

Augmentationsstrategien der Therapie depressiver Störungen – von Psychedelika bis Transkranielle Magnetstimulation

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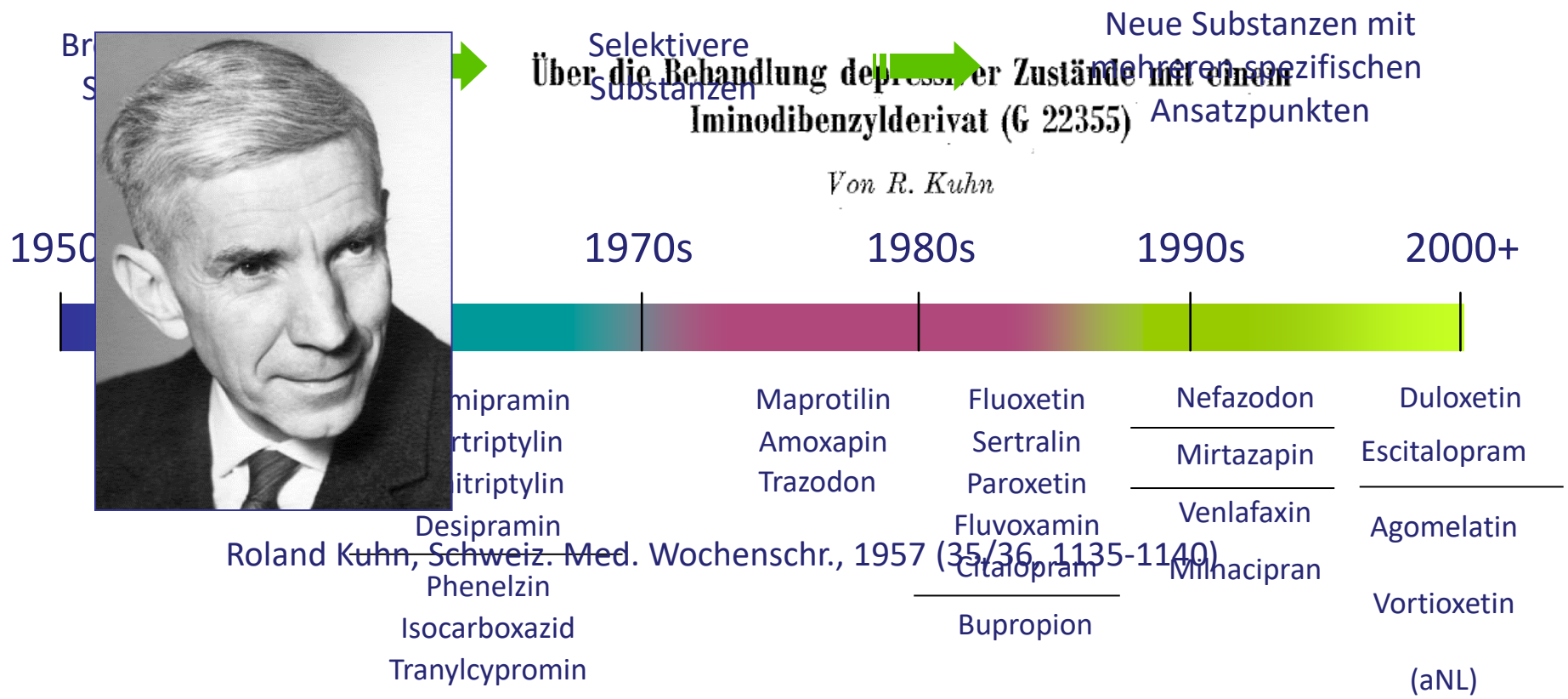
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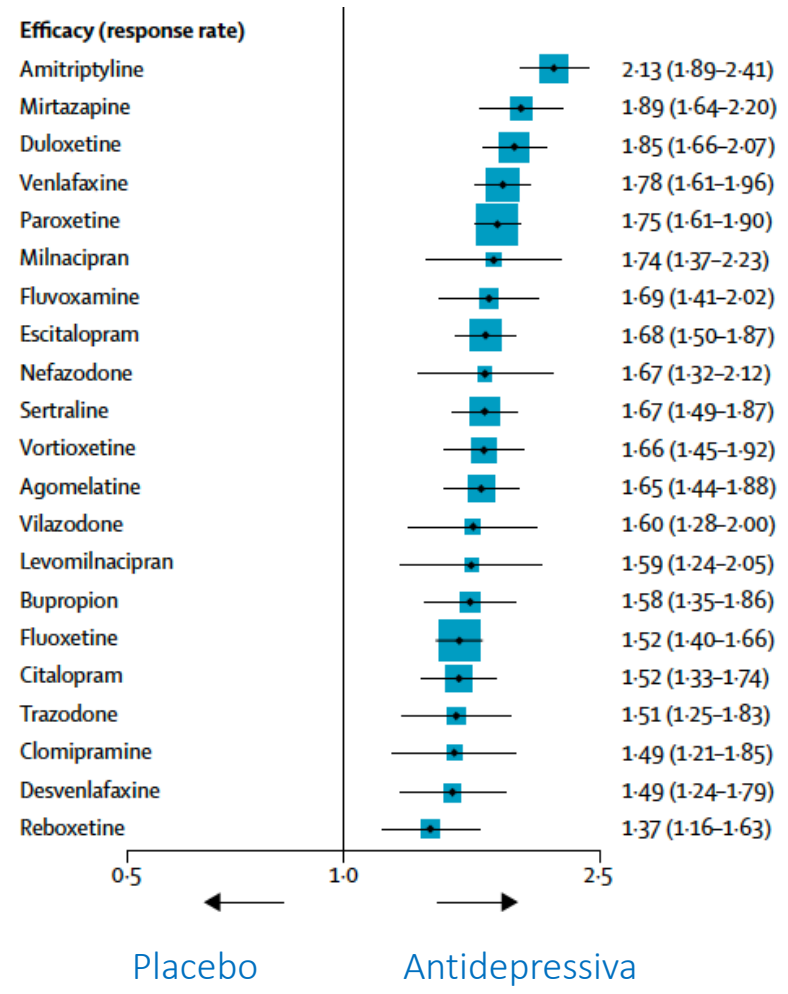
Monoamin-Hypothese der Depression seit 60 Jahren



