

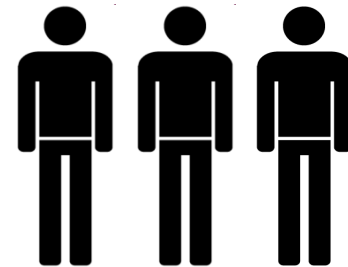
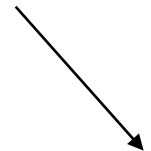
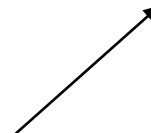
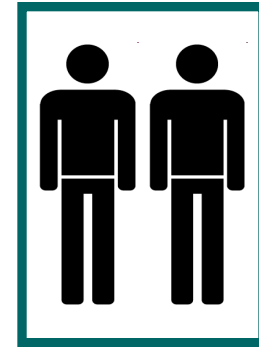
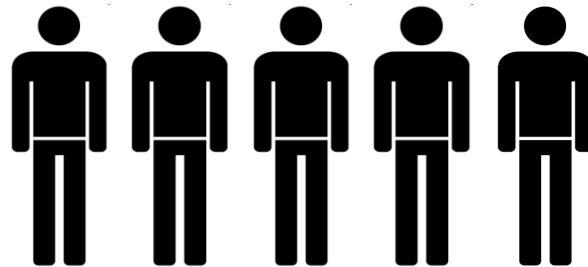
# Mitochondria and brain disorders: A systems biology approach

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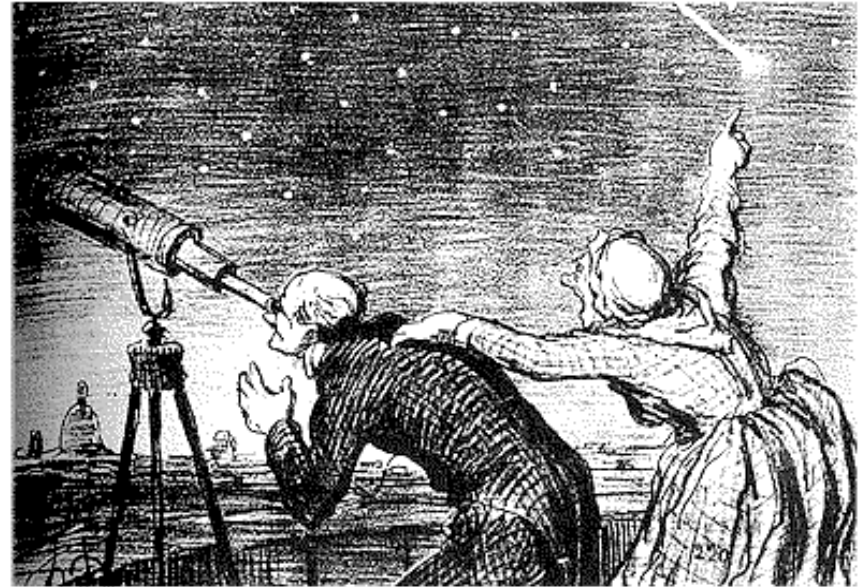


# Problems, problems, problems





# Why go data-driven?



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## New approaches to antidepressant drug discovery: beyond monoamines

*Olivier Berton and Eric J. Nestler*

Abstract | All available antidepressant medications are based on serendipitous discoveries of the clinical efficacy of two classes of antidepressants more than 50 years ago. These tricyclic and monoamine oxidase inhibitor antidepressants were subsequently found to promote serotonin or noradrenaline function in the brain. Newer agents are more specific but have the same core mechanisms of action in promoting these monoamine neurotransmitters. This is unfortunate, because only ~50% of individuals with depression show full remission in response to these mechanisms. This review summarizes the obstacles that have hindered the development of non-monoamine-based antidepressants, and provides a progress report on some of the most promising current strategies.

**Filiou *Proteomics Clin Appl* 2015**  
**Turck & Filiou *Mol Neuropsychiatry* 2015**



# Outline

- **A proteomics and metabolomics platform for biomarker discovery**
- **Implication of mitochondria in brain disorders**
- **Data-driven manipulation of mitochondrial function *in vivo***

