Rapid Acting Ketamine and Esketamine: Changing the Neurobiology of Depression



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Demands for Treatment

- In 2003, spending on prescription medications totaled \$179.2 billion 11% of national health expenditures
- 1996 to 2001, spending on psychotropics almost tripled from \$5.9 million to \$14.7 million, more rapidly than other class
- In 2000-2001, sales for antidepressants grew faster than retail sales for any other therapeutic class
- By 2011, GSK, AstraZeneca and Novartis announced closures of neuroscience divisions globally
- All available FDA approved antidepressants (until recently) target monoamine systems and require 2-3 weeks to work
- Given the suicide rate with mood disorders better treatments are needed

So we may have novel targets, and novel ways of going after these targets......but targets for what?

The need for Translational Endophenotypes

Cognition

Mood disorders

Personalized medicine

Psychosis

Symptomatic Improvement (versus current standards)

Disease Modification (neuroplasticity/trophism/neurodegeneration

CURRENT

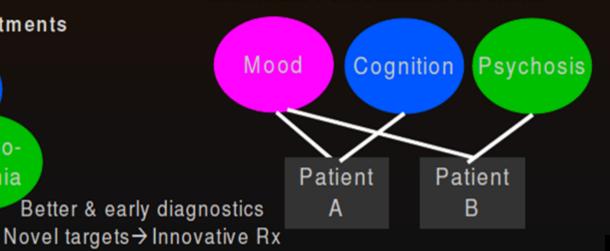
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- Complex diseases → Syndromes
- Multiple-target drugs
- Population-based treatments

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FUTURE

- Phenotypic quantitative traits
- Individual-Personalized Medicine

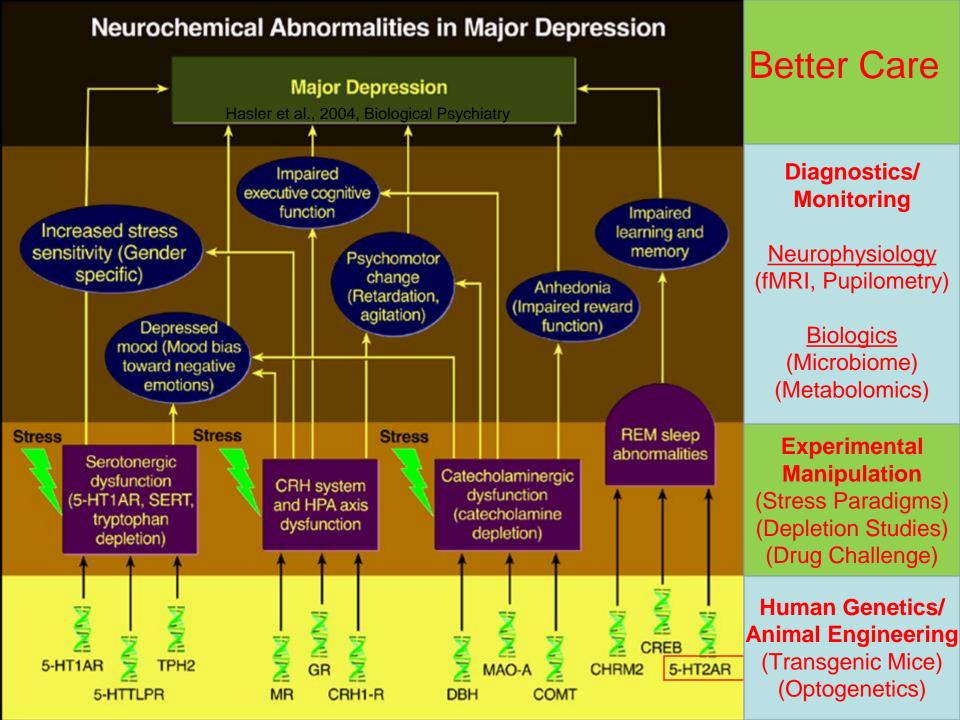


Depression: A Major Cause of Disability

- 10% of the American population suffer from depression/yr
- 2.3 million people suffer from bipolar disorder
- 4th leading cause of worldwide disease burden in 1990; ahead of ischemic heart disease, cerebrovascular, and TB
- Expected to be of the highest causes of disability by 2020
- Mood and cognitive changes relate to a syndrome that effects the body through hormonal and ANS changes
- Doubling of the death rate at any age independent of suicide, smoking, or other risk factors

The Mortality of Mood Disorders: Suicide

- 8th leading cause of death in the U.S.; > 30,000 deaths/yr
- 80% of severely depressed patients have suicidal ideation
- ~ 15% of Major Depression and Bipolar Disorder patients will die by suicide
- Patients who die by suicide are untreated or undertreated
- Many patients do not respond adequately to monoamine antidepressants



Mood Disorders

ANTERIOR CINGULATE

Regulates Emotional Behavior and Emotional **Processing**

volume with altered glutamate levels in MDD and BD. Lithium may increase grey matter in BD.

THALAMUS

Sensory relay connects limbic with mood areas

metabolism/CBF In BD + MDD

HIPPOCAMPUS

Learning-Memory, Cognition, Neurogenesis,

(-) Regulation of HPA

Reduction in Grey Matter in BD, Matter to Lithium Treatment in BD,

MEDIAL PREFRONTAL

Emotion Regulation, Connects to Limbic Areas. Hippocampus & Amygdala

Altered CBF and Glucose Metabolism in Depression

ORBIFRONTAL

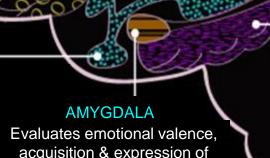
Multi-modal Stimuli Integration, Value-Reward to Stimuli, Extinction of Jnreinfornced Responses.

Increased Metabolism

HYPOTHALAMUS PITUITARY

Nervous System to Endocrine, Key structure to control of HPA and Thyroid

Schloesser et al., 2010 Trend in Neuroscience

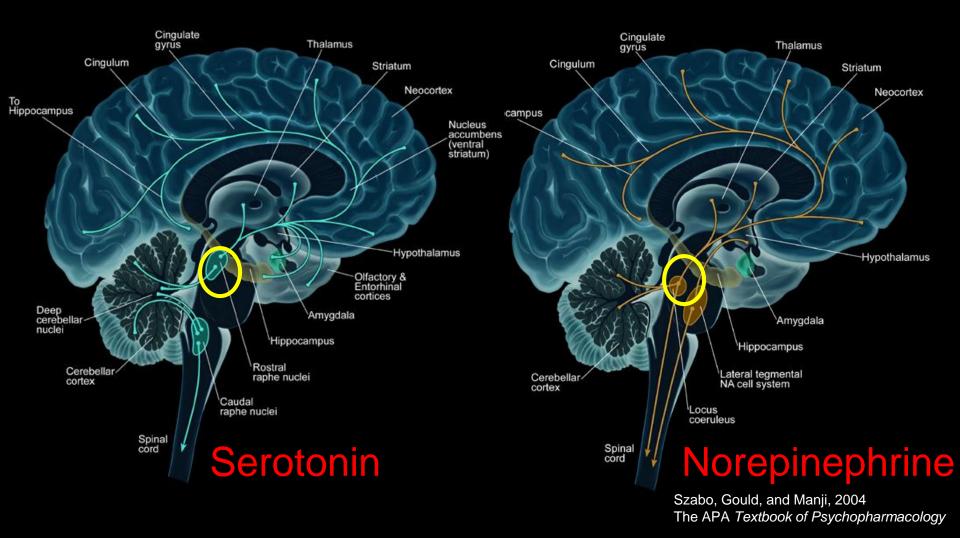


acquisition & expression of emotional memories

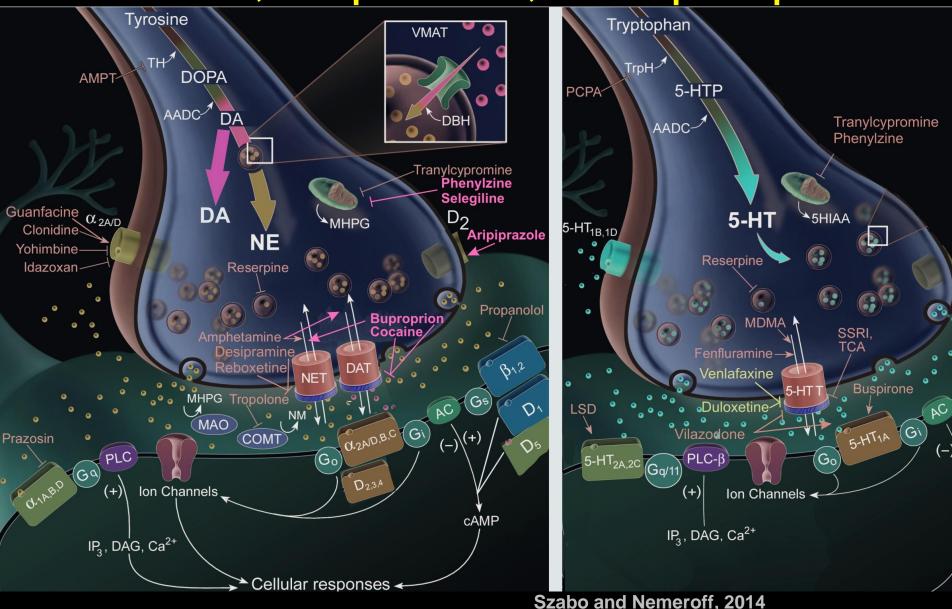
Decreased in patients with BD, increased in patients on