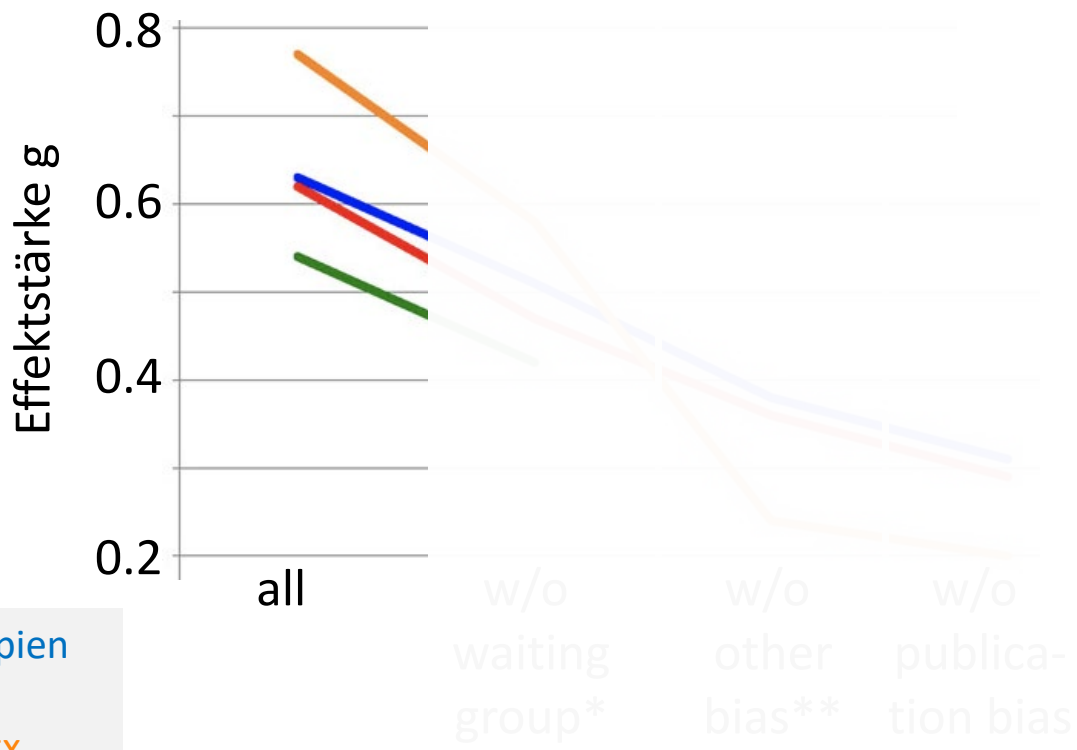
→ serotonin || noradrenalin

Wirksamkeit der Antidepressiva

- > 522 RCT
- > 116.477 patients



Wirksamkeit der Psychotherapie

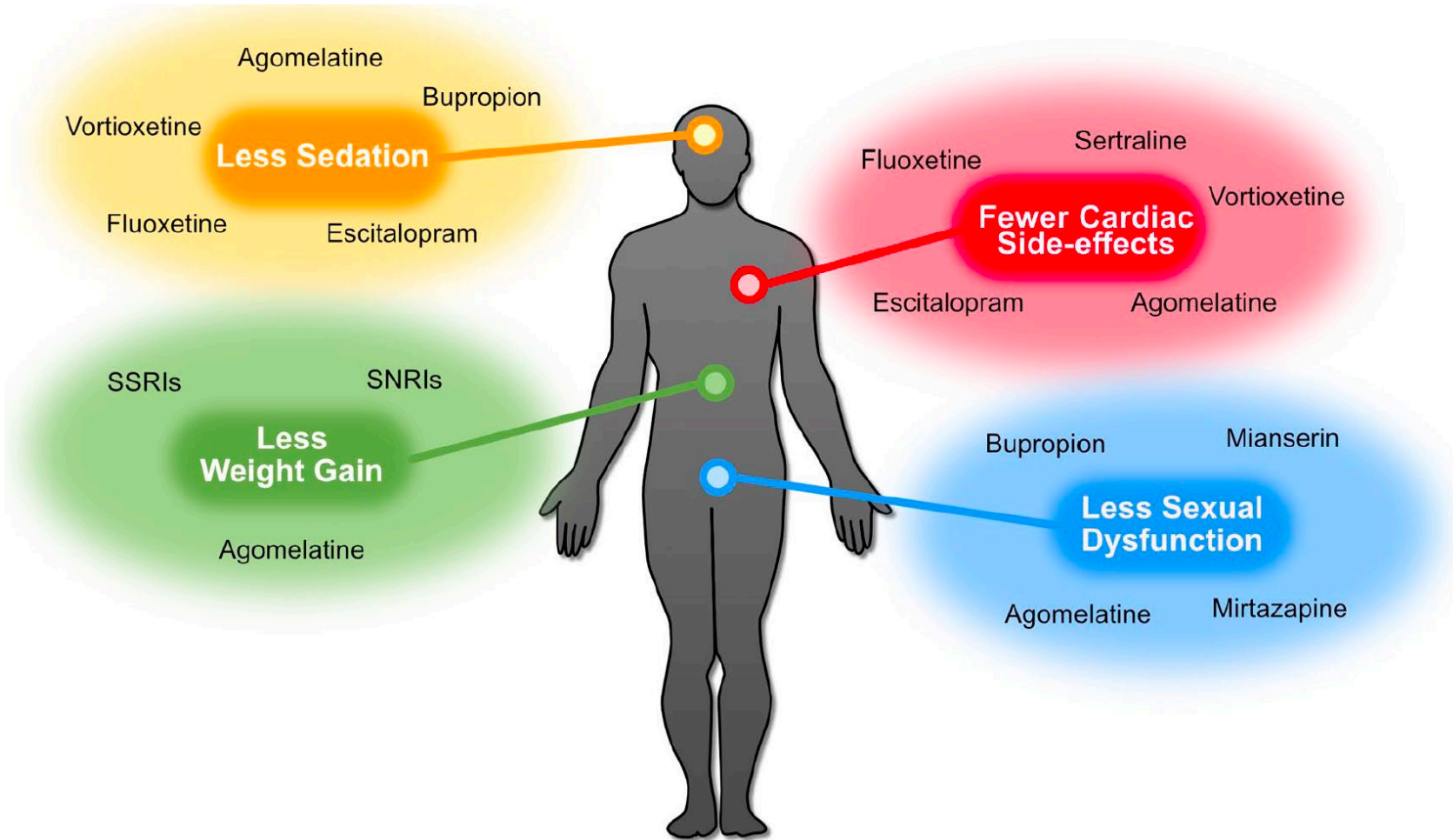


alle Psychotherapien
CBT