# A proteomics and metabolomics platform for biomarker discovery

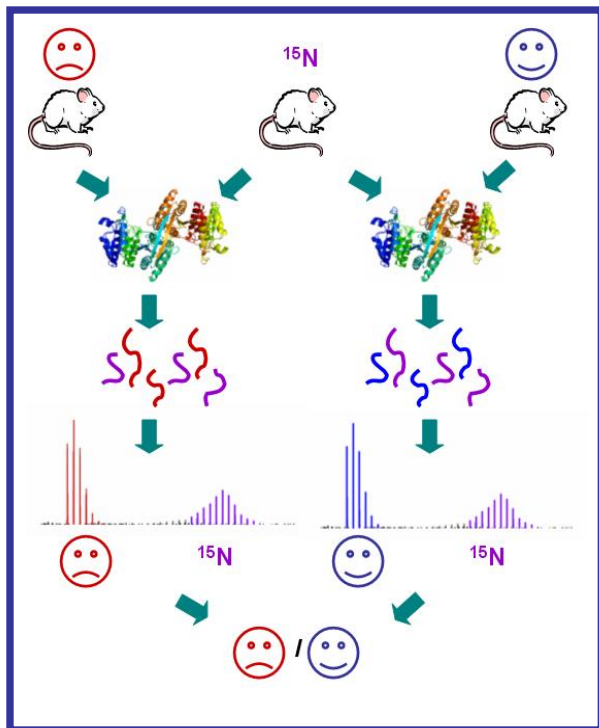


*“Okay—who put my lunch through the mass spectrometer..?”*

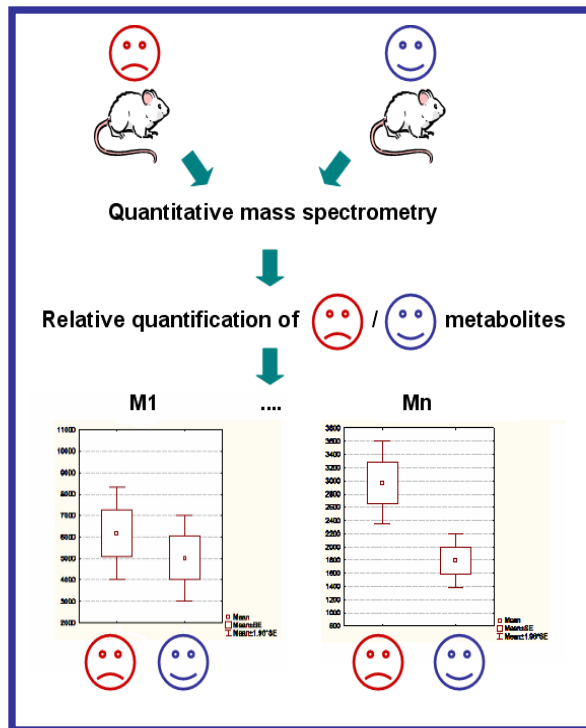


# Mass spectrometry-based biomarker discovery

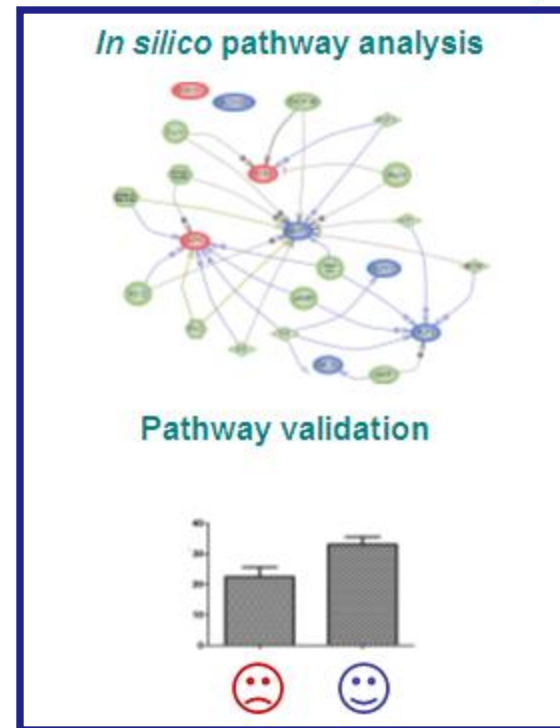
## Proteomics



## Metabolomics

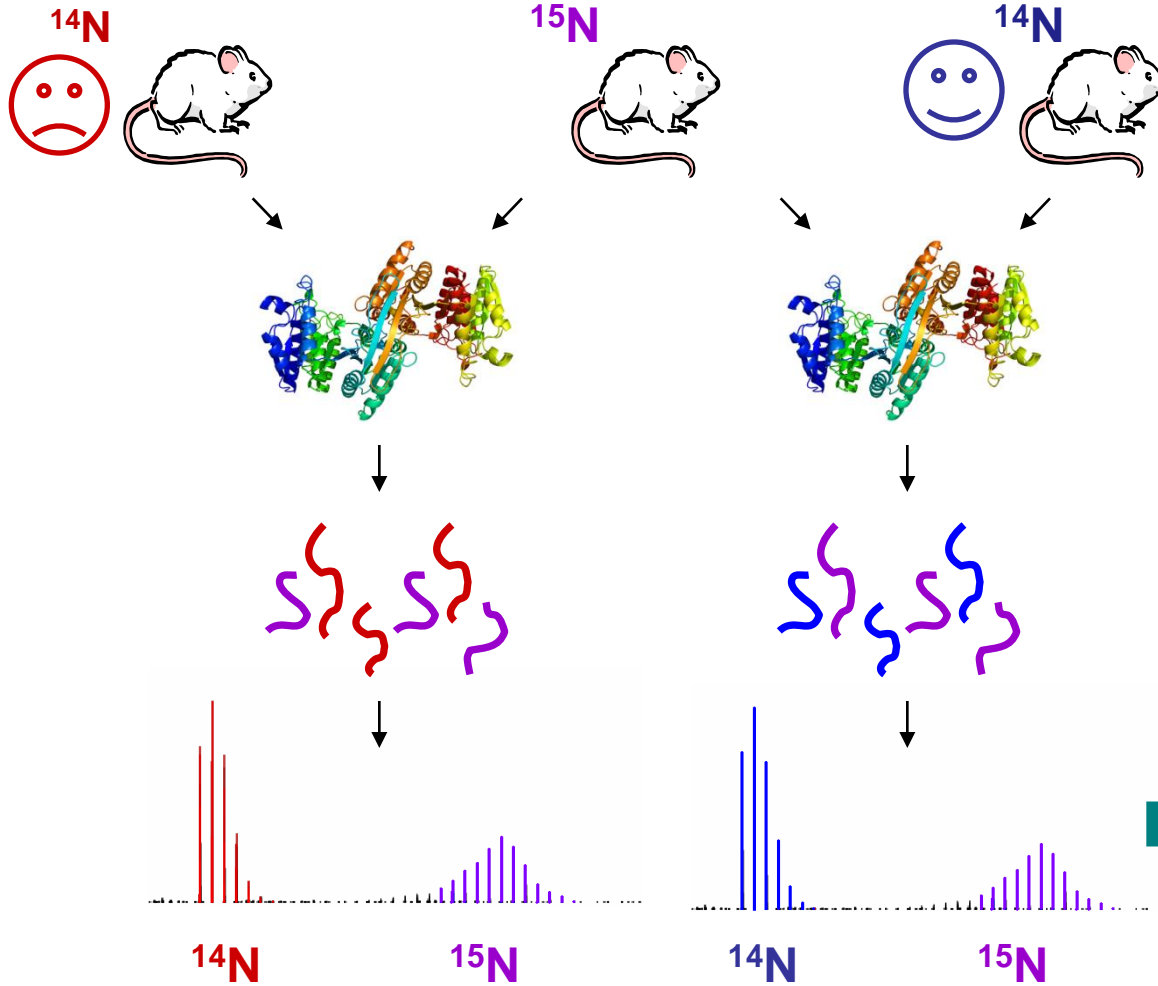
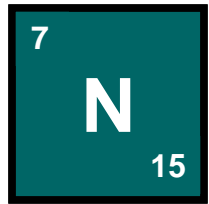
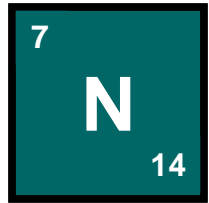


## Bioinformatics





# Quantitative proteomics





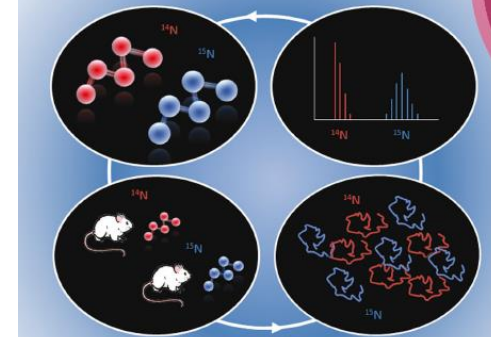
# In vivo $^{15}\text{N}$ metabolic labeling

## $^{15}\text{N}$ metabolic labeling protocol



## Molecular BioSystems

Interfacing chemical biology with the -omic sciences and systems biology  
www.rsc.org/molecularbiosystems

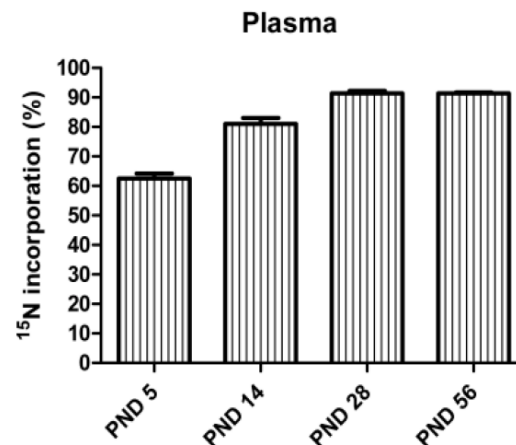
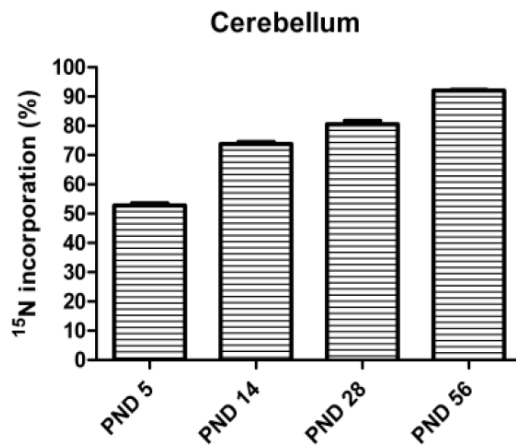


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workflow in mouse plasma and brain

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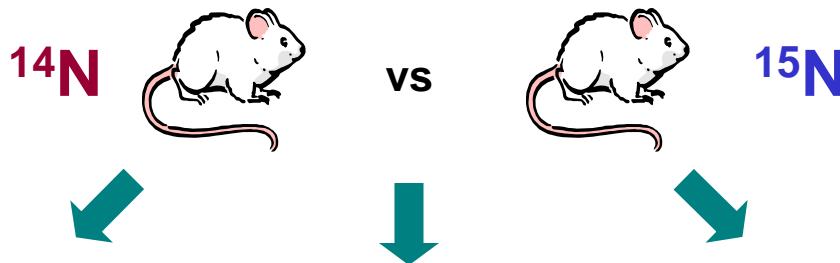


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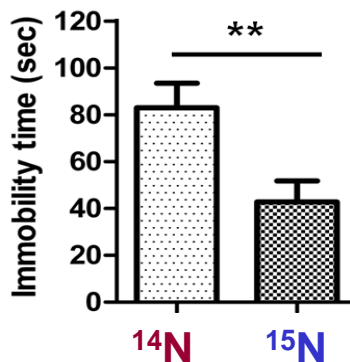




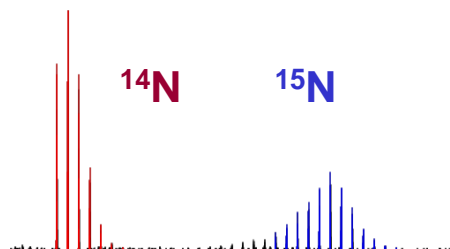
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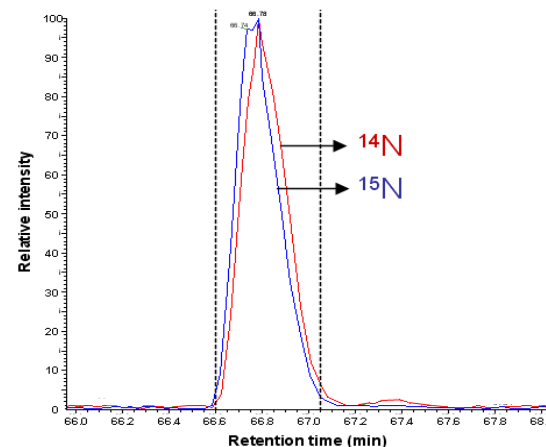
## Behavioral phenotype changes



## Altered protein expression in brain and plasma



## Retention time delay



Webhofer et al *J Proteomics* 2013

Filiou\* Zhang\* Gormanns\* et al *Proteomics* 2012



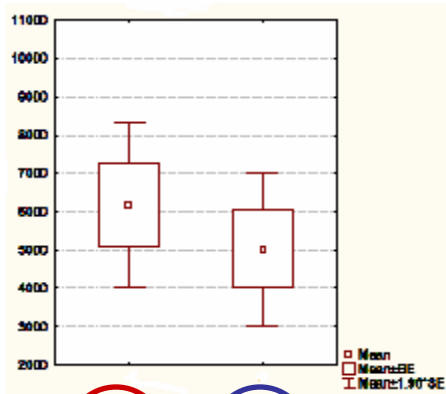
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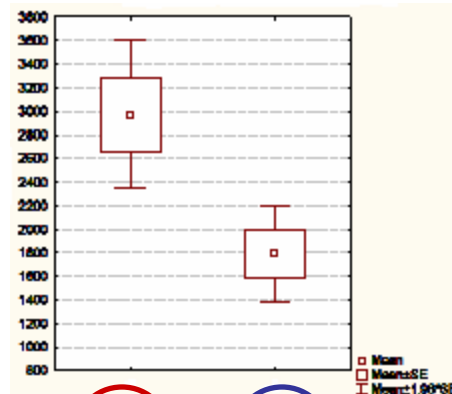
SRM-based

