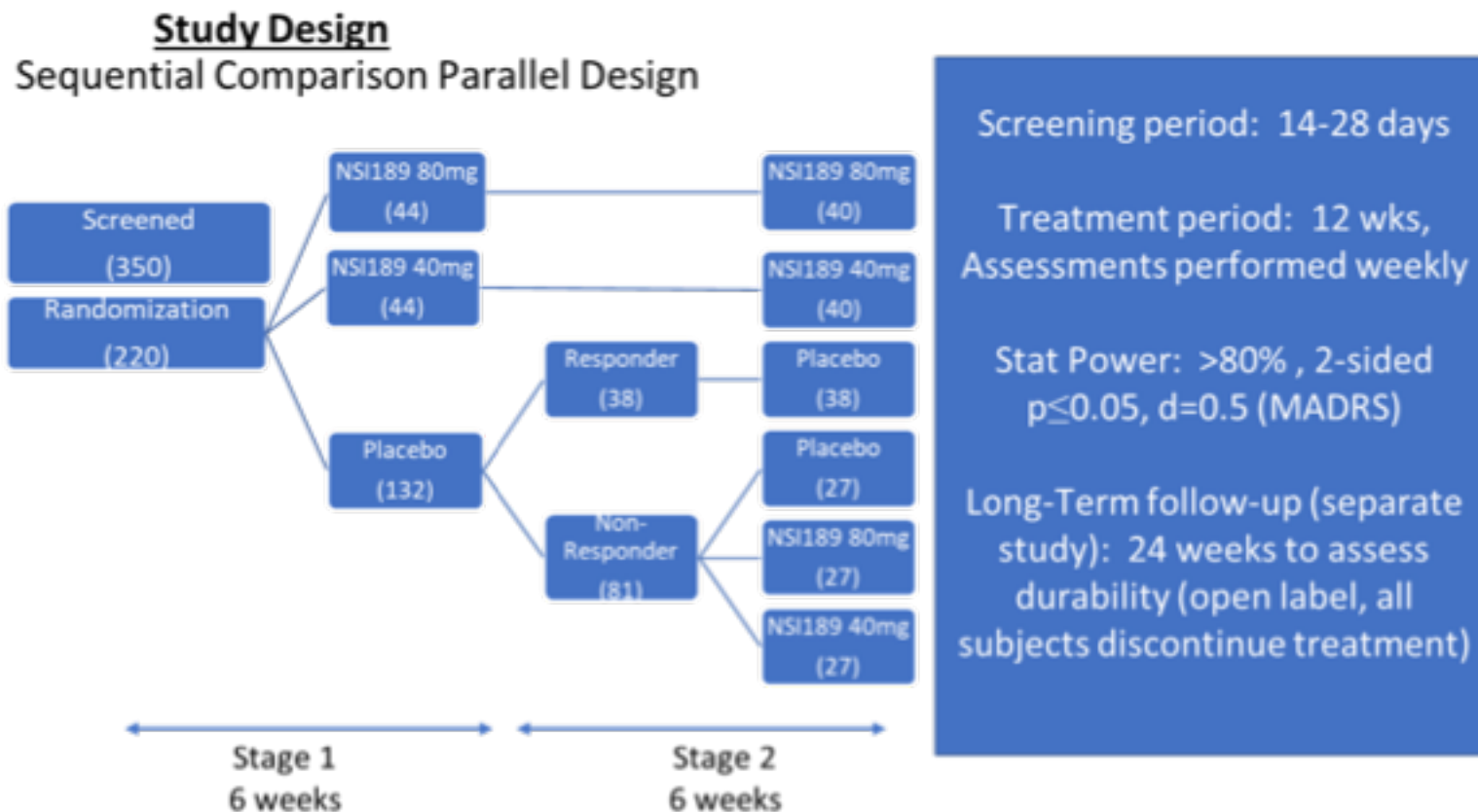
MRI



Blood

Pt. ID	Designation	Probability
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502	R	1.000
504	R	1.000
505	R	1.000
506	R	1.000
508	NR	0.032
602	R	1.000
603	R	0.961
604	PR	1.000
605	PR	1.000
606	PR	0.998
608*	PR*	0.000*
627	R	0.980
701	R	1.000
702	R	0.987
703	R	0.000
705	NR	0.031
706	R	1.000
707	R	0.995