Problemsolving tx
IPT

*waiting group: nocebo | **garbage in - garbage out

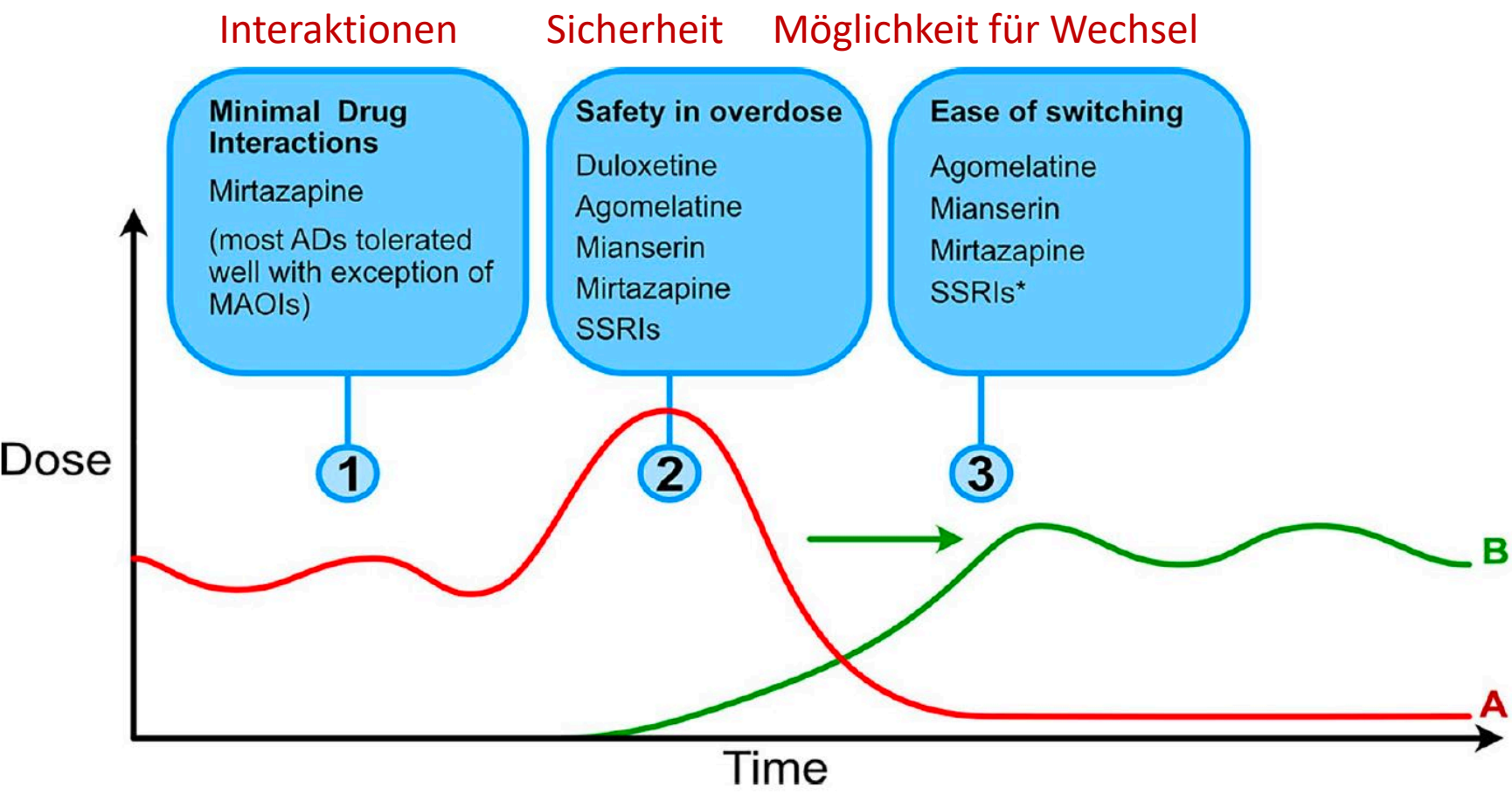
➔ only 23% of published studies apply strict methods

Individuelle Antidepressiva Auswahl: nach Nebenwirkungen



aus: Australische/Neuseeländische Behandlungsleitlinien:
Malhi GS et al. Aust N Z J Psychiatry 2021, 55:7-117, doi:10.1177/0004867420979353
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Individuelle Antidepressiva Auswahl: weitere Kriterien