Relative quantification of 258  /  metabolites

M1



M2



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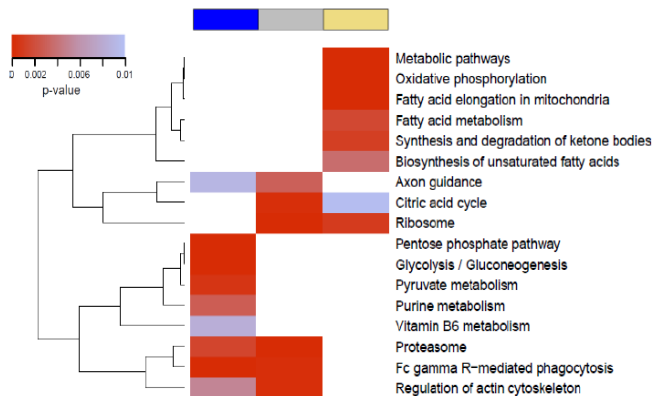
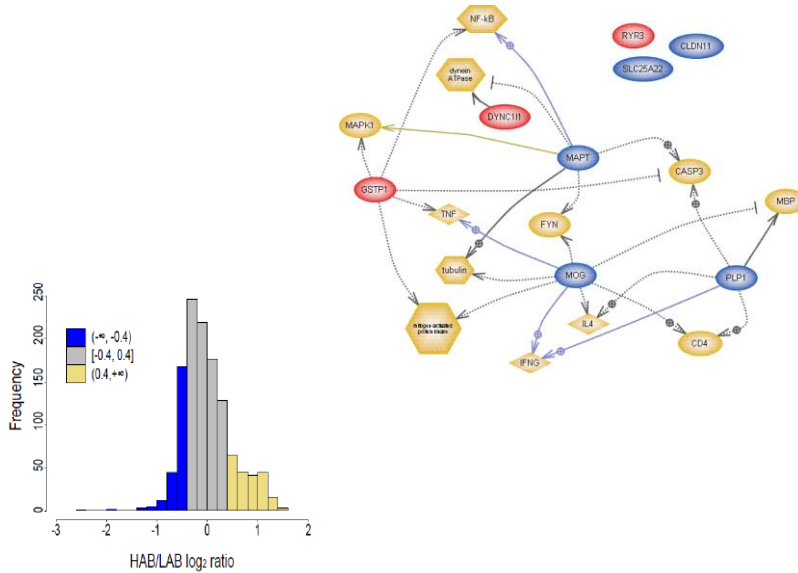
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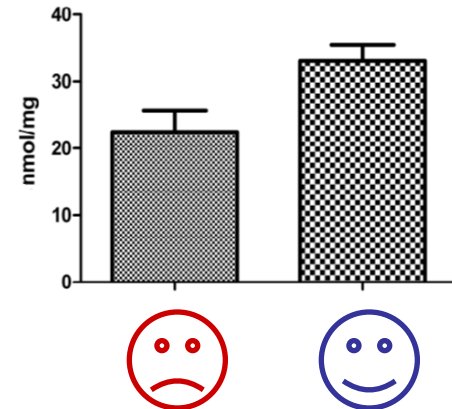
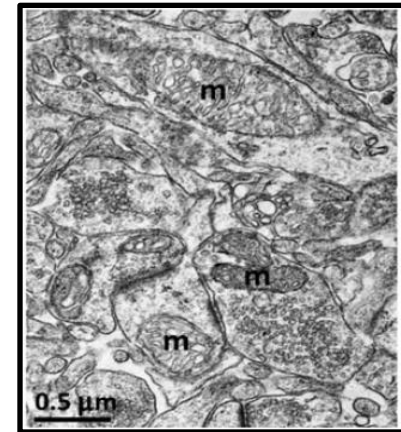


# Pathway analysis / Molecular and functional validation

## In silico analysis



## In vivo validation



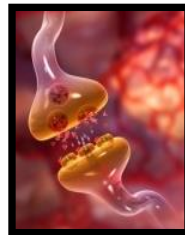
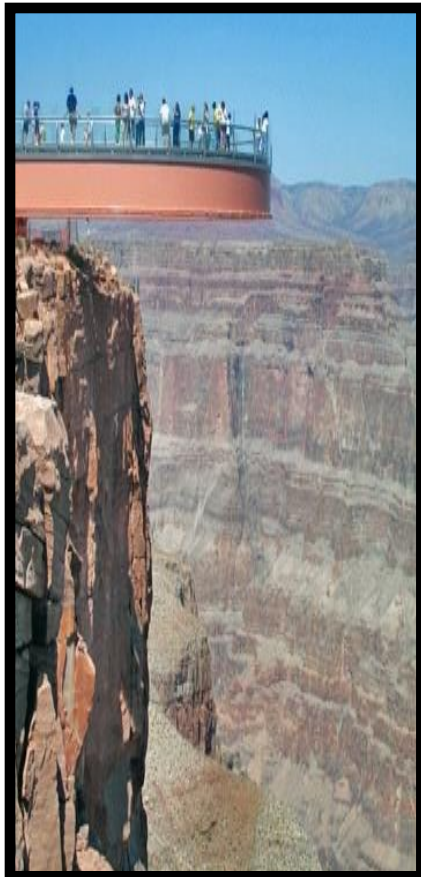
# Implication of mitochondria in brain disorders





# The HAB / LAB mouse model of trait anxiety

Social  
Anxiety  
Disorder  
symptoms  
thoughts  
social  
anxiety  
disorder  
treatments  
fears  
physical feeling  
limiting



**HAB: high anxiety-related behavior**

**LAB: low anxiety-related behavior**

**Quantification: 2678 proteins, 223 metabolites**

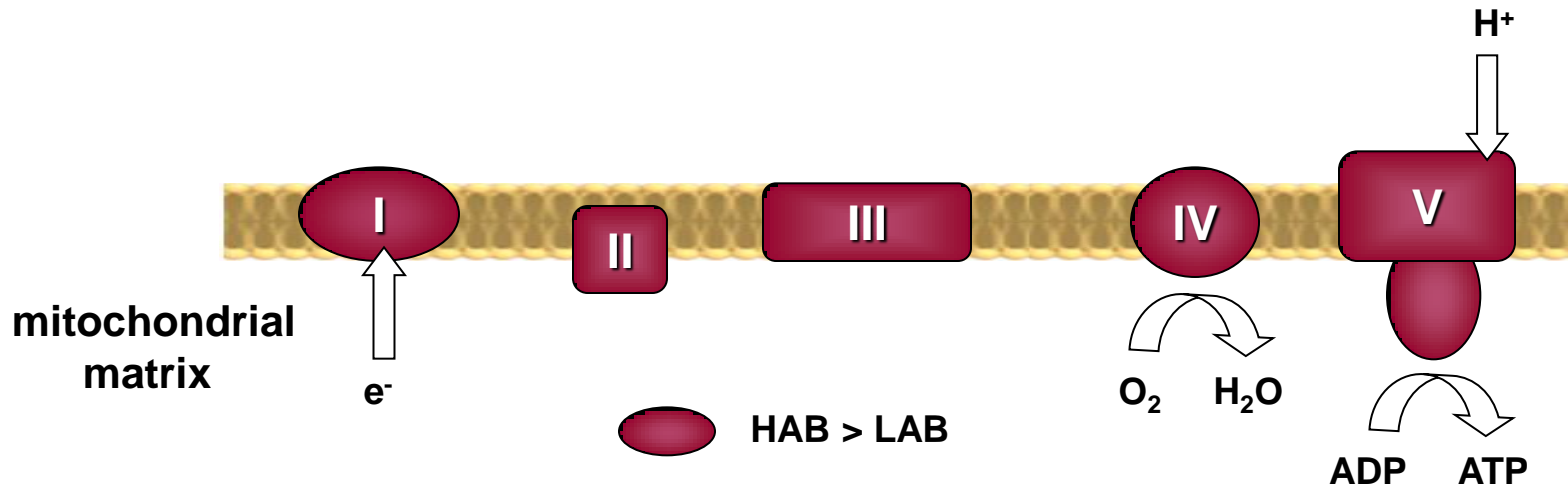
**Altered levels: 273 proteins, 28 metabolites**



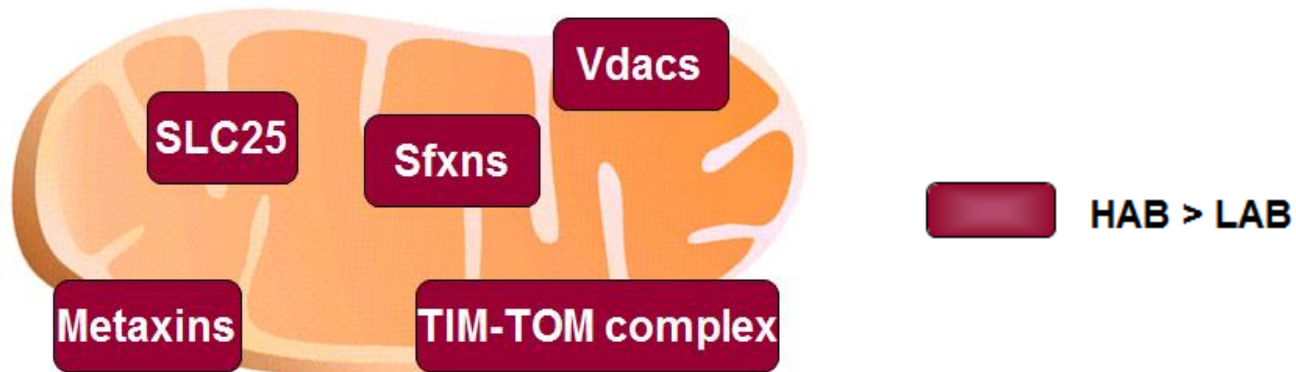


# Protein changes in high anxiety

~ 60 oxidative phosphorylation proteins  $\uparrow$  in high anxiety

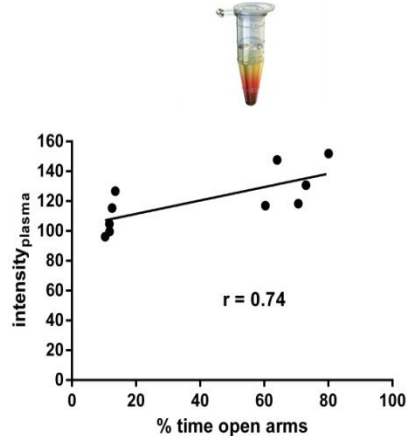
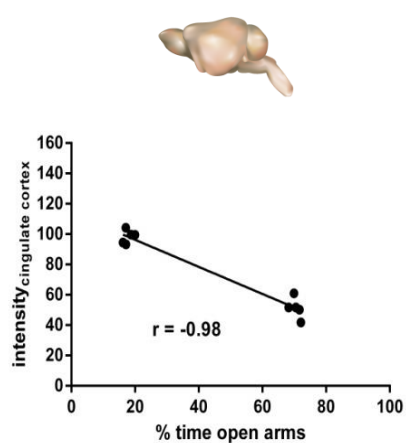