Phase 2a Mono-Therapy of Recurrent MDD



MDD Phase 2a Study Results

Endpoint	Validated/FDA Accepted	40mg stat sig (combined)	Cohen's d (stage 2)	80mg statsig (combined)	Cohen's d (stage 2)
MADRS (Primary)	Yes/Yes	No	0.25	No	0.19
HAMD-17	Yes/Yes	No	0.33	No	0.38
QIDS-SR (patient reported)*	Yes/No	p=0.040 (Stage 2 only)	0.68	No	0.39
SDQ (patient reported)*	Yes/No	p = 0.044	0.64	No	0.20
CPFQ (patient reported)*	Yes/No	p=0.035	0.47	No	0.10
CGI-I	Yes/Yes (2°)	Trend p=0.148	0.58	Trend p=0.081	0.46
CGI-S	Yes/Yes (2°)	Trend p=0.132	0.56	Trend p=0.055	0.66
Cogstate Brief Battery	Yes/No	No	0.2-0.3	No	0.2-0.3
CogScreen-MDD	Yes/Yes (safety only)				
Executive Function*		p=0.048	0.66	Trend p=0.150	0.59
Attention*		P=0.034	0.27	No	0.17
Memory**		p=0.002	1.12	p=0.015	0.69
Working memory*		p=0.020*(Stage 2 only)	0.81	Trend p=0.125	0.51

*p<0.05; **p<0.01

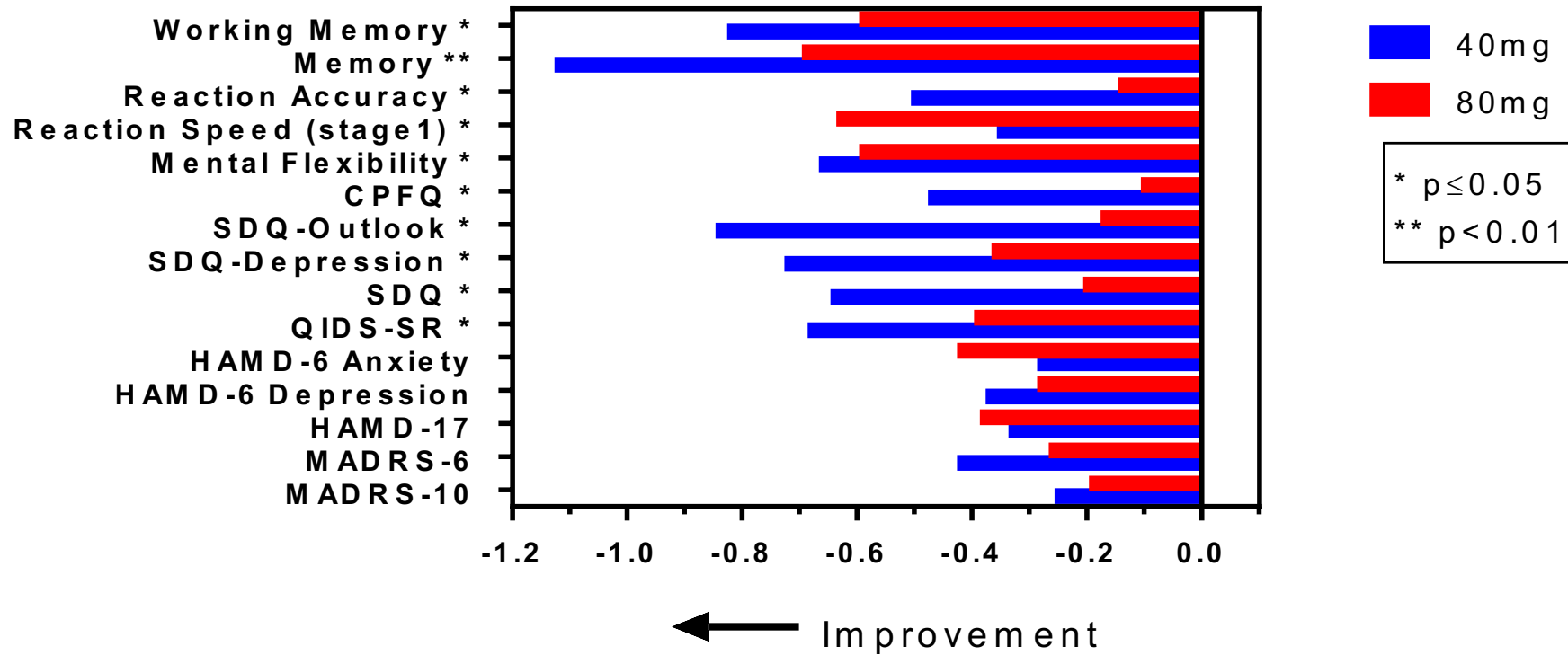
CogScreen-MDD Test Findings for NSI-189 v Placebo (Following 6 weeks of Treatment*)