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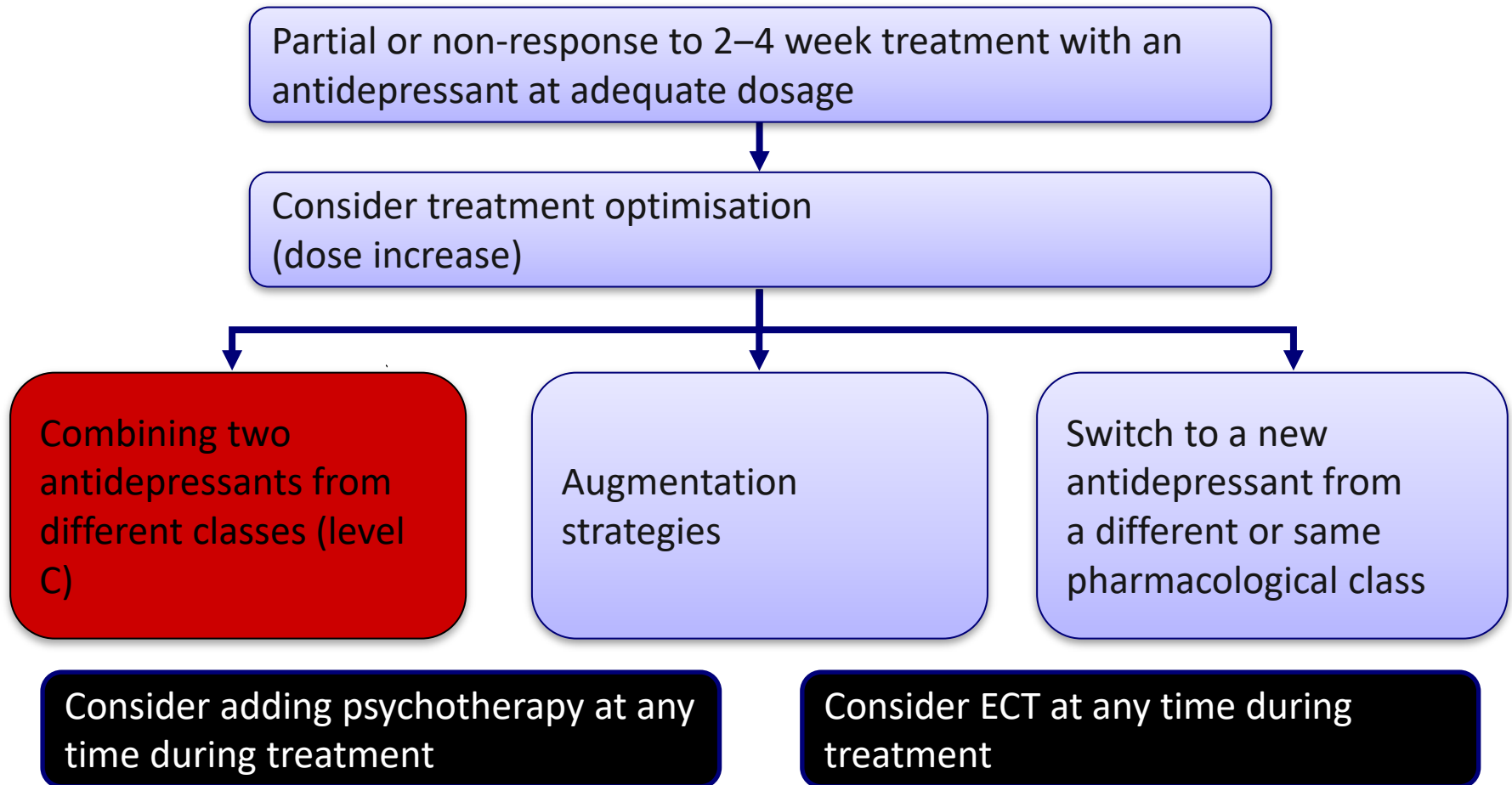
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Teil-/Non-Response – Abklärungen

1. Stimmt primäre psychiatrische Dg?
2. Vorbehandlung adäquat (AD, Dosis, Dauer)?
3. Adhärenz/Compliance bei Vorbehandlung?
4. Pharmakogenetik oder Blutspiegel sinnvoll?
5. Psychiatrische Komorbidität mit zusätzlicher Therapieindikation?
6. Somatische Komorbidität mit zusätzlicher Therapieindikation?
7. Somatische Erkrankung, die sekundäre Depression verursacht?
8. Umgebungs Stressfaktoren
(soziale/familiäre/berufliche/wirtschaftliche/schulische/...)?