~30 mitochondrial import and transport proteins  $\uparrow$  in high anxiety

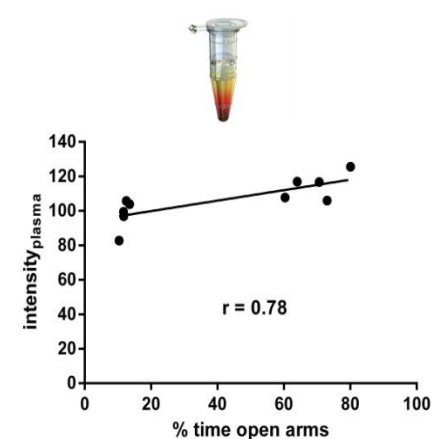
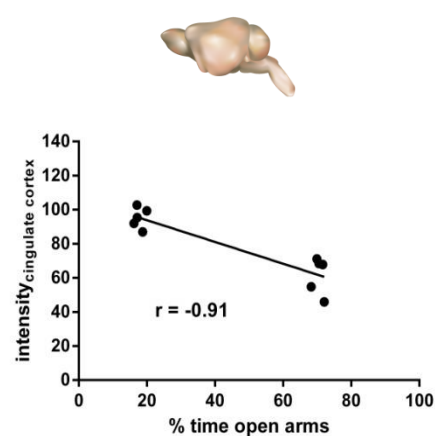




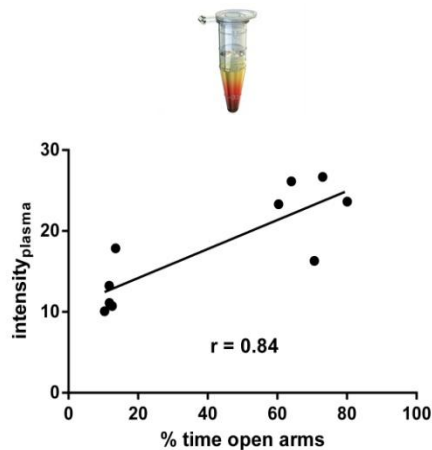
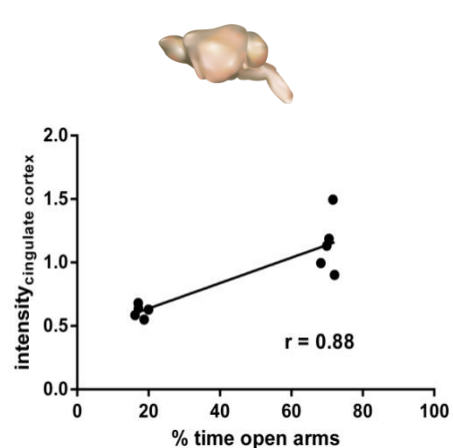
# Correlation of metabolites with behavior



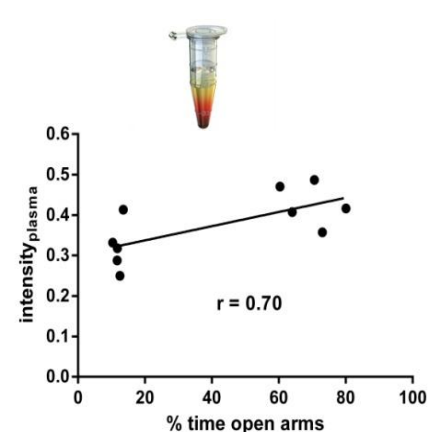
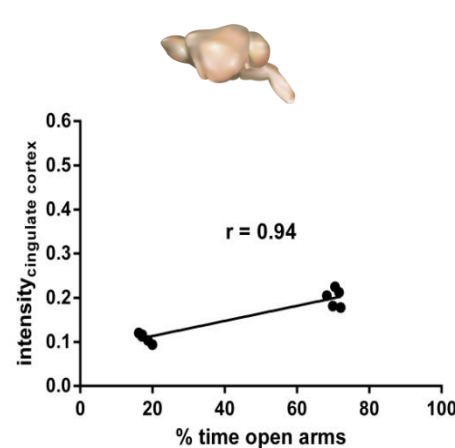
**carnitine**



**acetylcarnitine**



**1-methyl-histidine**



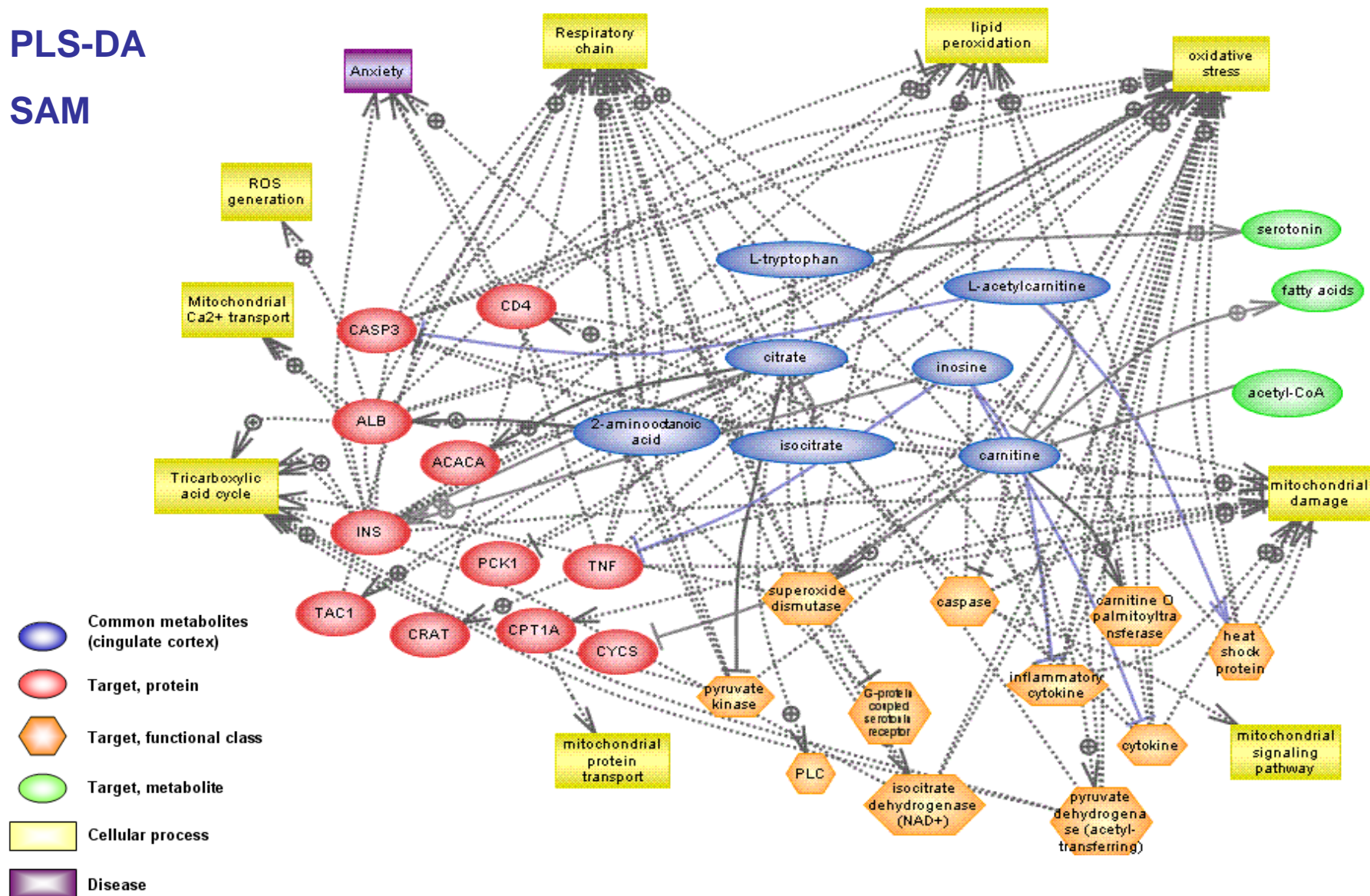
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# What do *in silico* metabolomics analyses tell us?

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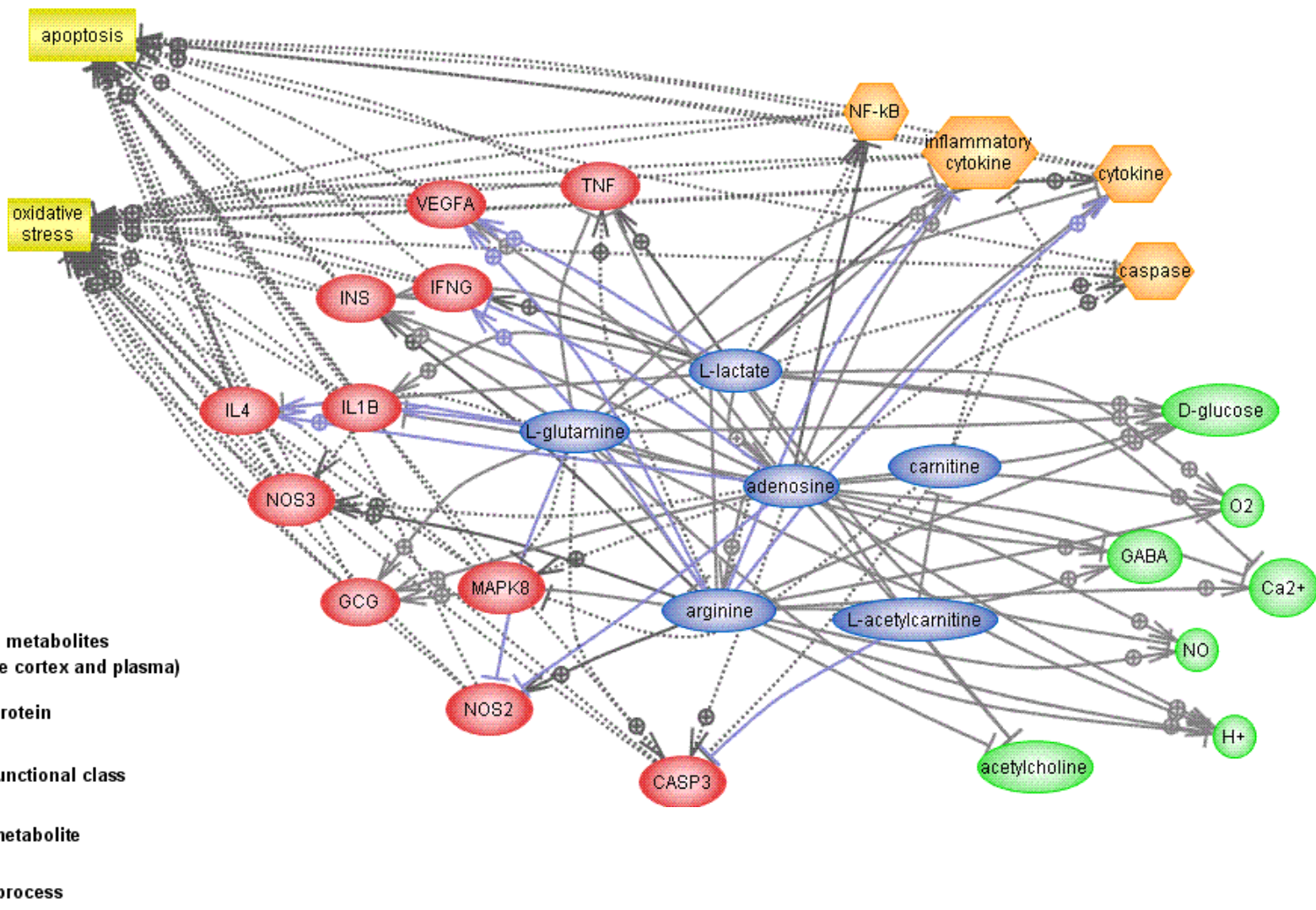