CBF/glucose metabolism

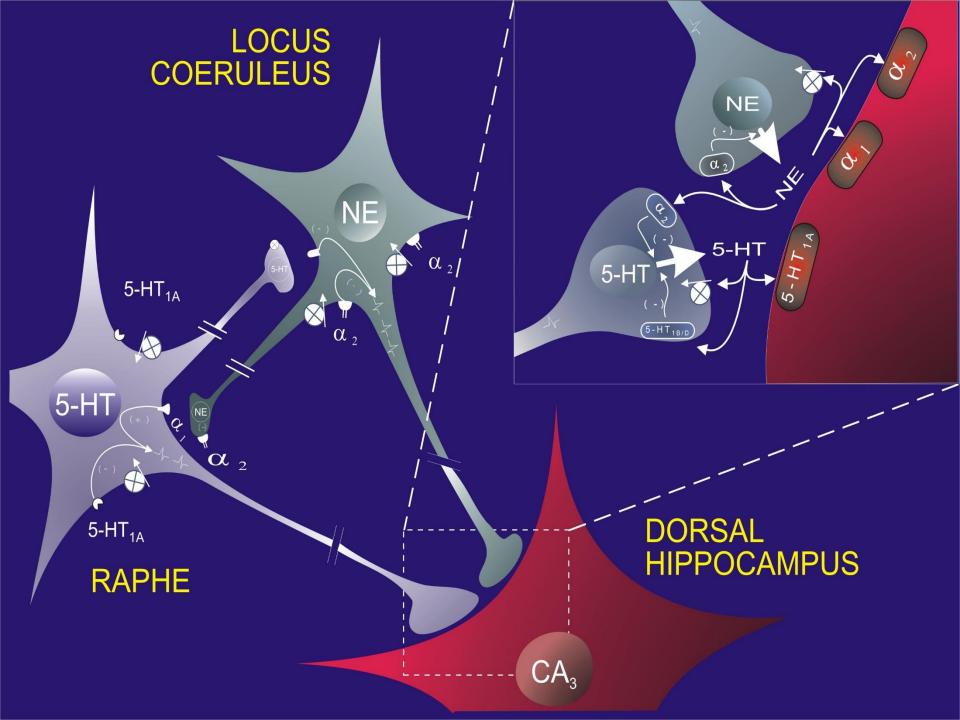
Monoamines in Treatment of Depression and Anxiety



Prior to Esketamine, FDA approved antidepressants target one or both systems Monoamines are neuromodulatory and antidepressants take weeks to work Greater understanding of neural circuits and individual differences are needed Serotonin, Dopamine, Norepinephrine



Rosenberg's Molecular and Genetic Basis of Neurological and Psychiatric Disease, Fifth Edition

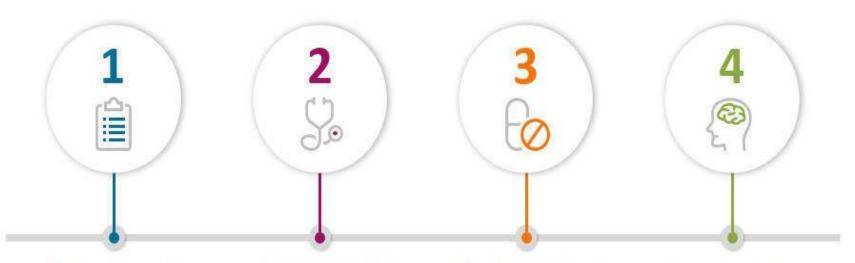


CLINICAL UTILITY OF ANTIDEPRESSANTS



Malhi, G. S., et al. (2015). Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists clinical practice guidelines for mood disorders. Australian & New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry, 49(12), 1087-1206.

STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS MEDICATION NON-RESPONSE



Review diagnosis

- Review subtype of depression (melancholic, psychotic, atypical)
- 2. Re-asses for comorbidities
- · Substance misuse
- Bipolar disorder
- Medical illness or medications inducing mood disorder
- · Personality dysfunction
- 3. Seek second opinion
- 4. Review adherence and dose

Nonresponse to 2 or 3 adequate antidepressant trials

Treatment refractory depression OR treatment resistant depression

Treatment strategies

- 1. Switch/ substitute
- 2. Increase dose
- 3. Augment/combine
- Lithium
- Second generation antipsychotics
- Thyroid hormone
- Antidepressant combinations

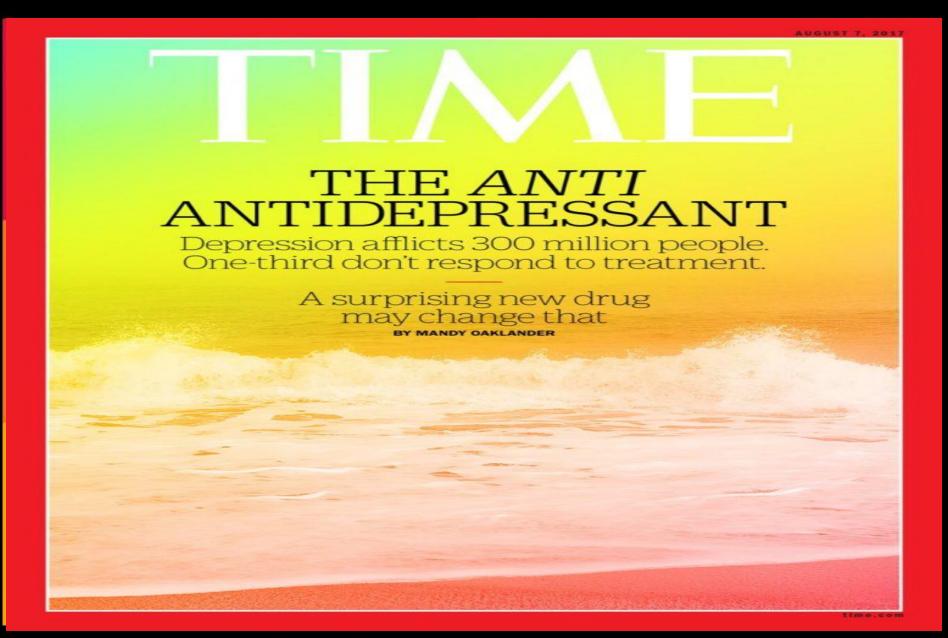
Neurostimulation

- 1.ECT
- 2. rTMS

Presynaptic Targets: Antidepressant Action

- All antidepressant drugs target and increase 5-HT and/or NE transmission following a long-term administration only
- Drugs that target both neurotransmitter systems appear more effective (TCAs and Venlafaxine), but have more side-effects
- Addition of atypical antipsychotics and lithium to treatment resistant patients on an SSRI is effective (STAR*D Project)
- Modulating 5-HT and NE interactions during a sustained antidepressant treatment are effective treatments/take time
- Insight into neurochemical changes to sustained psychotropic treatments may lead to other therapeutic avenues...make way for GLUTAMATE and postsynaptic targets.

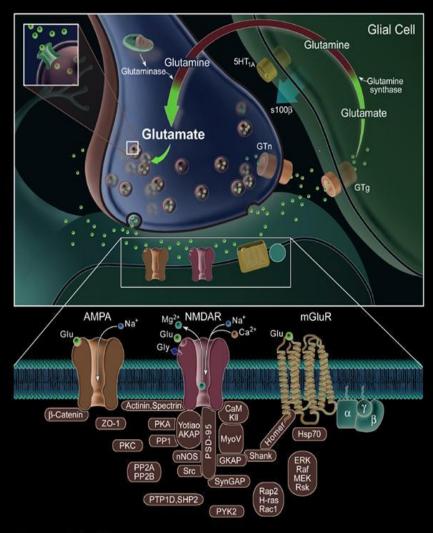
KETAMINE and ESKETAMINE





"We can give you enough medication to alleviate the pain but not enough to make it fun."

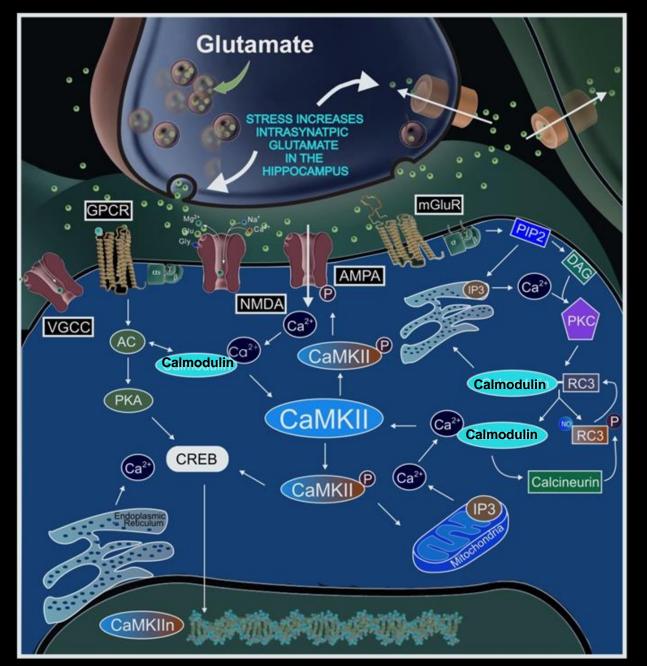
Glutamate System



Receptor Subunit Types

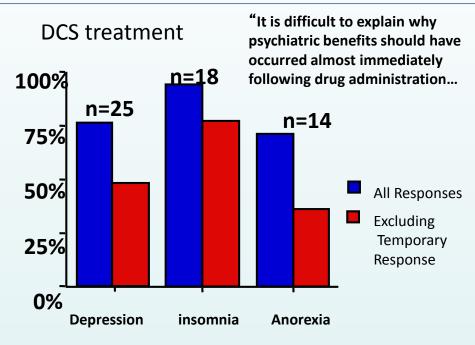
Ionotropic			Metabotropic			
NMDA	AMPA	Kainate	Group I	Group II	Group III	
NR1	GluR 1	GluR 5	mGlu 1 a-b-cv	mGlu 2	mGlu 4 a-b	
NR 2 A-B-C-D	GluR 2	GluR 6 mGlu 5 a-b	mGlu 3	mGlu 6		
NR3 A-B	GluR 3	GluR 7	mGlu 7 a-b			
	GluR 4	KA 1			mGlu 8 a-b	
		KA 2				

Szabo, Gould, Manji, 2009 APA Textbook of Psychopharmacology



Du, Szabo, Gray, Manji, 2004 Int J Neuropsychopharm

NEVER A TRULY "NEW IDEA"



(Crane, Compr Psychiatry 1961)

Evaluation of Ketamine HCl for Anti-Depressant Activity

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Abstract—Using several routine screening procedures to determine anti-depressant drug activity in experimental laboratory animals, ketamine HCl was found to possess significant activity over a wide range of oral doses. The tests used were (a) reversal of tetrabenazine-induced ptosis in mice, (b) reversal of reserpine-induced hypothermia in rats, (c) enhancement of yohimbine toxicity in mice and (d) inhibition of oxotremorine-induced tremors in mice. In general, the anti-depressant potency of ketamine HCl was substantially less than that of imigramine HCl.