40mg vs. Placebo	80mg vs. Placebo
Simple Attention (SATADRTC); Improved response speed	Simple Attention (SATADACC), Improved response accuracy
Complex attention / Executive Function (SATACACC); Improved accuracy	
Memory (SDCDRACC); Improved accuracy	Memory (SDCDRACC); Improved accuracy
	Reduced impact of negative feedback on subsequent responses on Working Memory task SATINRTI; Improved response speed

*SCPD design not suitable for evaluating effects of 12 weeks of treatment.

Effect of NSI-189 vs. Placebo on Recurrent MDD

Stage 2 Cohen's d



Number of CogScreen-MDD Variables (n=33) Showing Significant ($p < 0.05$) Correlation with Depression Severity

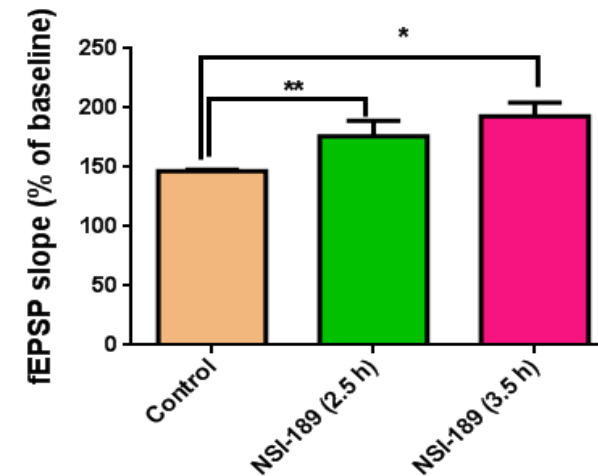
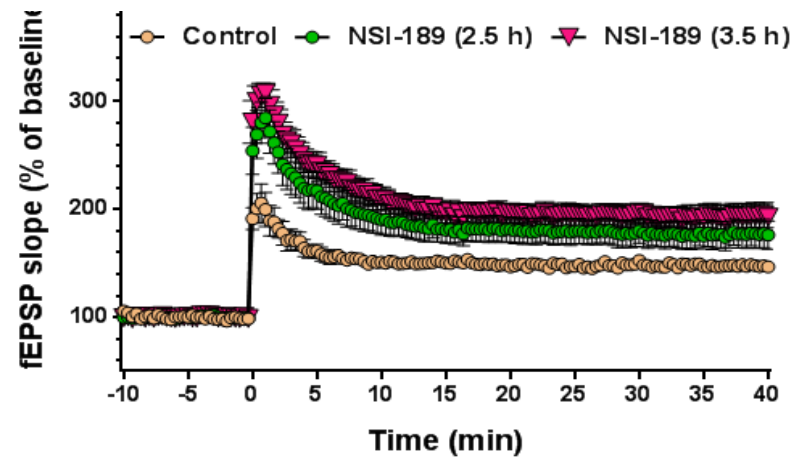
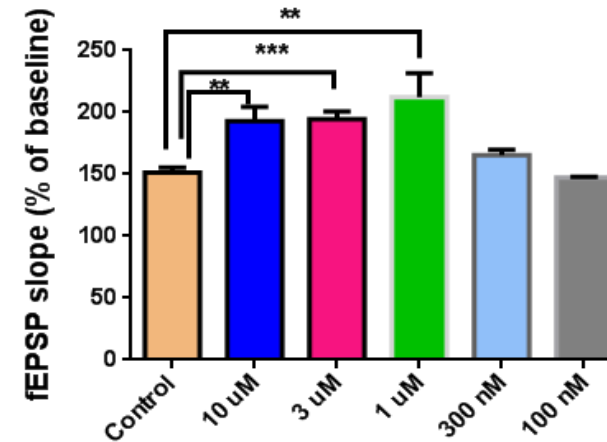
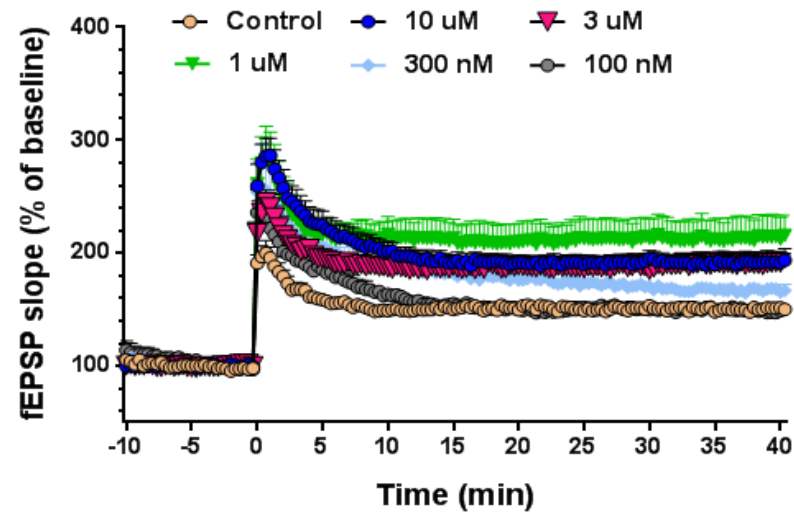
	At Baseline Visit	At 12 –Week Visit
MADRS	4 (11%)	4 (11%)
HAMD-17	5 (14%)	6 (16%)
SDQ	6 (16%)	3 (8%)
CPFQ	11 (30%)	5 (14%)

- For 33 variables, 2 variables (5%) are expected by random chance to show correlation at $p < 0.05$.
- Findings suggest that performance on CogScreen-MDD has little relationship to clinician-rated depression severity.
- Strongest relationship found is between self-reported cognitive difficulties (CPFQ) and CogScreen-MDD at Baseline.