WFSBP: Teil-/Non-Response



WFSBP: Teil-/Non-Response: Mirtazapine + Venlafaxine

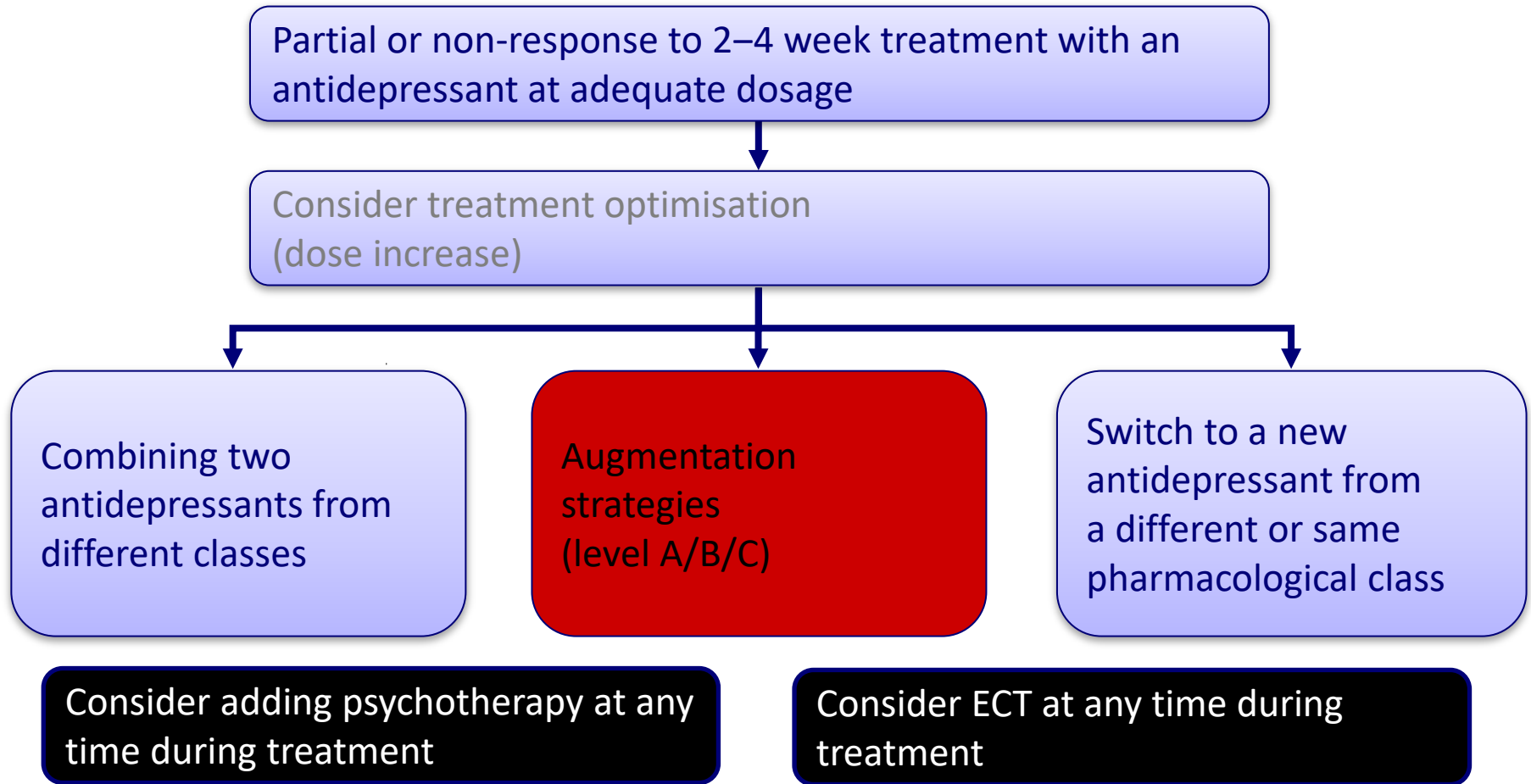
WFSBP recommendation:

Combination of an SSRI with an inhibitor of presynaptic autoreceptors (e.g., mirtazapine) is an evidence-based choice in cases where monotherapy failed. The combination of venlafaxine with mirtazapine may be accompanied by worsening side effects.