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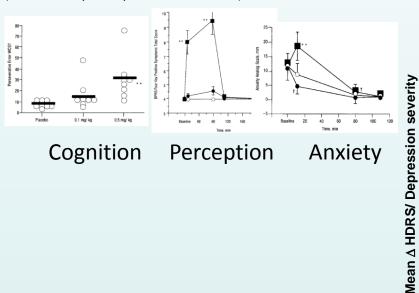
PURSUING KETAMINE AS AN ANTIDEPRESSANT

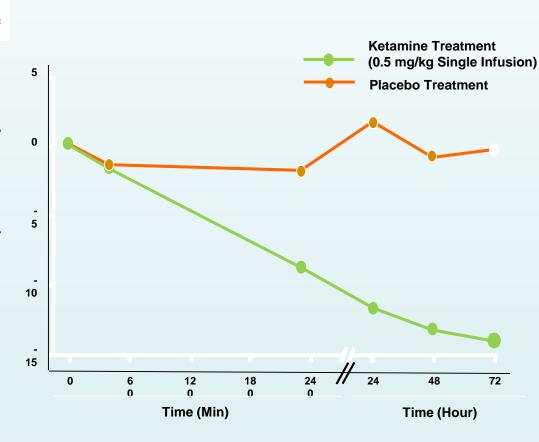
Subanesthetic Effects of the Noncompetitive NMDA Antagonist, Ketamine, in Humans

Psychotomimetic, Perceptual, Cognitive, and Neuroendocrine Responses

John H. Krystal, MD; Laurence P. Karper, MD; John P. Seibyl, MD; Glenna K. Freeman; Richard Delaney, PhD; J. Douglas Bremner, MD; George R. Heninger, MD; Malcolm B. Bowers, Jr, MD; Dennis S. Charney, MD

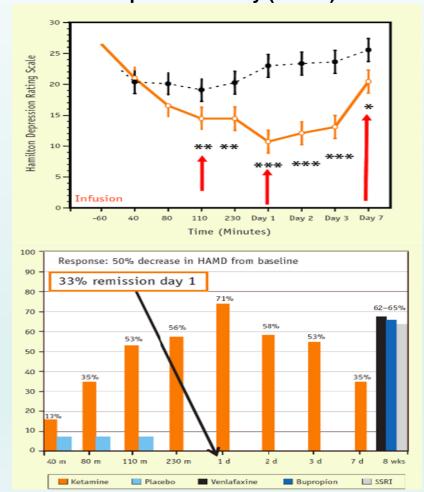
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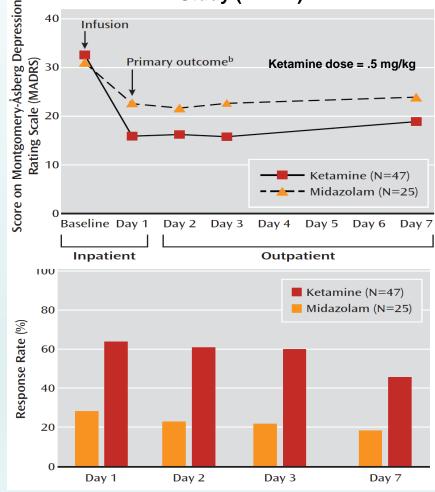
Single Subanesthetic Dose Ketamine Infusion Trials in TRD

Ketamine (0.5 mg/kg over 40 minutes)
Rapidly Effective vs Saline Placebo:
Replication Study (N = 17)



Murrough JW, et al. *Am J Psychiatry*. 2013;170(10):1134-1142.

Ketamine Superior to Psychoactive Control: Baylor/Mt Sinai NIMH funded Study (N = 72)

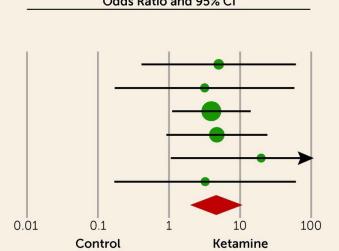


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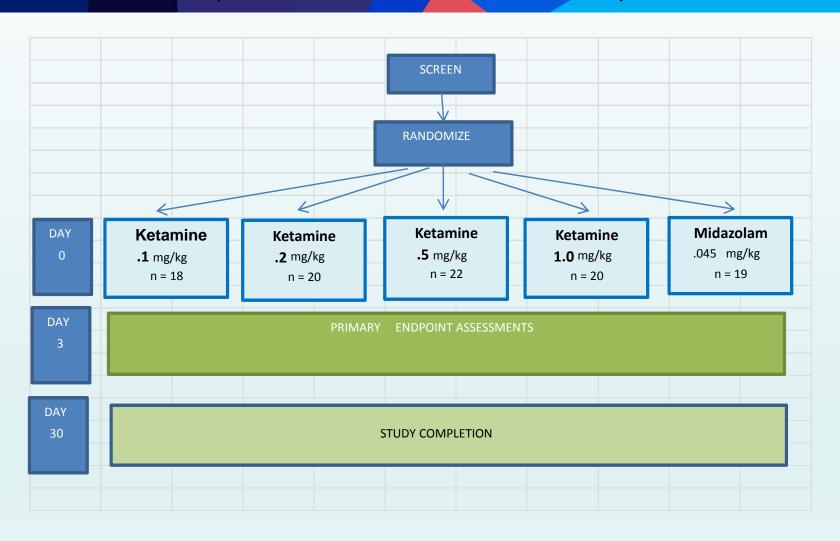
Single Infusion of Ketamine – Meta-Analytic Efficacy in TRD (N = 147)

^A At 1 day	Statistics for Each Study					Odds Ratio and 95% CI				
	Odds	Lower	Upper			-				
Study	ratio	limit	limit	Z-Value	p-Value					
Diazgranados et al. (85)	26.053	1.359	499.339	2.164	0.030				•	\rightarrow
Lapidus et al. (84)	13.600	1.238	149.455	2.134	0.033				•	→
Murrough et al. (87)	4.833	1.578	14.803	2.759	0.006			-		
Sos et al. (91)	15.294	1.610	145.305	2.374	0.018			_	•	→
Zarate et al. (88)	79.545	3.762	1681.833	2.811	0.005				-	→
Zarate et al. (86)	22.176	1.133	434.158	2.042	0.041			-	•	→
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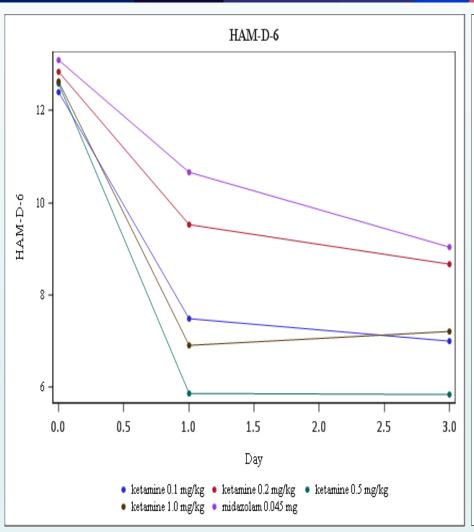
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Murrough et al. (87)	3.937	1.149	13.492	2.181	0.029		
Sos et al. (91)	4.706	0.950	23.302	1.898	0.058		
Zarate et al. (88)	19.783	1.060	369.109	1.999	0.046		
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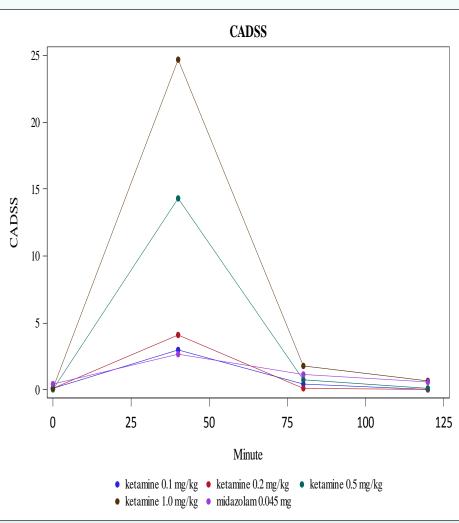


Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Dose-Ranging Trial of IV Ketamine as Adjunctive Therapy in TRD (NIMH RAPID Trial, N=99)



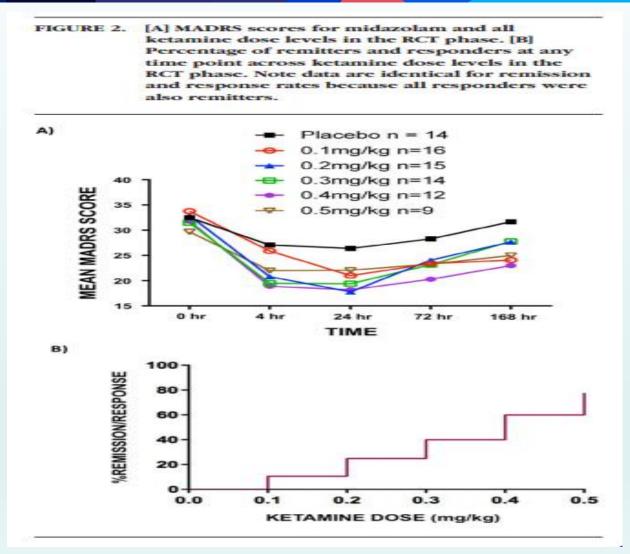
IV Ketamine Dose-Response: NIMH RAPID Trial