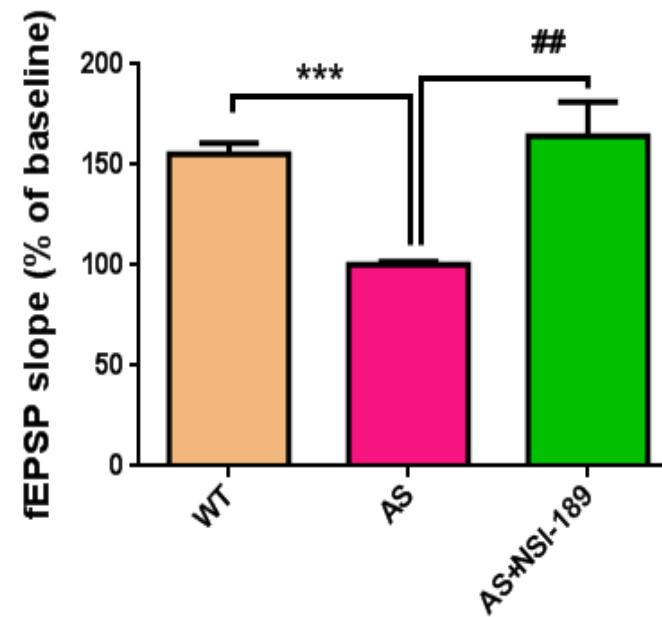
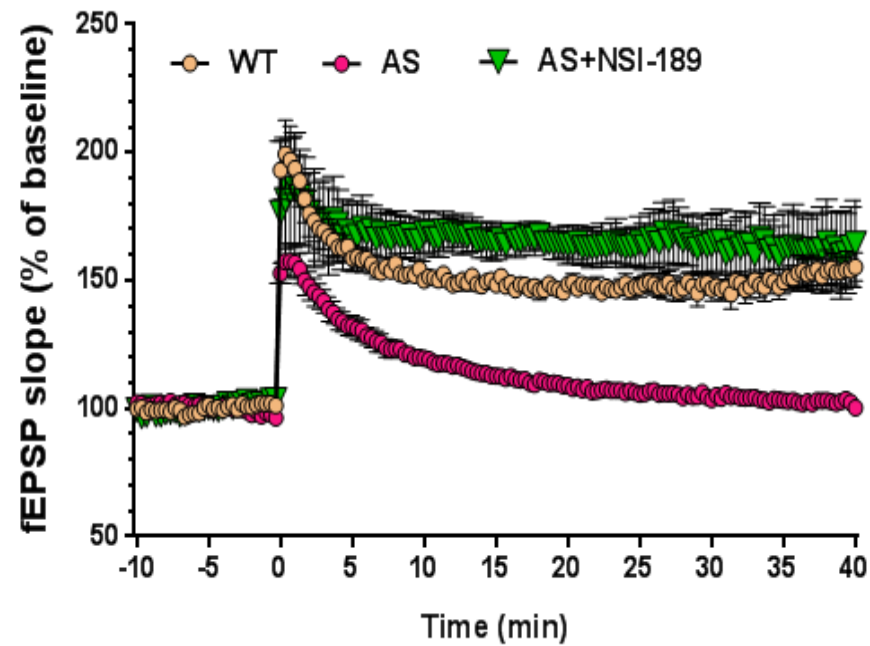
Summary

- NSI-189 (40/80mg) showed significant improvement in cognitive functioning following 6-weeks of treatment.
- CogScreen-MDD measures of processing speed, working memory, executive functioning, and negative feedback, were found to be relatively insensitive to depression severity but were sensitive to treatment with NSI-189.
- Improvements in cognitive functioning appeared to be independent of clinician-rated change in mood.