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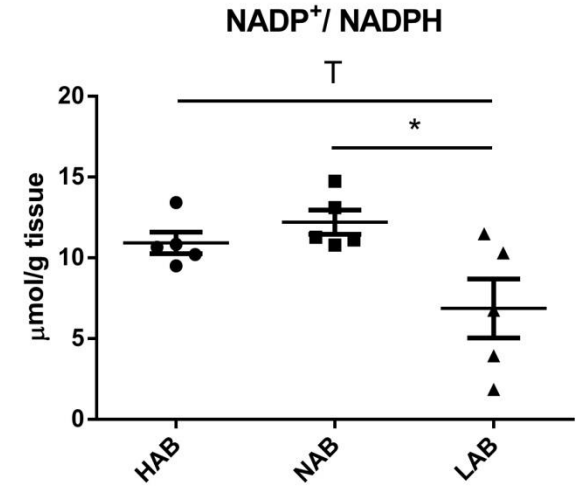
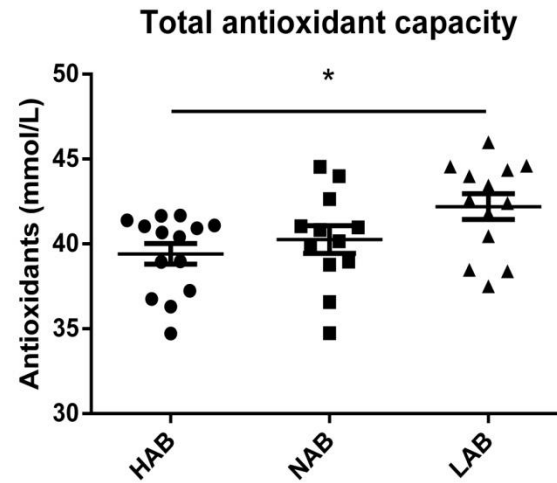
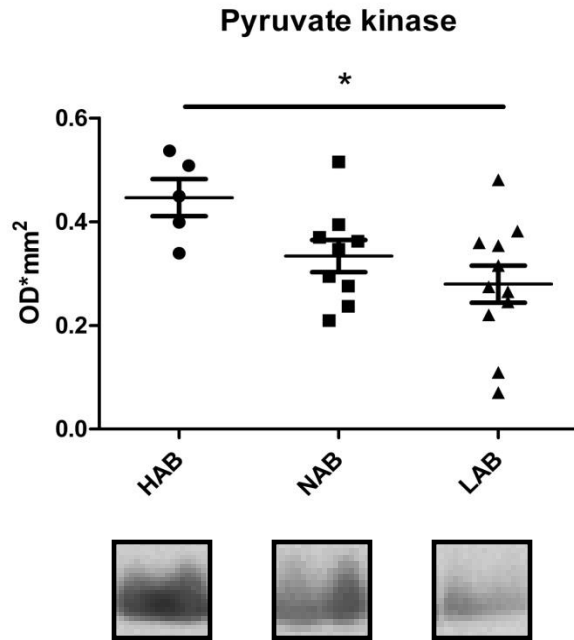
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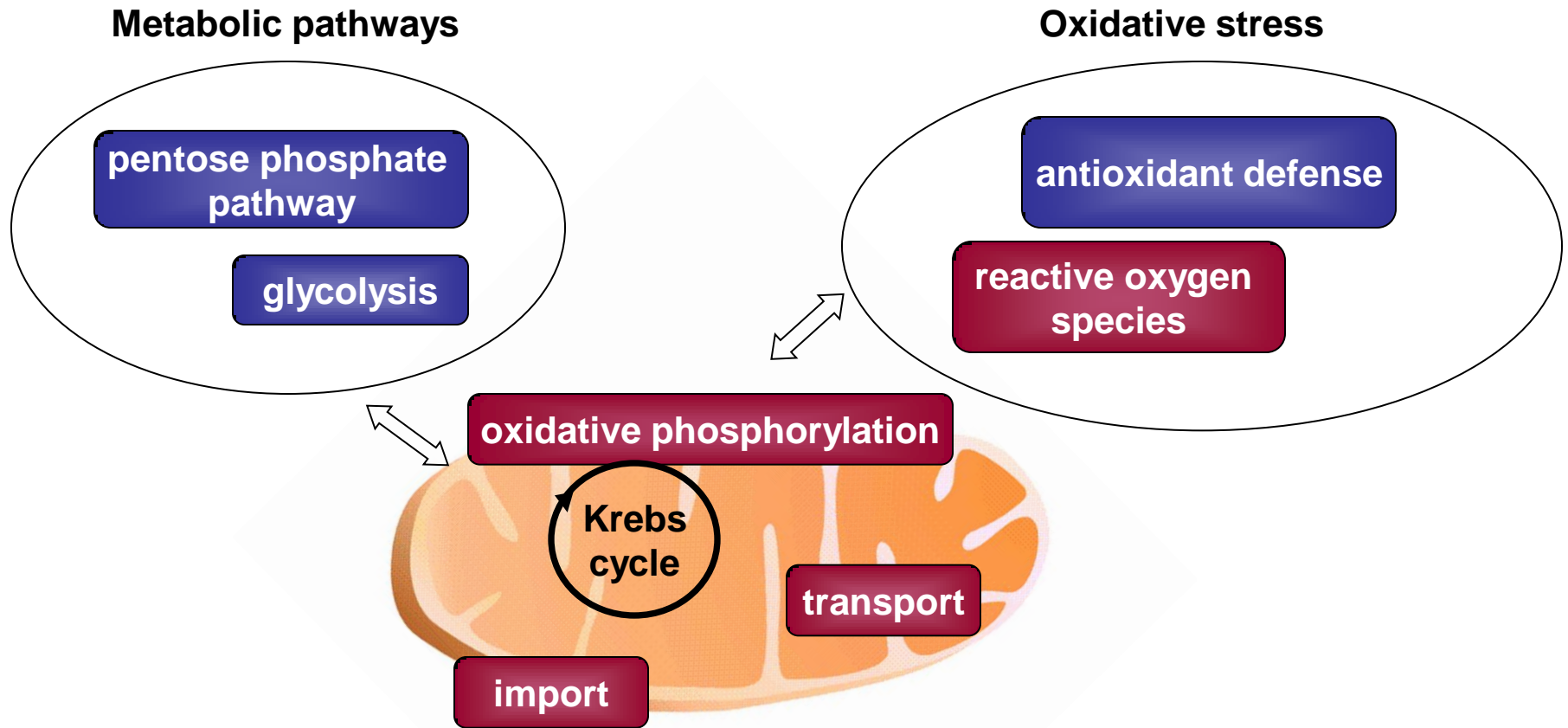


# Metabolomics-driven pathway validation





# Mitochondrial involvement in anxiety



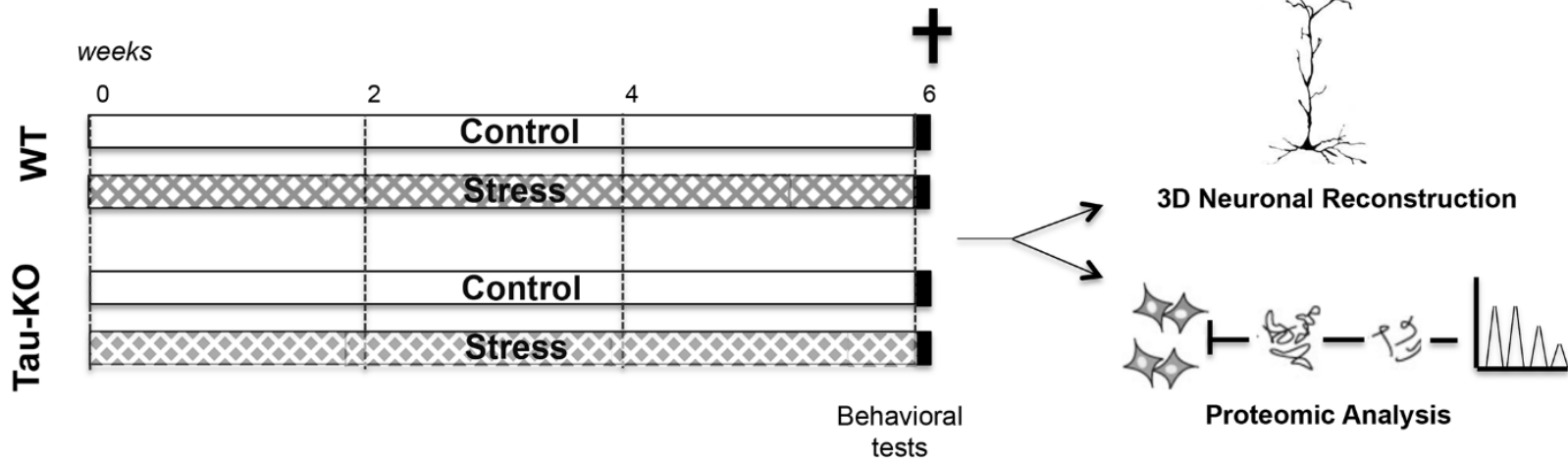
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# Chronic stress and Tau