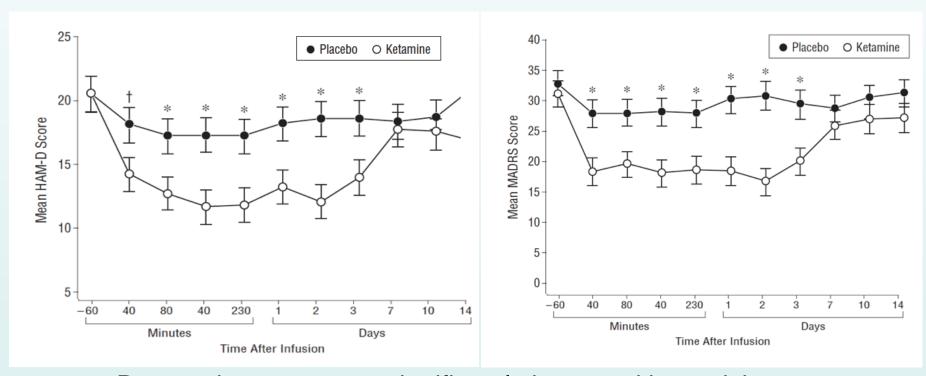
Fava M, Molecular Psychiatry, 2018

Dose-Dependent Efficacy of Ketamine in Late-Life Depression



Ketamine in Treatment-Resistant Bipolar Depression

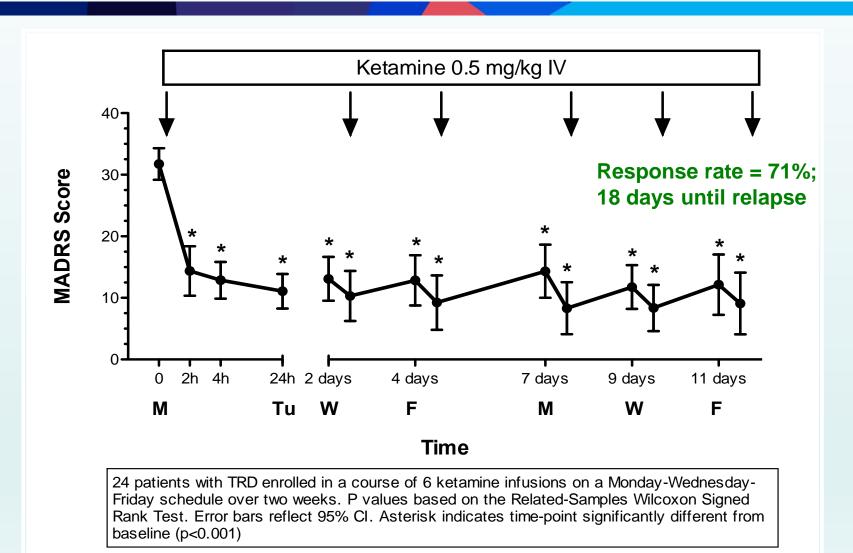
Dose: 0.5 mg/kg ketamine



Depressive symptoms significantly improved in participants receiving ketamine compared with placebo

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Thrice-Weekly Ketamine Infusions in TRD: Mt Sinai Sample (N = 24)

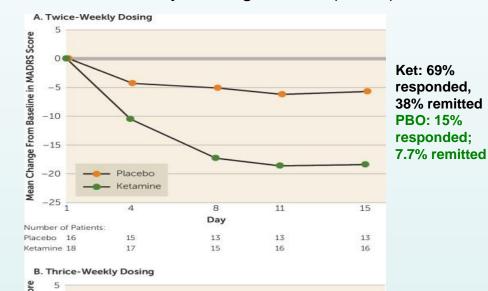


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Multi-Infusion Ketamine Trials in TRD

Thrice-Weekly Ketamine Infusions in TRD: Minneapolis VA Sample (N = 14)92% responded; 67% remitted 100 Cumulative % 75 outcome remission 50 response 25 0 Mean time to relapse = 16 days 100 Cumulative % relapsed 75 50 25

Twice-Weekly Dosing as Effective as Thrice-Weekly Dosing in TRD (N=67)



Ket: 54% responded; 23% remitted PBO: 6% responded; 0% remitted

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Singh JB, et al. Am J Psychiatry. 2016;173(8):816-826.

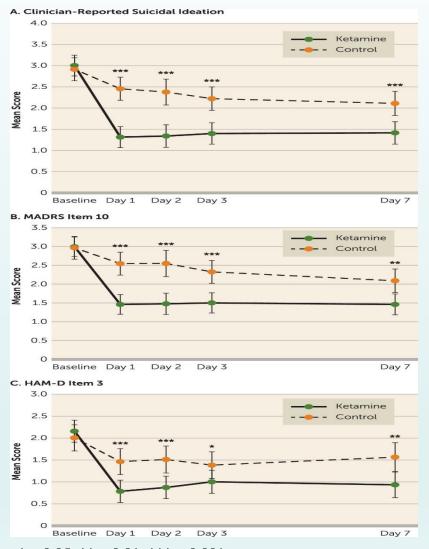
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Shiroma PR, et al. J Affect Disord. 2014;155:123-129.

Post-infusion followup week

Effect of Ketamine on Suicidal Ideation: Individual Patient Meta-Analysis

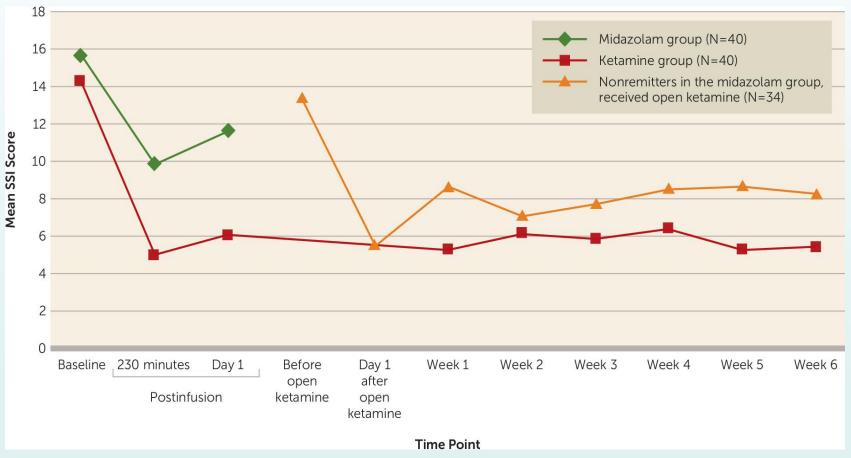


A. Clinician-Administered Measures 80 70 Percent Without Suicidal Ideation 60 50 30 20 10 0 Day 1 Day 2 **B. Self-Report Measures** 80 Percent Without Suicidal Ideation 60 40 20 Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 7 Ketamine

*p<0.05. **p<0.01. ***p<0.001.

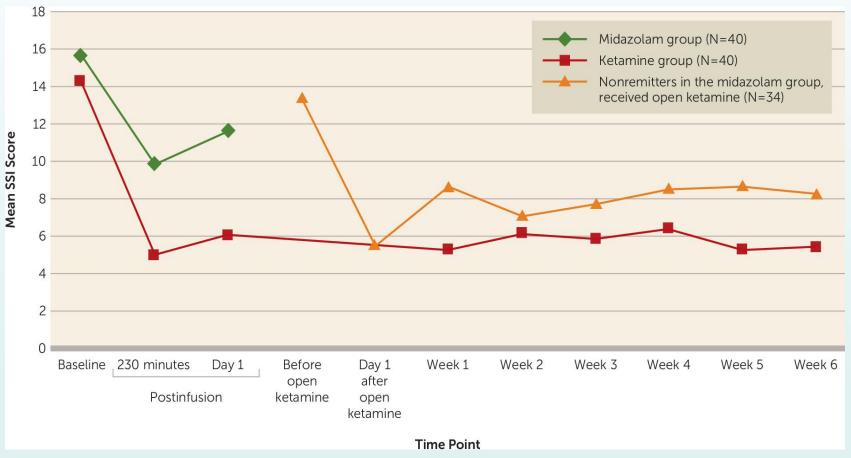
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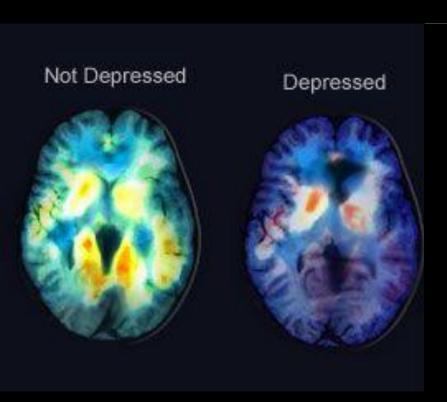
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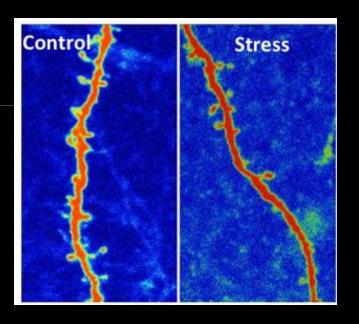
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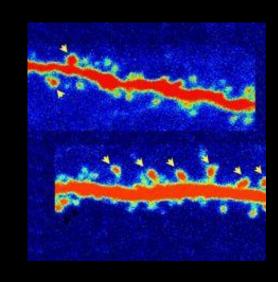
Ketamine - Stress - Depression