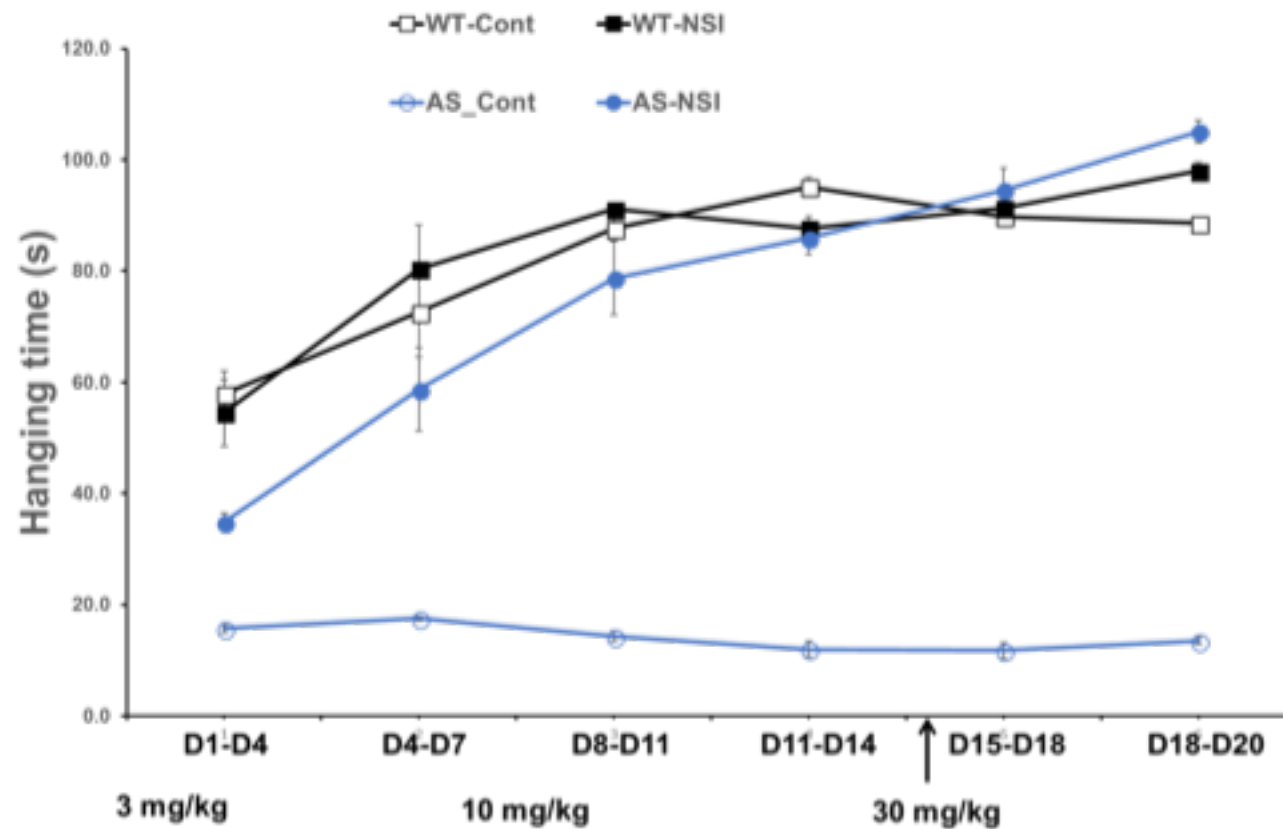
Dose- & Time-dependent Enhancement of LTP Magnitude *in vitro*



Restoration of LTP from Angelman Syndrome mouse *in vitro* (1 microM)