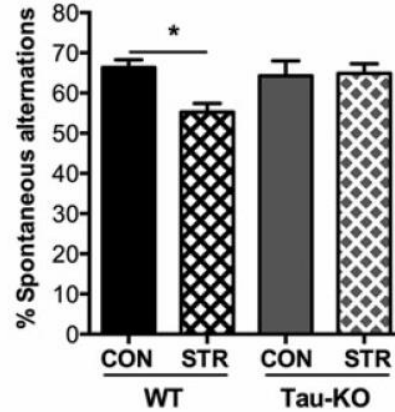
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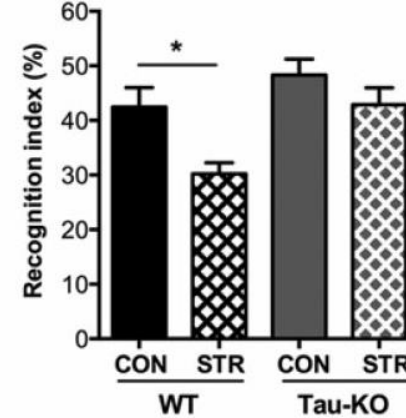
# Tau deletion exerts neuroprotective effects

## Tau deletion reverses stress-induced memory deficits



Y maze

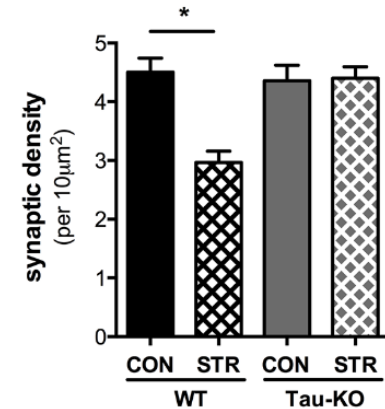
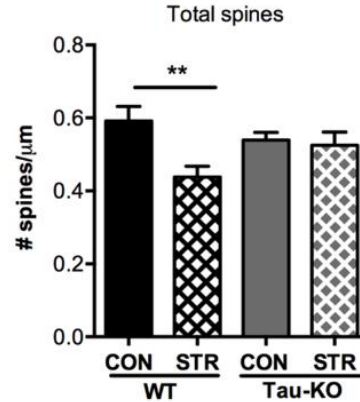
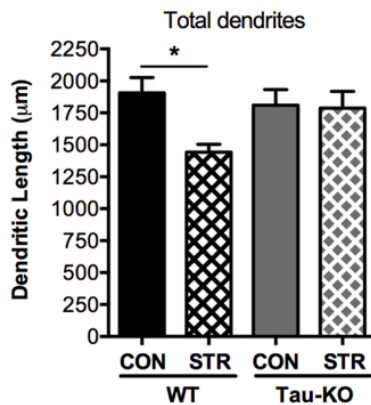
(working memory)



Novel place recognition

(recognition memory)

## Tau deletion confers resilience to stress-induced neuronal atrophy and synaptic loss





# Mitochondria mediate stress effects in the absence of Tau

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**Tau-KO-STR**



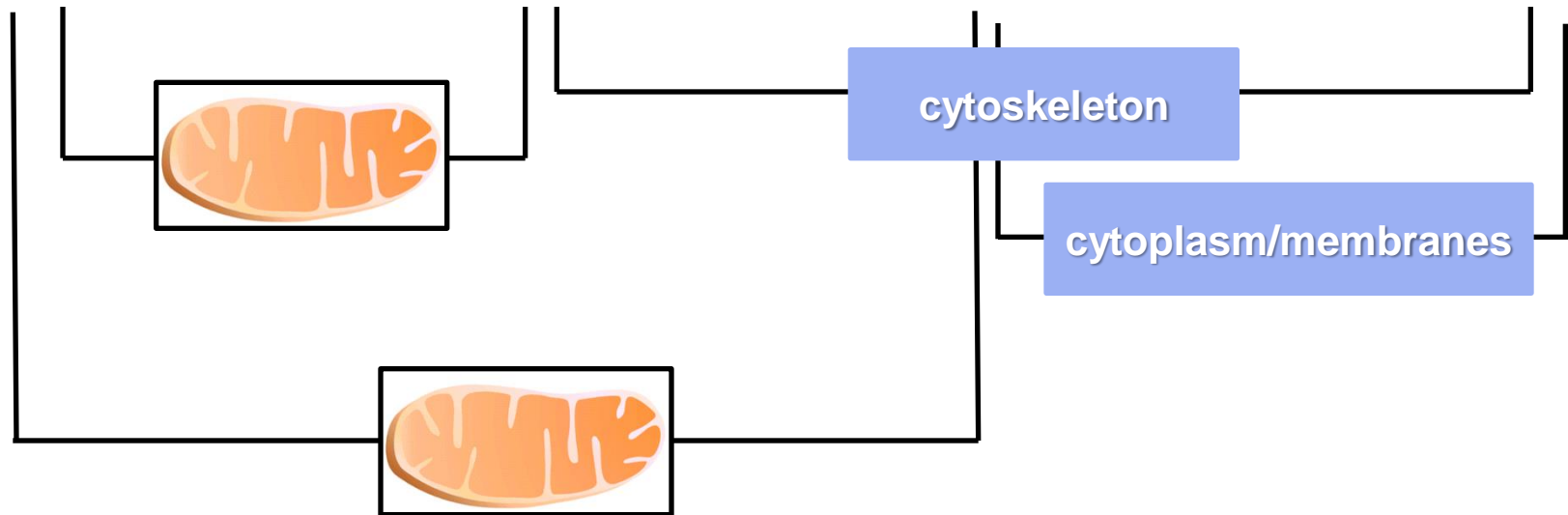
**Tau-KO-CON**



**WT-STR**



**WT-CON**

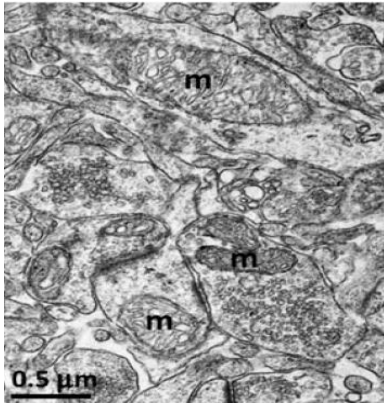


**STR: stressed**  
**CON: control**



# Altered mitochondrial density at the synapses

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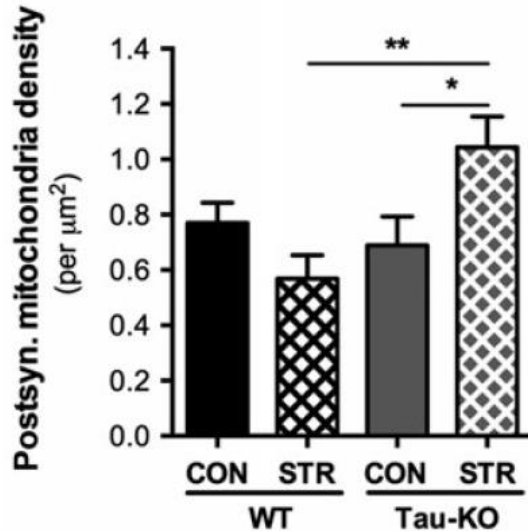
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# Take home message I

- **Combination of proteomics and metabolomics can pinpoint affected/regulatory systems in an unbiased manner**
- **Follow up of data-driven approaches allows functional validation**
- **Mitochondria play a key role in the modulation of anxiety/stress-related pathologies**



## Mitochondrial functions modulate neuroendocrine, metabolic, inflammatory, and transcriptional responses to acute psychological stress

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## Mitochondrial function in the brain links anxiety with social subordination

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# Data-driven manipulation of mitochondrial function *in vivo*





# Mitochondria as pharmacological targets

## REVIEWS



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## Targeting mitochondria for cancer therapy

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## Mitochondrial Medicine: Pharmacological targeting of mitochondria in disease

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## Nutrient-sensitized screening for drugs that shift energy metabolism from mitochondrial respiration to glycolysis

Vishal M Gohil<sup>1-3,7</sup>, Sunil A Sheth<sup>1-3,7</sup>, Roland Nilsson<sup>1-3</sup>, Andrew P Wojtovich<sup>4,5</sup>, Jeong Hyun Lee<sup>6</sup>, Fabiana Perocchi<sup>1-3</sup>, William Chen<sup>1-3</sup>, Clary B Clish<sup>2</sup>, Cenk Ayata<sup>6</sup>, Paul S Brookes<sup>4,5</sup> & Vamsi K Mootha<sup>1-3</sup>



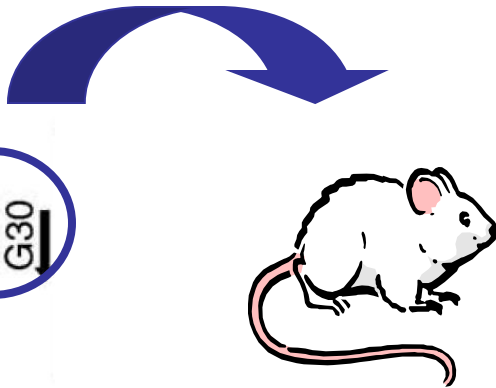
# Oxidative stress as pharmacological target