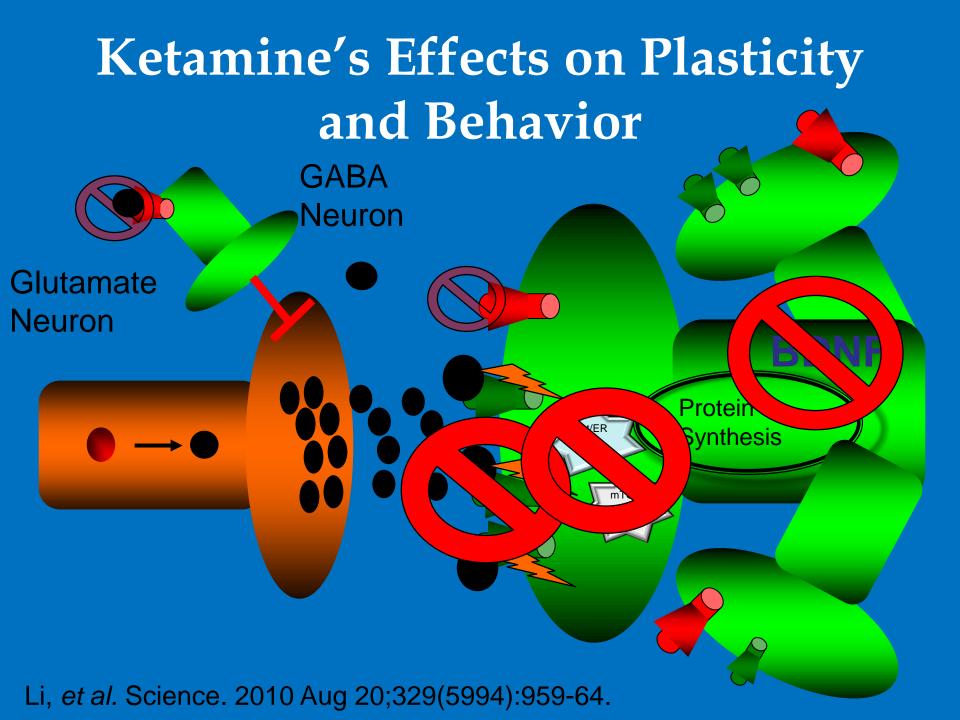




Control

Ketamine





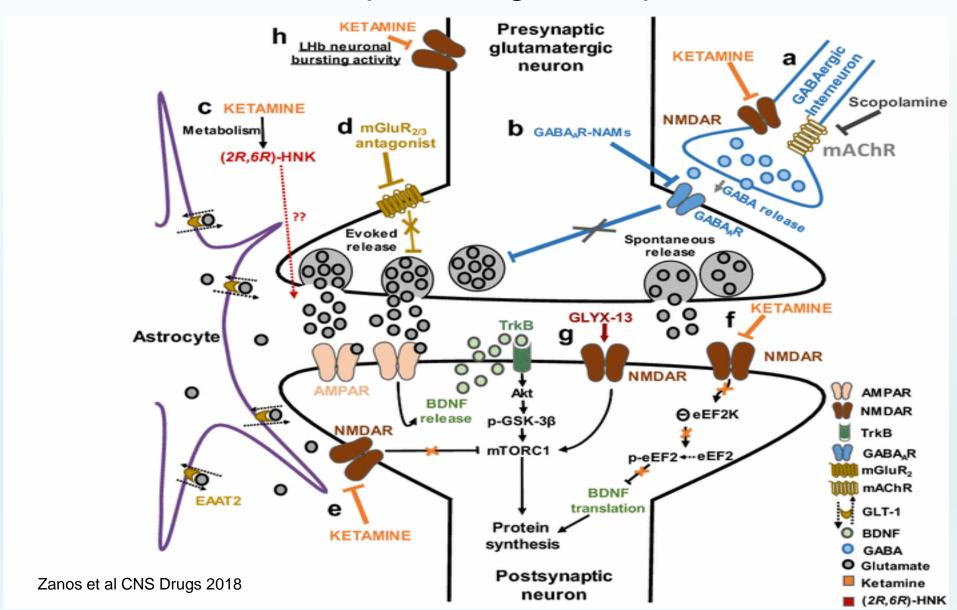
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NMDAR inhibition-independent antidepressant actions of ketamine metabolites

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Major depressive disorder affects around 16 per cent of the world population at some point in their lives. Despite the availability of numerous monoaminergic-based antidepressants, most patients require several weeks, if not months, to respond to these treatments, and many patients never attain sustained remission of their symptoms. The non-competitive, glutamatergic NMDAR (N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor) antagonist (R,S)-ketamine exerts rapid and sustained antidepressant effects after a single dose in patients with depression, but its use is associated with undesirable side effects. Here we show that the metabolism of (R,S)-ketamine to (2S,6S;2R,6R)-hydroxynorketamine (HNK) is essential for its antidepressant effects, and that the (2R,6R)-HNK enantiomer exerts behavioural, electroencephalographic, electrophysiological and cellular antidepressant-related actions in mice. These antidepressant actions are independent of NMDAR inhibition but involve early and sustained activation of AMPARs (α -amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazole propionic acid receptors). We also establish that (2R,6R)-HNK lacks ketamine-related side effects. Our data implicate a novel mechanism underlying the antidepressant properties of (R,S)-ketamine and have relevance for the development of next-generation, rapid-acting antidepressants.

Proposed Mechanisms of Action of Ketamine and other Rapid Acting Antidepressants



Esketamine (Spravato)

SPRAVATO™

(esketamine) nasal spray, CIII

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

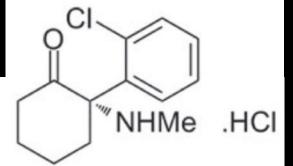
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use SPRAVATO™ safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for SPRAVATO™.

SPRAVATO™ (esketamine) nasal spray, CIII Initial U.S. Approval: 1970 (ketamine)

WARNING: SEDATION; DISSOCIATION; ABUSE AND MISUSE; and SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIORS

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Risk for sedation and dissociation after administration. Monitor patients for at least two hours after administration. (5.1, 5.2)
- Potential for abuse and misuse. Consider the risks and benefits of prescribing SPRAVATO prior to using in patients at higher risk of abuse. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of abuse and misuse. (5.3)
- SPRAVATO is only available through a restricted program called the SPRAVATO REMS. (5.4)
- Increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in pediatric and young adult patients taking antidepressants. Closely monitor all antidepressanttreated patients for clinical worsening and emergence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors. SPRAVATO is not approved for use in pediatric patients. (5.5)



Contraindications

SPRAVATO™ is contraindicated in patients with:

- ➤ Aneurysmal vascular disease (including thoracic and abdominal aorta, intracranial and peripheral arterial vessels) or arteriovenous malformation
- > History of intracerebral hemorrhage
- Hypersensitivity to esketamine, ketamine, or to any of the excipients

Drug Interactions with SPRAVATO™

- **CNS Depressants**: Concomitant use with CNS depressants (e.g., benzodiazepines, opioids, alcohol) may increase sedation. Closely monitor for sedation with concomitant use of SPRAVATOTM with CNS depressants.
- Psychostimulants: Concomitant use with psychostimulants (e.g., amphetamines, methylphenidate, modafinil, armodafinil) may increase blood pressure. Closely monitor blood pressure with concomitant use of SPRAVATOTM with psychostimulants.
- Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs): Concomitant use with MAOIs may increase blood pressure. Closely monitor blood pressure with concomitant use of SPRAVATOTM with MAOIs.

Most Common Adverse Reactions

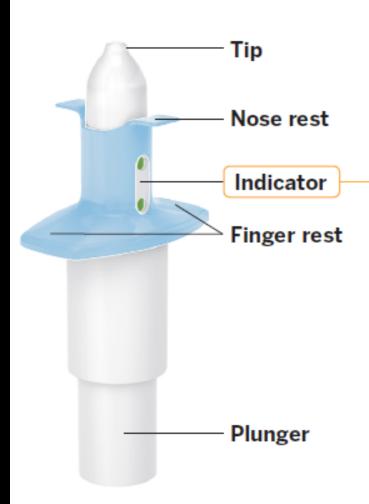
The most commonly observed adverse reactions in TRD patients treated with SPRAVATO™ (incidence ≥5% and at least twice that of placebo nasal spray + oral AD) were dissociation, dizziness, nausea, sedation, vertigo, hypoesthesia, anxiety, lethargy, blood pressure increased, vomiting, and feeling drunk.

Adverse Reactions Leading to Discontinuation of Treatment

	SPRAVATO™ + oral AD	Placebo Nasal Spray + oral AD
Short-Term Studies*		
Adults <65 yrs	4.6%	1.4%
Adults ≥65 yrs	5.6%	3.1%
Long-Term Maintenance Study	2.6%	2.1%

Across all phase 3 studies, adverse reactions leading to SPRAVATO $^{\text{m}}$ discontinuation in more than 2 patients were (in order of frequency): anxiety (1.2%), depression (0.9%), blood pressure increased (0.6%), dizziness (0.6%), suicidal ideation (0.5%), dissociation (0.4%), nausea (0.4%), vomiting (0.4%), headache (0.3%), muscular weakness (0.3%), vertigo (0.2%), hypertension (0.2%), panic attack (0.2%) and sedation (0.2%).

Nasal Spray Device

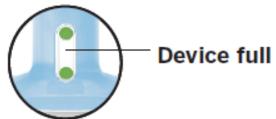


Each device delivers two sprays containing a total of 28 mg of esketamine.