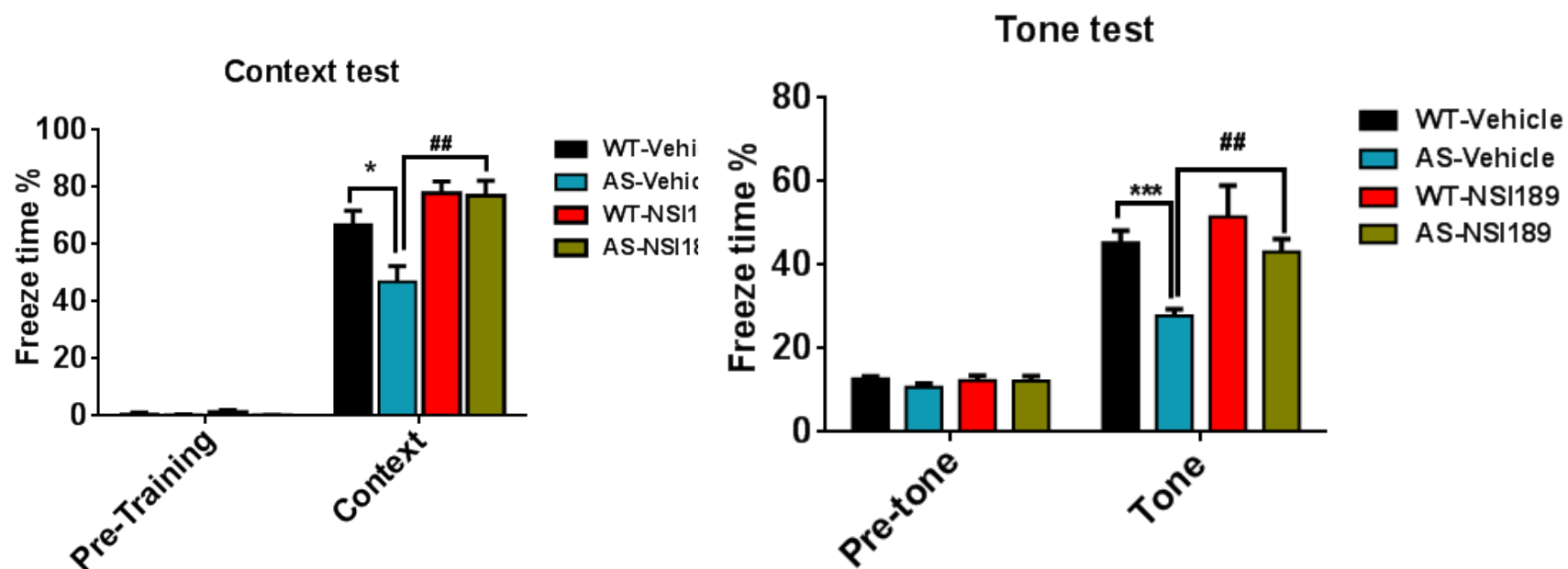


Reversal of Motor Deficit from Angelman Syndrome mouse *in vivo* (30mg/kg i.p.)