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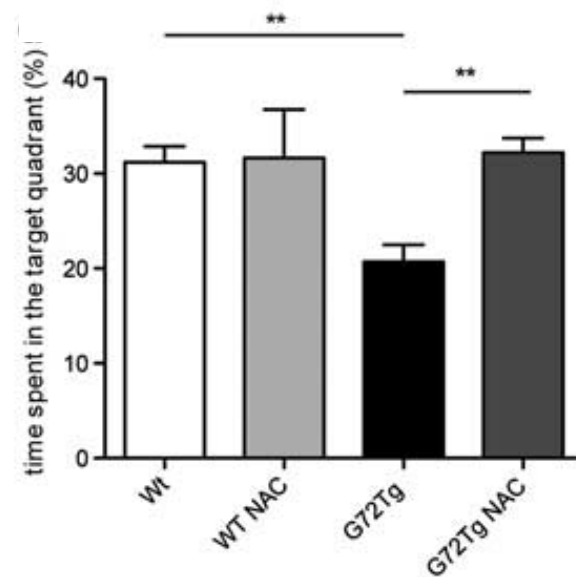


N-acetyl cysteine (NAC)



G72Tg: G72/G30 transgenic mice

## Morris water maze



(cognitive function)

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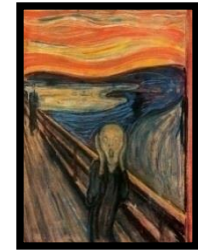
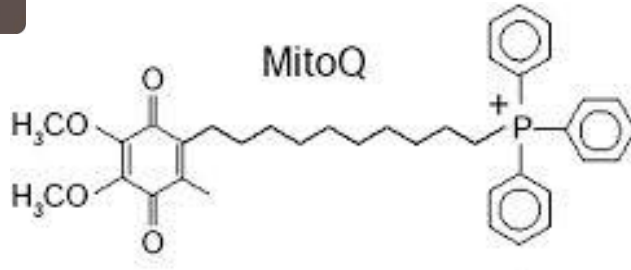
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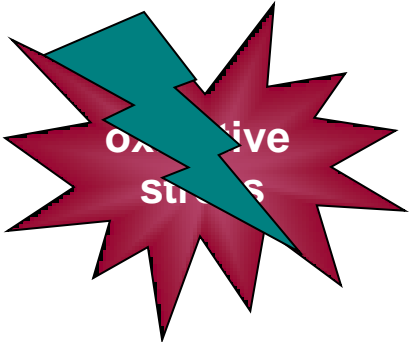
# Mitochondrial targeting in high anxiety

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glycolysis

reactive oxygen species



MitoQ: mitochondria-targeted antioxidant

quinone + triphenylphosphonium

-  HAB > LAB
-  HAB < LAB

# Experimental set up: *in vivo* MitoQ administration



HAB, 6 weeks (n=13 per group)

Habituation

10 week treatment

Behavioral analysis



DL OF

MitoQ

MitoQ in drinking water (400 $\mu$ M)

CT

drinking water

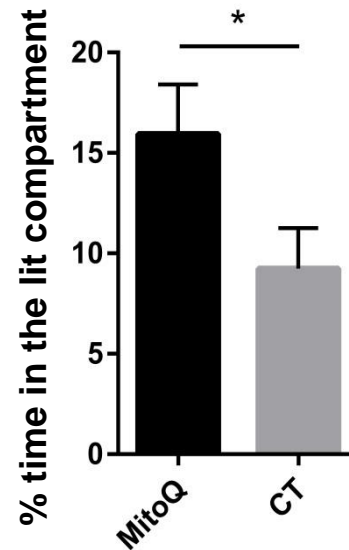
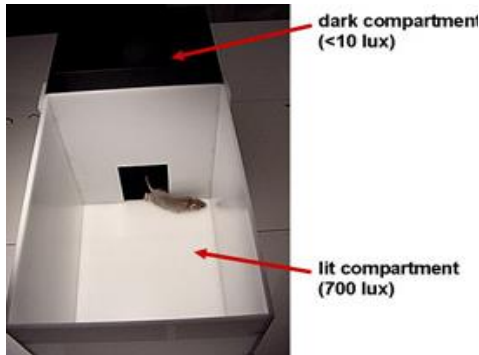
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OF

Dark-light box  
Open field



# MitoQ administration exerts anxiolytic effects

## Dark-light box



MitoQ      MitoQ treatment  
CT            Controls

MW,  $p < 0.05$ ,  $n = 13$  per group

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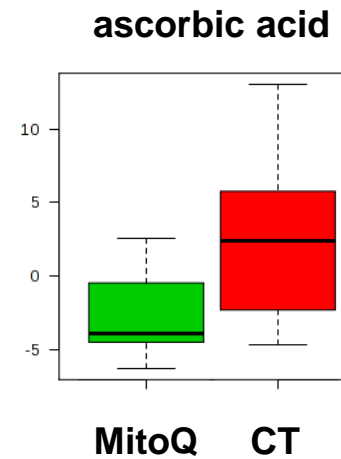
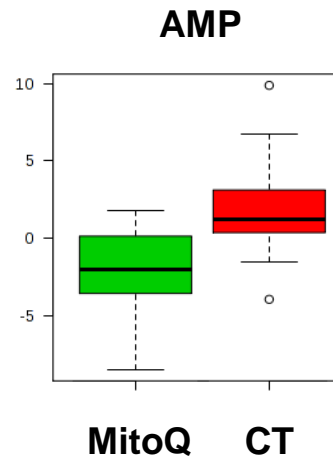
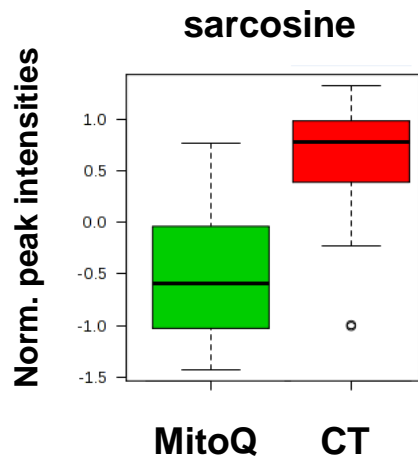
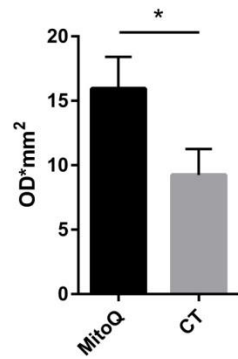
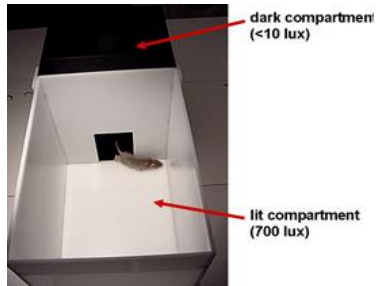
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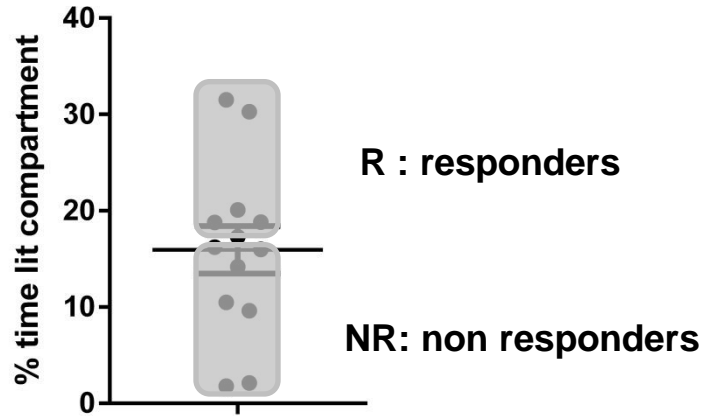
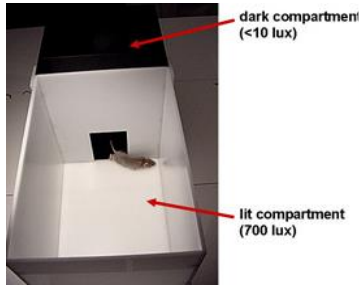
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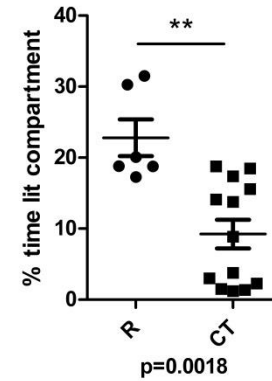
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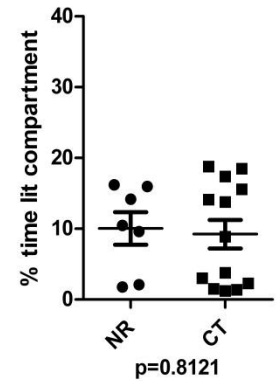
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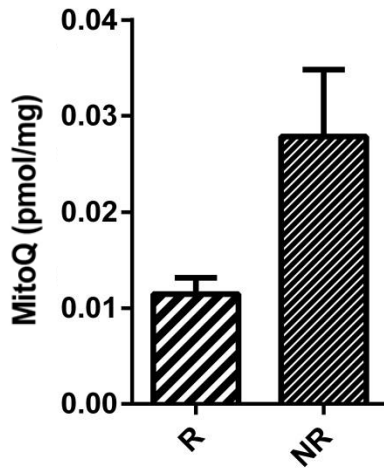
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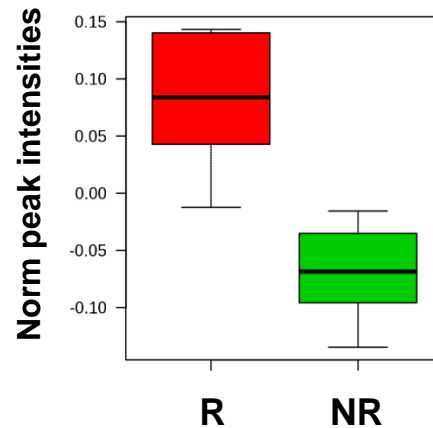
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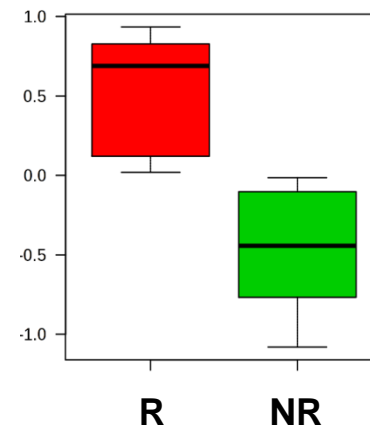
MitoQ levels



xanthosine  
5-phosphate



uridine  
diphosphate







# Is there a translational potential?

## First *in vivo* application of selective mitochondrial targeting in psychiatric disorders

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# Perspectives



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**BI6, 3 weeks old, group housed**