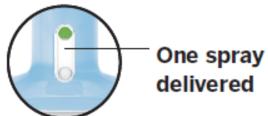
Indicator

One device contains 2 sprays. (1 spray for each nostril)

2 green dots (0 mg delivered)



1 green dot



No green dots

Two sprays (28 mg) delivered



Recommended Dosage For Esketamine in Adults¹

		Adults
Induction	Weeks 1-4:	Day 1 starting dose: 56 mg
Phase	Administer twice per week	Subsequent doses: 56 mg or 84
		mg
Maintenance	Weeks 5-8:	56 mg or 84 mg
Phase	Administer once weekly	
	Week 9 and after:	56 mg or 84 mg
	Administer every 2 weeks or once weekly ^a	
^a Dosing frequency should be individualized to the least frequent dosing to maintain remission/response.		

Step 1

Get ready

Before first device only:



Instruct patient to blow nose **before first device only**.



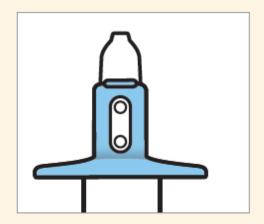
Confirm required number of devices.

56 mg = 2 devices

84 mg = 3 devices

Step 5

Confirm delivery and rest



Healthcare professional:

- Take device from patient.
- Check that indicator shows no green dots. If you see a green dot, have patient spray again into the second nostril.
- Check indicator again to confirm device is empty.



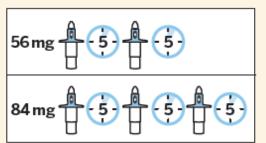
Instruct the patient to:

- Rest in a comfortable position (preferably, semi-reclined) for
 5 minutes after each device.
- If liquid drips out, dab nose with a tissue.



Do not blow nose.

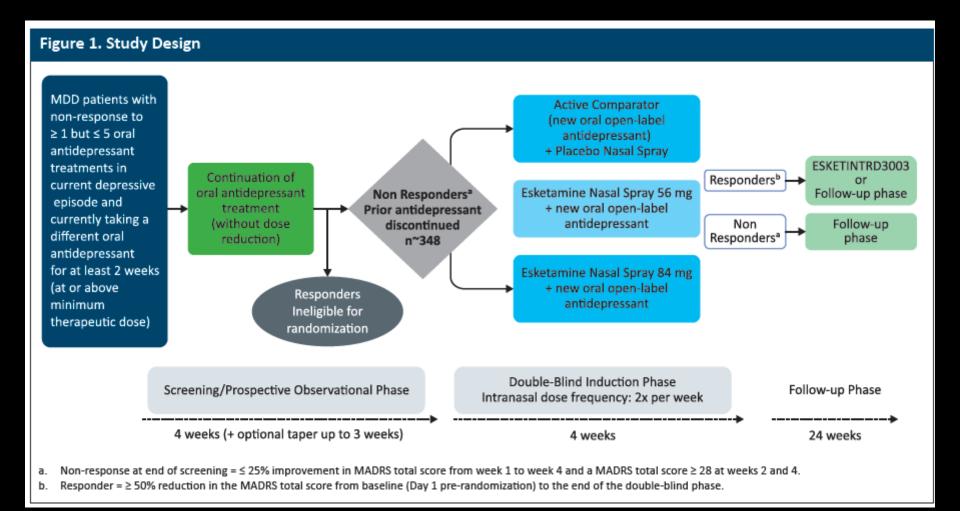
Next device



Healthcare professional:

 Repeat Steps 2-5 for the next device.

IMPORTANT: Ensure that patient waits 5 minutes after each device to allow medication to absorb.

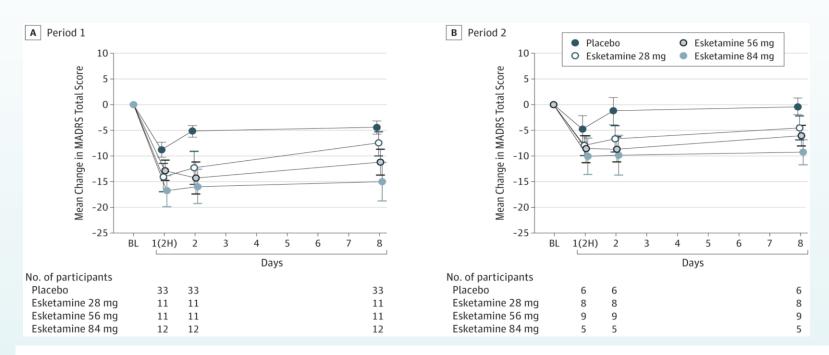


Incidence of Specific AE in Week 1 and Incidence/Frequency of Same AE in Weeks 2-4

		Week 1 Incidence	Number of	Number of Sessions
		(number of monitoring	Subjects with	(0-6) in which an AE
	4-Week	periods [0-2] AE	AEs in Weeks	was experienced in
Specific AE	Incidence	observed)	2-4	Weeks 2-4
		None - 79.7% (n=275)	5.5% (n=15)	1.07
		Once - 20.3% (n=70)	44.3% (n=31)	2.37
Nausea	28.30%	Twice - 5.2% (n=18)	66.7% (n=12)	3.62
		None - 77.7% (n=268)	5.6% (n=15)	1.95
		Once - 22.3% (n=77)	71.4% (n=55)	4.14
Dissociation	26.6%	Twice - 11.3% (n=39)	94.9% (n=37)	4.57
		None - 76.5% (n=264)	6.4% (n=17)	1.54
		Once - 23.5% (n=81)	70.4% (n=57)	3.22
Dizziness	23.7%	Twice - 9.3% (n=32)	90.6% (n=29)	3.70
		None - 82.9% (n=286)	6.3% (n=18)	2.54
		Once - 17.1% (n=59)	71.2% (n=42)	4.48
Vertigo	22.5%	Twice - 9.9% (n=34)	85.3% (n=29)	5.24
		None - 88.7% (n=306)	6.2% (n=19)	2.53
		Once - 11.3% (n=39)	71.8% (n=28)	3.07
Somnolence	17.3%	Twice - 2.9% (n=10)	100% (n=10)	4.13

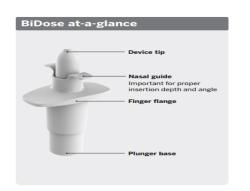
Data sample was a combination of data from the 3 intranasal ESK groups from the fixed-dose and flexible-dose studies (n=345). The first-week incidence groups are not mutually exclusive – the "Twice" group is a subset of the "Once" group.

Adjunctive Intranasal Esketamine in TRD (N=67*)



How to use BiDose nasal spray device

Patient Instructions for Use



 $Please \ read \ these \ instructions \ in \ full \ \underline{before} \ spraying \ your \ medication, as \ BiDose \ is \ different \ from \ conventional \ nasal \ spray \ devices.$ Discuss any questions you may have with your healthcare professional.

Deliver Medication (spray once into each nostril)



Hold device

Place your index and middle fingers on the flange, and gently support the plunger base with your thumb, as shown.

Do not press the plunger This may result in loss of dose. Use your left hand to spray into the left nostril, and right hand for the right nostril.



Insert device tip

spraying medication.

Insert device tip until nasal guide presses up against the skin around your nostril. The nasal guide ensures BiDose is inserted deep enough into the nostril Maintain this position when



Spray medication

Close opposite nostril with the index finger of your other hand, as shown

Breathe in through your nose while quickly pushing the plunger base up with your thumb until it stops

Do not lift your head or pull BiDose away from your nose while spraying.



Sniff gently

Immediately after spraying, sniff gently several times to ensure medication stays inside your nose.

Avoid blowing your nose immediately after spraying. Hand BiDose to your healthcare professional before delivering the second spray.

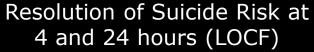


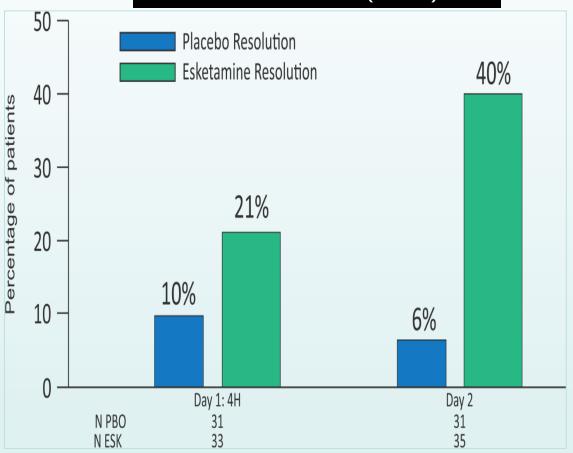
Deliver second spray into opposite nostril

With the same device, repeat steps to deliver second spray into the opposite nostril.

After delivering second spray blot nose with a tissue if any liquid drips out.

Effect of Intranasal Esketamine on Suicide Risk





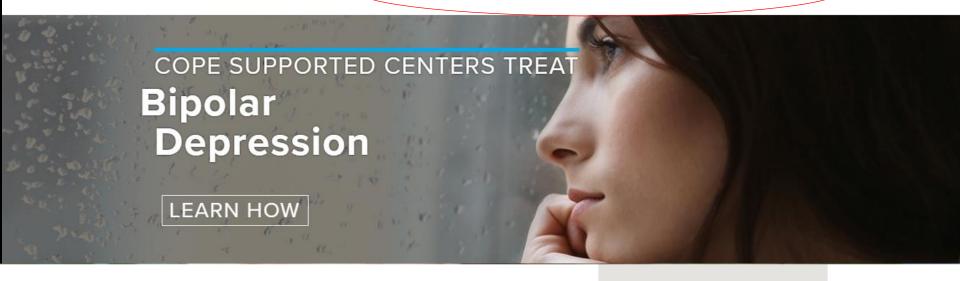
Proportion of patients achieving resolution of suicide risk (CGJ-SR Score 0 or 1) at day 1 (4 hour postdose) and day 2 (~24 hours postdose) LOCF

Safety: Ketamine and Opiate Receptors

- Shatzberg et al., <u>Attenuation of Antidepressant Effects of Ketamine by Opioid Receptor Antagonism.</u> Williams NR, Heifets BD, Blasey C, Sudheimer K, Pannu J, Pankow H, Hawkins J, Birnbaum J, Lyons DM, Rodriguez CI, Schatzberg AF. Am J Psychiatry. 2018 Dec 1;175(12):1205-1215.
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- Could endogenous opioid mechanisms explain antidepressant responses to many active agents, including ketamine, as well as to placebo? We cannot discount this possibility.