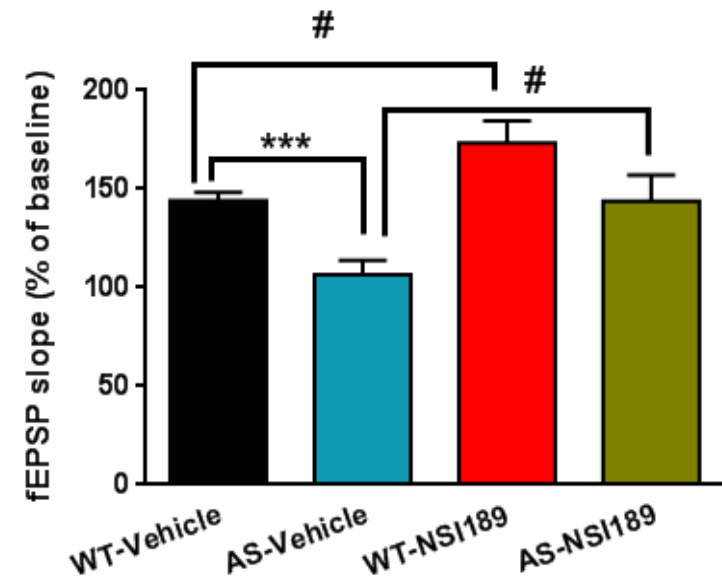
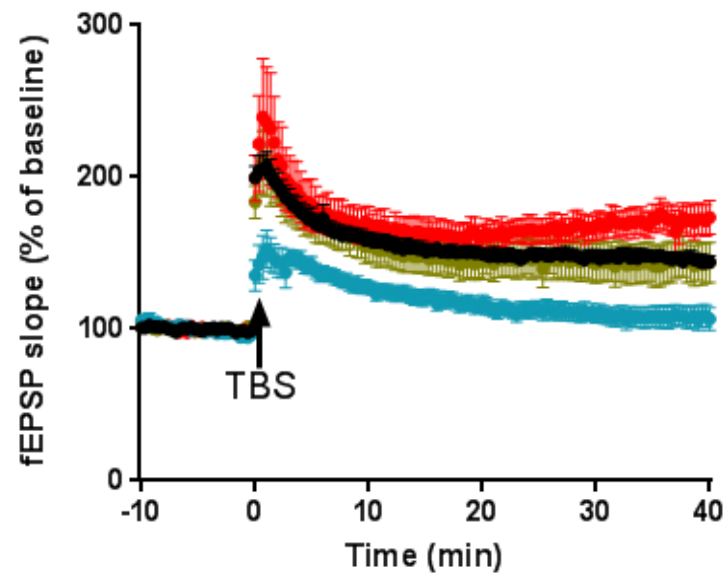
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Fear conditioning test