**DBA, 3 weeks old, group housed**

**HT**      **Hydroxytyrosol**  
**DL**      **Dark-light box**  
**OF**      **Open field**  
**Ole**      **Oleuropein**  
**TST**      **Tail suspension test**



**BI6 Ole**      **Drinking water with Ole (150mg/L)**      **N = 15**

**BI6 CT**      **Drinking water only**      **N = 15**

**DBA HT**      **Drinking water with HT (150mg/L)**      **N = 15**

**DBA CT**      **Drinking water only**      **N = 15**



## Take home message II

- Hypothesis-free discovery of altered pathways and their pharmacological manipulation have translational potential
- Pharmacological targeting of mitochondrial pathways *in vivo* exerts anxiolytic effects
- Potential of mitochondria-targeted compounds for therapeutic interventions

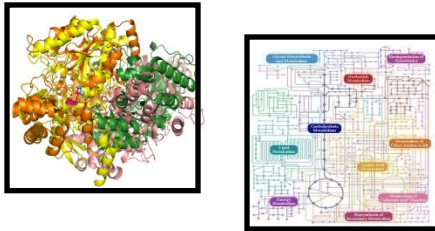


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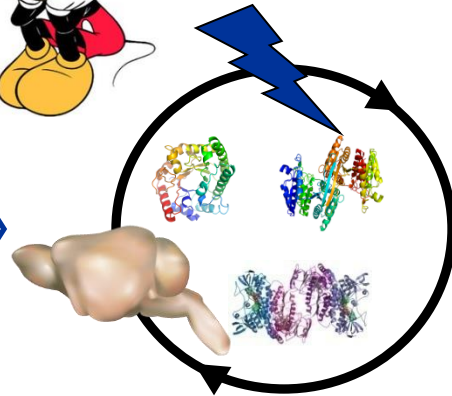


Animal models

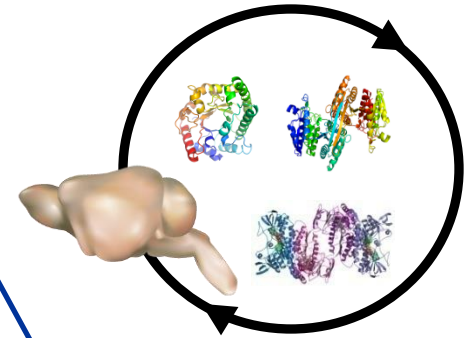


Systemic approaches

## Manipulation of molecular pathways



## Reversal of molecular pathology





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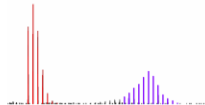
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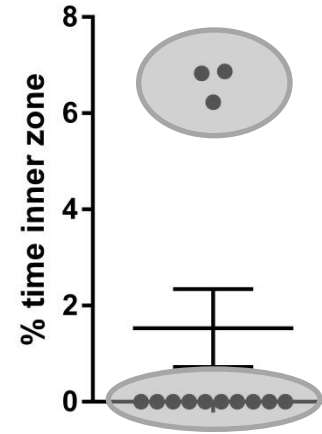
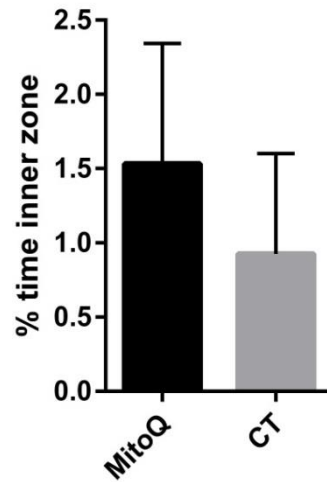
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# MitoQ response has a distinct plasma metabolite signature

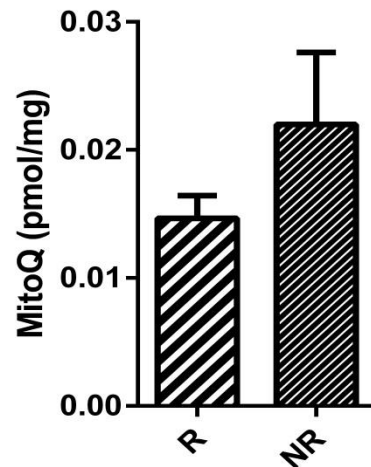
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R : responders

NR : non-responders

MitoQ levels

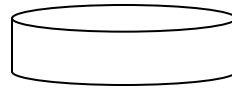


Metabolite	d.value	stdev	p-value	KEGG ID
<b>Higher levels in MitoQ OF responders</b>				
2-keto-isovalerate	3.51	1.19	0.005	C00141
alanine	3.59	2.65	0.005	C00041
dCMP	3.54	0.04	0.005	C00239
fumarate	4.09	1.12	0.003	C00122
maleic acid	3.57	1.20	0.005	C01384
myo-inositol	4.80	1.35	0.001	C00137
proline	3.61	3.45	0.005	C00148
<b>Lower levels in MitoQ OF responders</b>				
fructose-6-phosphate	-5.04	0.10	0.001	C00085
glutathione disulfide	-3.65	1.41	0.005	C00127
hexose-phosphate	-3.76	0.49	0.004	C05345
methylmalonic acid	-3.44	3.33	0.006	C02170

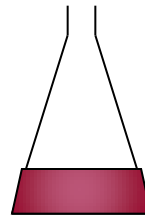


# $^{15}\text{N}$ isotope effect in bacteria

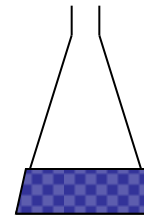
*E. coli* colonies



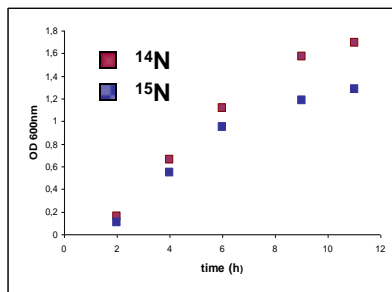
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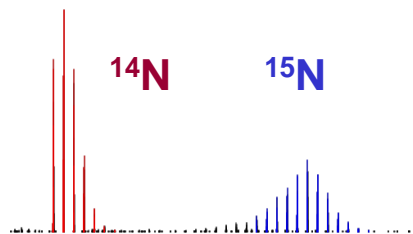
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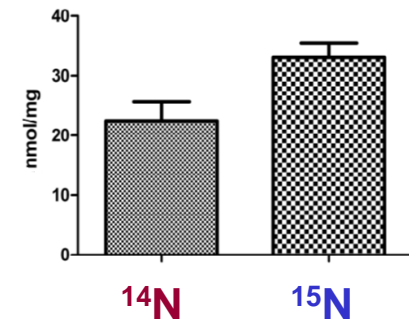
Altered growth rates



Altered protein expression



Altered metabolite levels







# Studying synapses: Synaptosomes



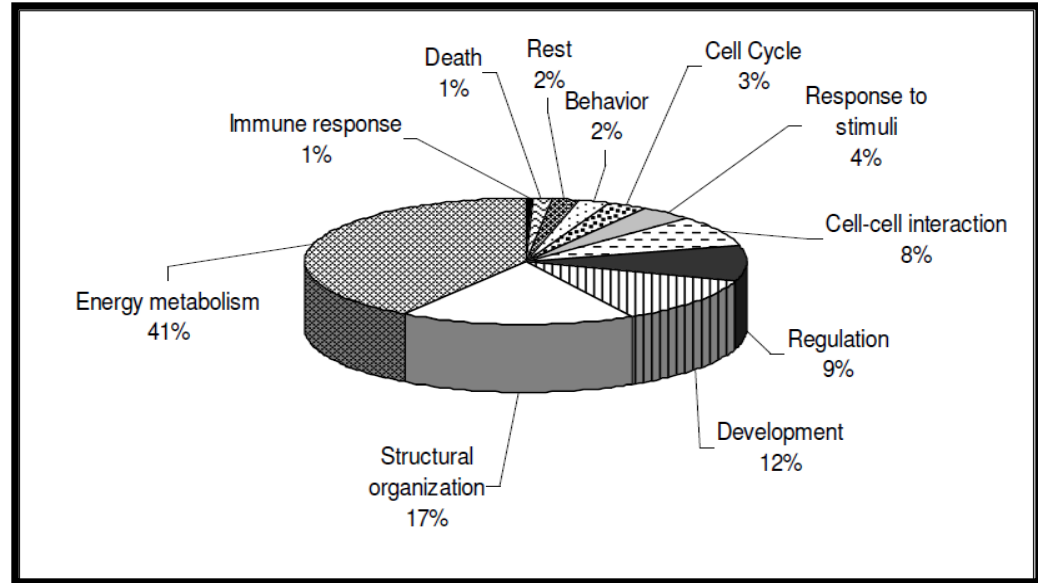
only neuronal cells

4% vesicles

8% membranes

24% mitochondria

64% cytoplasm



**2980 proteins**

Maccarrone & Filiou *Methods Mol Biol* 2015

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