COPE Supported Centers Provide Innovative, Evidence-Based Psychiatric Treatment.

COPE is proud to provide administrative and advisory support to highly specialized psychiatric clinics that provide expert consultations and innovative, evidence-based psychiatric treatment for the most difficult to treat cases of major depression, anxiety, bipolar depression, chronic pain and opioid addiction among others. Patients who come to these clinics have tried other treatments, to no avail, and are looking for something more revolutionary than the standard protocol. If you or someone you love is suffering from one of these treatment-resistant mental illnesses, we encourage you to reach out to a COPE supported center near you to learn more about these innovative, effective, evidence-based treatments.

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Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

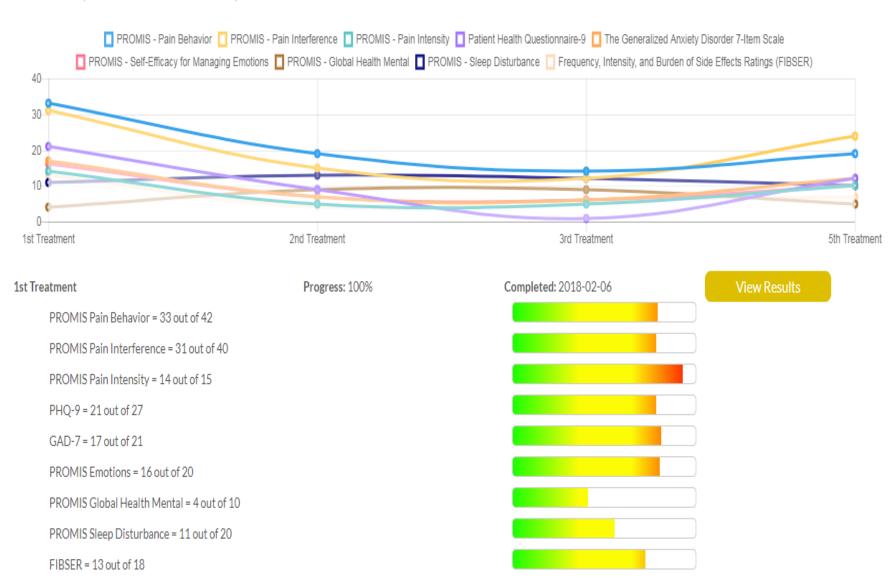
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

Chronic Pain

Patient Self-Rating of Symptoms to Ketamine

Patient Administered Scales

Acute Phase(6 Treatments over 2 Weeks)



Provider Ratings to Optimize/Stop Ketamine Tx

Provider Administered Scales

These scales are to be done on the day of treatment by a COPE provider. The questions are in reference to baseline symptom evaluation by the provider or since the last treatment at COPE.

Please complete the scales prior to each treatment in each of the stages below. Once completed an option to complete the Post-Treatment assessment will appear and should be done after the infusion.

Acute Phase(6 Treatments over 2 Weeks)





Report Generated On: Monday 2nd of April, 2018

Patient #: FullTest2

PATIENT 1ST PRETREATMENT ASSESSMENT - OCD

Dimensional Obsessive-Compulsive Scale (DOCS): 39 out of 80

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Time spent thinking about contamination and engaging in washing or cleaning behaviors	less than 1 hour each day 1
Extent avoiding situations to prevent contamination concern, washing, cleaning, or showing	a little annoyance 1
How distressed or anxious about contamination thoughts	moderately distressed/anxious 2
Daily routine disrupted by contamination concersn and excessive cleaning	my life is disrupted in many ways and i have trouble managing 3
Difficulty disregarding thoughts about contamination and refraining from washing behaviors	a little difficult 1
Time spent thinking about harm or disasters	8 hours or more each day 4
Extent avoiding situations that you would check for harm	a great deal of avoidance 3
Distress level when cannot check for harm	mildly distressed/anxious 1
Extent daily route disruption thoughts of harm	a little disruption 1 but i mostly function well 1
Difficulty disregarding thoughts of harm	moderately difficult 2
Time spent with unpleasant thoughts	less than 1 hour each day 1
Extent avoiding things that trigger unwanted thoughts	none at all 0
Distress level with unwanted thoughts	severely distressed/anxious 3
Extent of daily routine interruption by unwanted thoughts	many things are disrupted 2

COPE Real-World Registry: IV Ketamine in Depression

Demographics (n =119)

72 (61%) female

45 (38%) male

1 (0.8%) transgender female-male

1 (0.8%) transgender male-female

Baseline/Prior to Tx 1:

PHQ-9 = 20.2

MADRS = 36.6

GAD-7 = 12.2

Acute Phase – 3 Tx/wk X 2 weeks

PHQ-9 = 9.4

MADRS = 13.1

GAD-7 = 6.9

A significant reduction of 54.9% in PHQ-9, 35.6% in MADRS, and 29.9% in GAD-7 occurred after the first infusion (p<.0001).

Sustained Phase – 1 Tx/wk X 4 weeks

PHQ-9 = 8.5

MADRS = 10.7

GAD-7 = 5.9

A *sustained* 50% reduction in depressive and anxiety symptoms occurred after 6 treatments.

Maintenance Phase – 1 Tx/month X 6 months

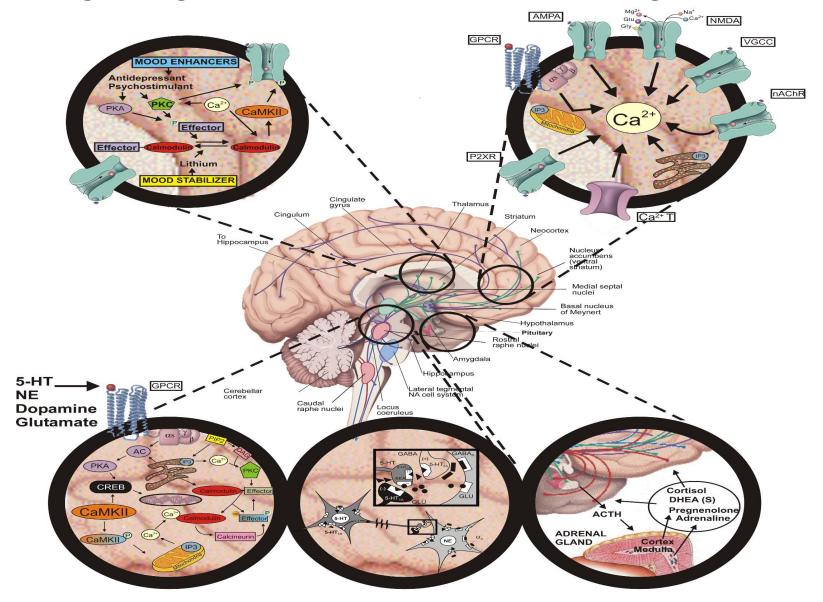
PHQ-9 = 7.5

MADRS = 12.1

GAD-7 = 6.9

Remission of symptoms were maintained using the COPE ketamine treatment algorithm at 7 months.

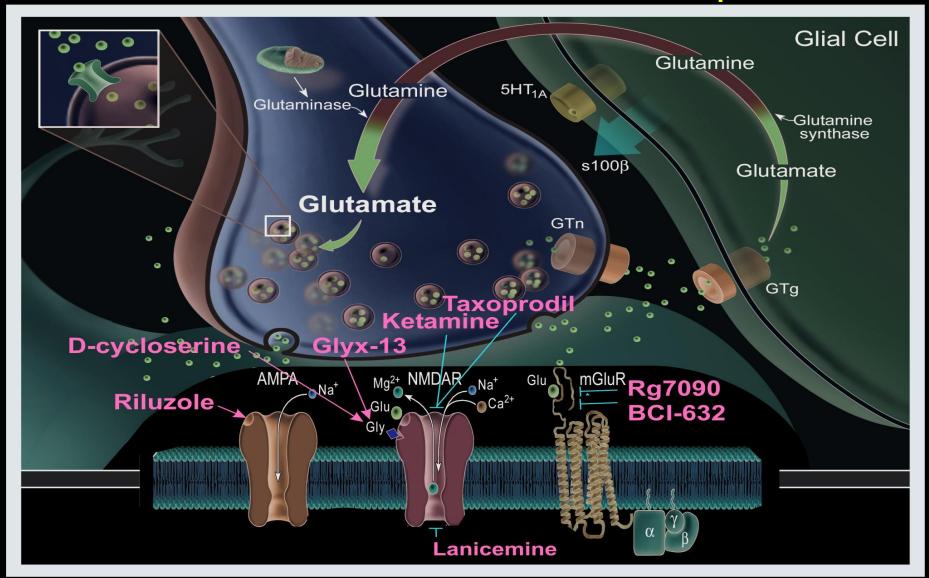
Drug Targets and Brain Circuit Regulation