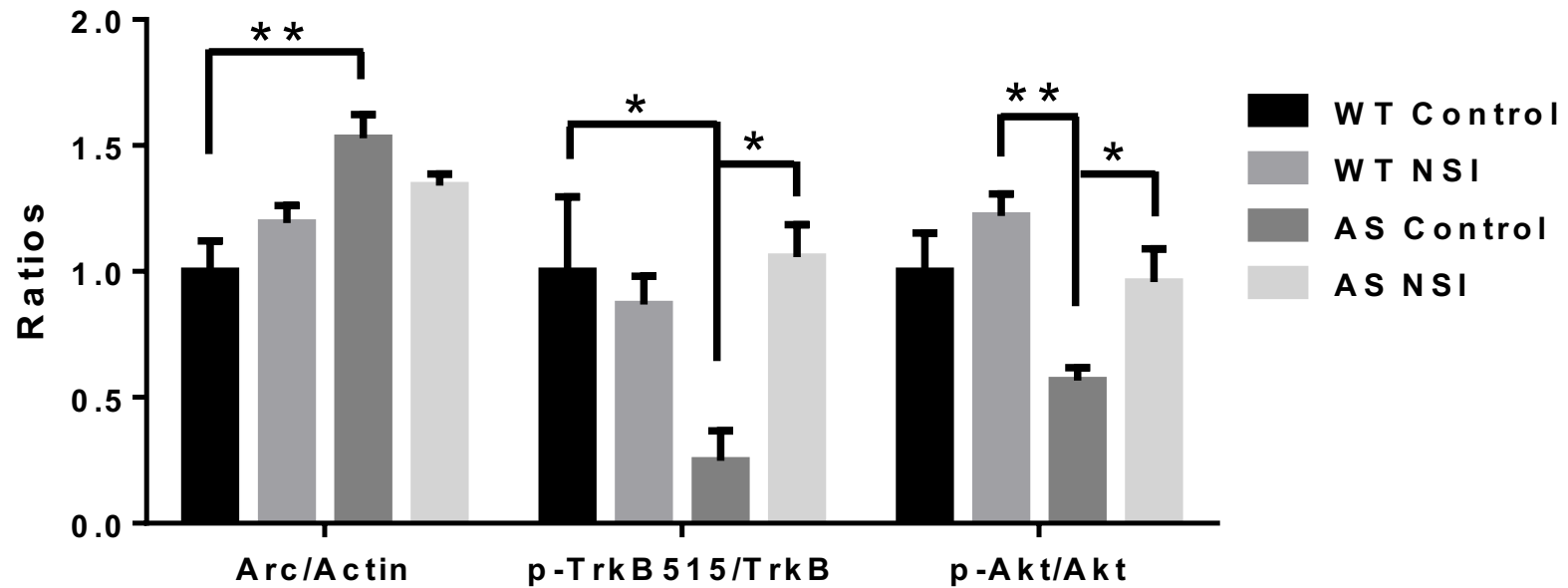


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TBS induced LTP



Normalization of Synaptic Proteins in AS mice hippocampus (30mg/kg i.p.)



Conclusion

- At 1-3 microM in the CNS, NSI-189 induces fast treatment effects by mechanisms enhancing synaptic plasticity
- At 0.1 – 0.3 microM in the CNS: NSI-189 induces and maintains treatment effects chronically by mechanisms enhancing neurogenesis and regeneration