Adapted from Szabo et al., 2014

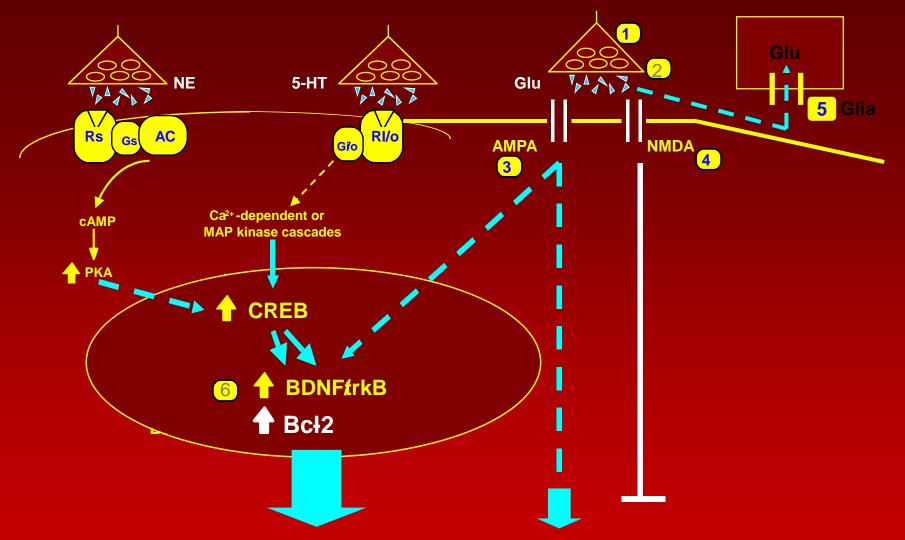
APA Textbook of Psychopharmacology

Novel Glutamate Treatments for Depression



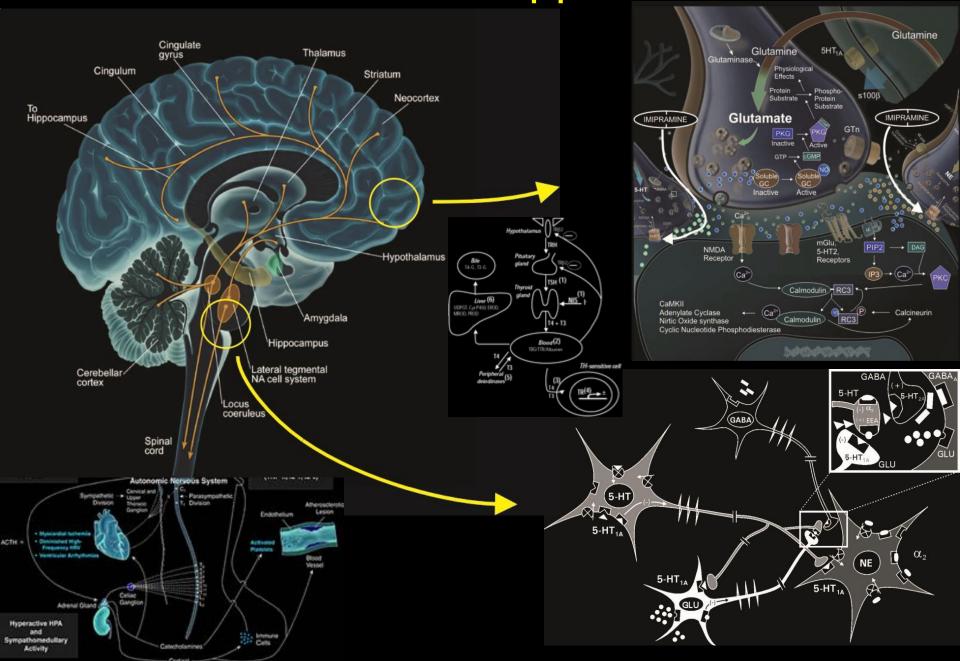
Szabo and Nemeroff, 2014
Rosenberg's Molecular and Genetic Basis of
Neurological and Psychiatric Disease, Fifth Edition

Conserved Underlying Mechanism of Antidepressants



Enhancement of synaptic plasticity and cellular resilience
Restoration, enhancement & maintenance of neural connectivity
mechanisms essential for healthy affective functioning and buffering
against deterioration of neural functioning

Multimodal Treatment Approaches Needed



Going Forward with Neuroscience Endpoints

Antidepressant Effect on the Firing Activity of Locus Coeruleus Norepinephrine Neurons in Rats

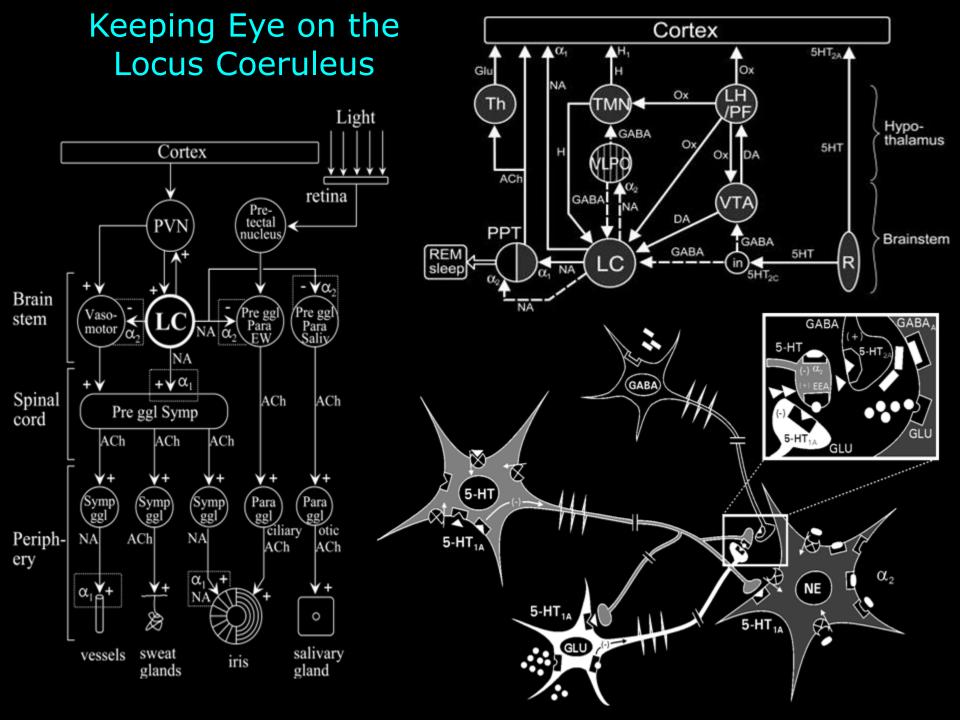
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Drug	Acute	Long-Term
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Clorgyline	\downarrow	\ \ \psi \
Desipramine	\downarrow	\
Imipramine	Ţ	↓
Reboxetine	1	↓
Mirtazapine	1	ļ .
Venlafaxine	\downarrow	↓
Milnacipran	↓	↓
Duloxetine	\downarrow	↓
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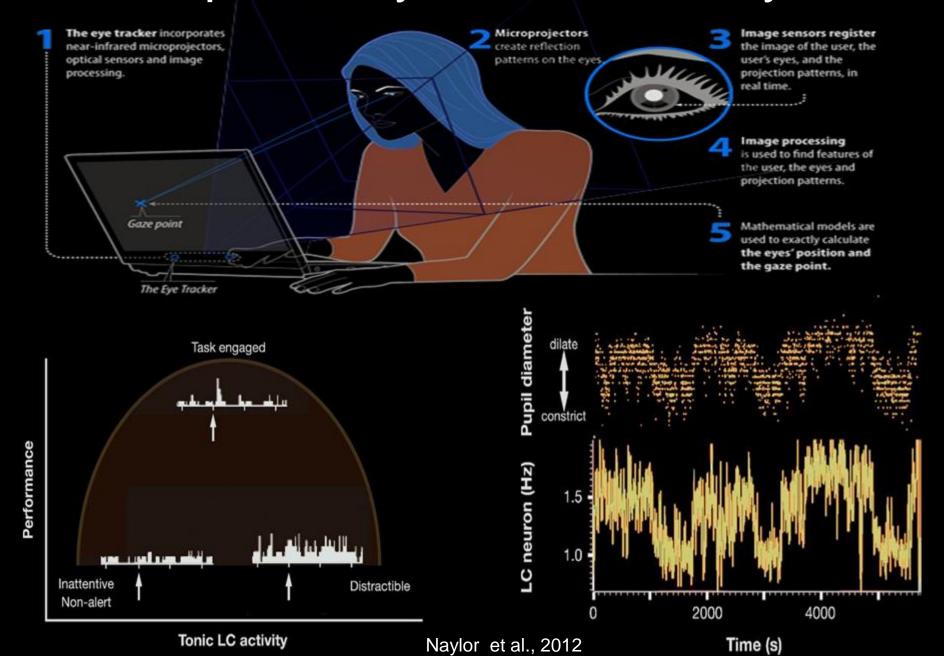
Drug Class	Drug	Acute	Withdrawal
Sedatives	Alcohol	ļ	\uparrow
	Alprozolam	\downarrow	†
	Heroin	\downarrow	†
	GHB	\downarrow	1
Entactogen	Ecstacy	\downarrow	$\backslash \uparrow$
Dissociative	Ketamine	?	?
	PCP	\downarrow	?
Hallucinogen	LSD	\downarrow	?
Canabinoid	Mescaline	\downarrow	?
	Marijuanna	†	?

Szabo (Unpublished)

Adapted from Szabo and Blier, 2001 (CNS Spectrums)



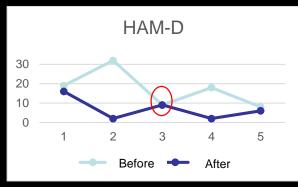
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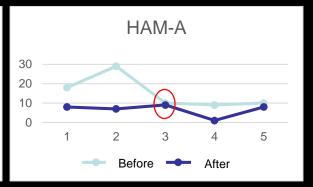


Pupillometery and Target Engagement: Personalizing Ketamine Treatment

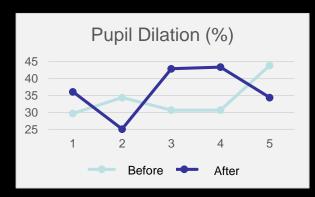


Shorter time to peak pupil dilation to dark following ketamine infusion (1.23s vs 1.26s)





Depression and anxiety scores before infusion (17.2 and 15.2) and after (7.0 and 6.6)





The change in pupil dilation and arousal did not correspond to these effects

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