CE A, RG 2

Steve Stahl: "Rocket Fuel"

WFSBP: Teil-/Non-Response



WFSBP: Teil-/Non-Response: Augmentation

	Evidenz-Level
• Lithium	A
• Atyp. Antipsychotika	A/B/C
• Schilddrüsenhormon (Triiodthyronin T3)	B
• Schilddrüsenhormon (L-Thyroxin)	C
• Antikonvulsiva (Lamotrigin, Valproat)	C
• MAO-Inhibitor Hochdosistherapie	C
• Östrogen (F) – Testosteron (M)	C
• Dopaminagonisten (Pramipexol)	C
• Psychostimulanzien (Methylphenidat)	C
• Pindolol	C

WFSBP: Teil-/Non-Response: Lithium Augmentation

WFSBP recommendation:

Adding **lithium** to ongoing antidepressant treatment is recommended in case monotherapy failed.

CE A, RG 2

Lithium augmentation should be administered for **2–4 weeks** in order to allow assessment of the patient's response. The recommended lithium serum target levels are **0.6 to 0.8 mmol/L**.¹ In case of response, lithium augmentation should be continued for **at least 12 months**.^{2,3}

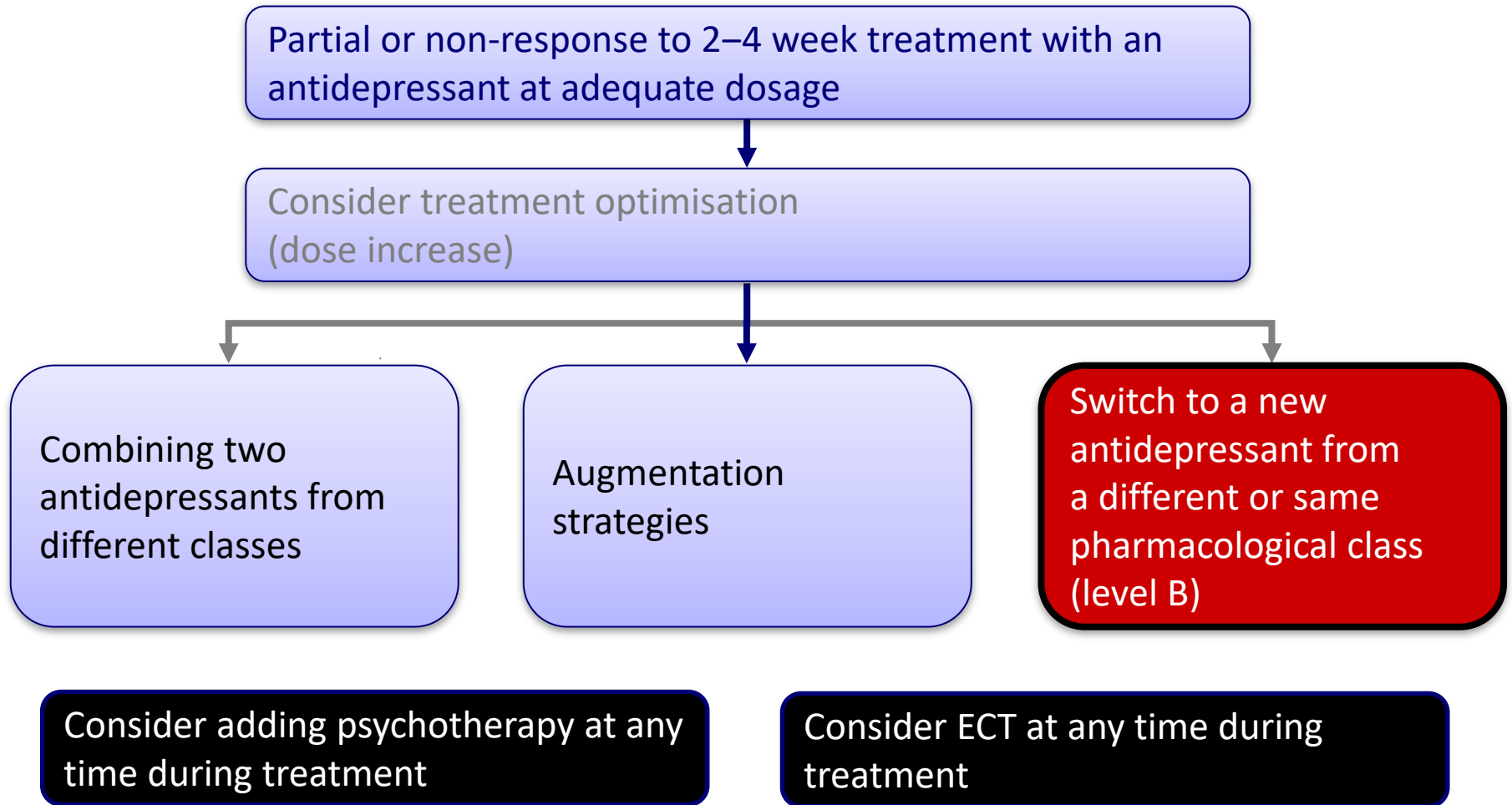
CE A, RG 2

2 – 4 Wochen

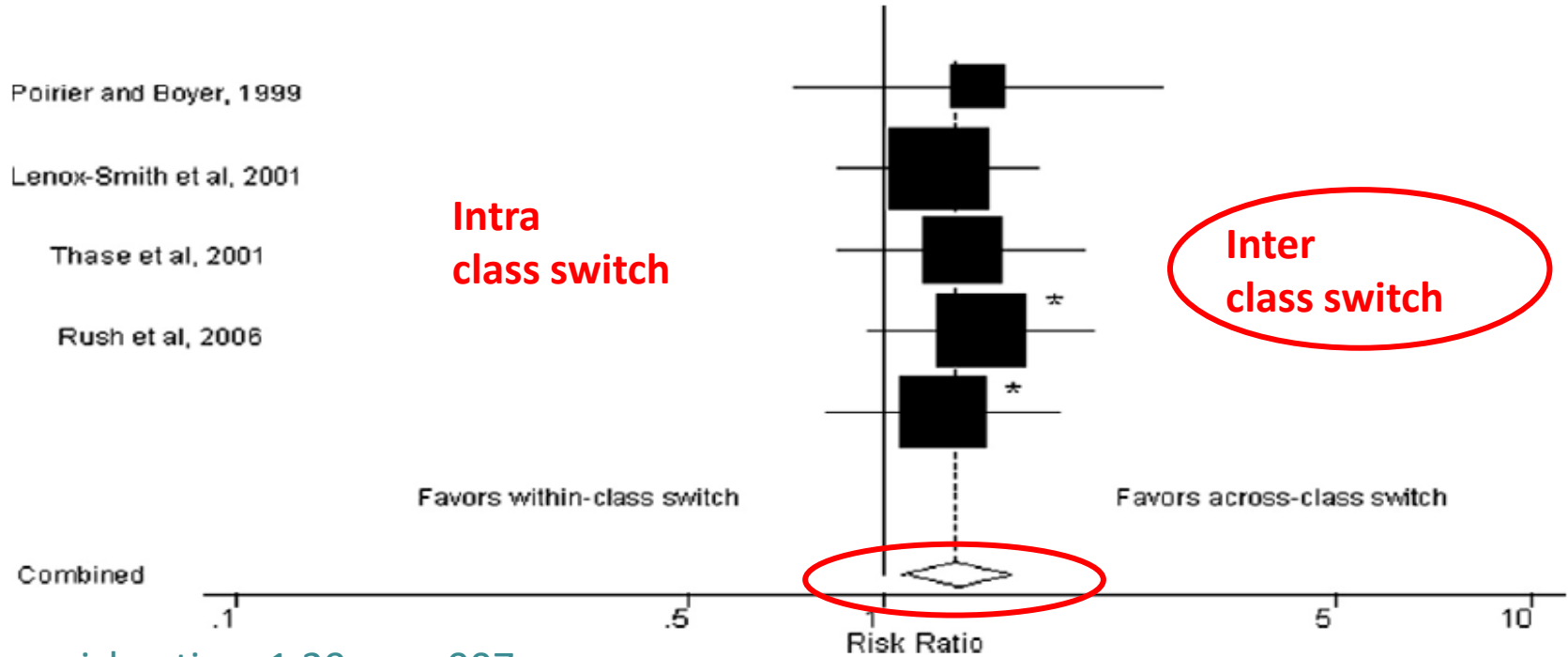
> 12 Monate

¹Bschor et al. (2003), ²Bauer et al. (2000), ³Bschor et al. (2002).

WFSBP: Teil-/Non-Response

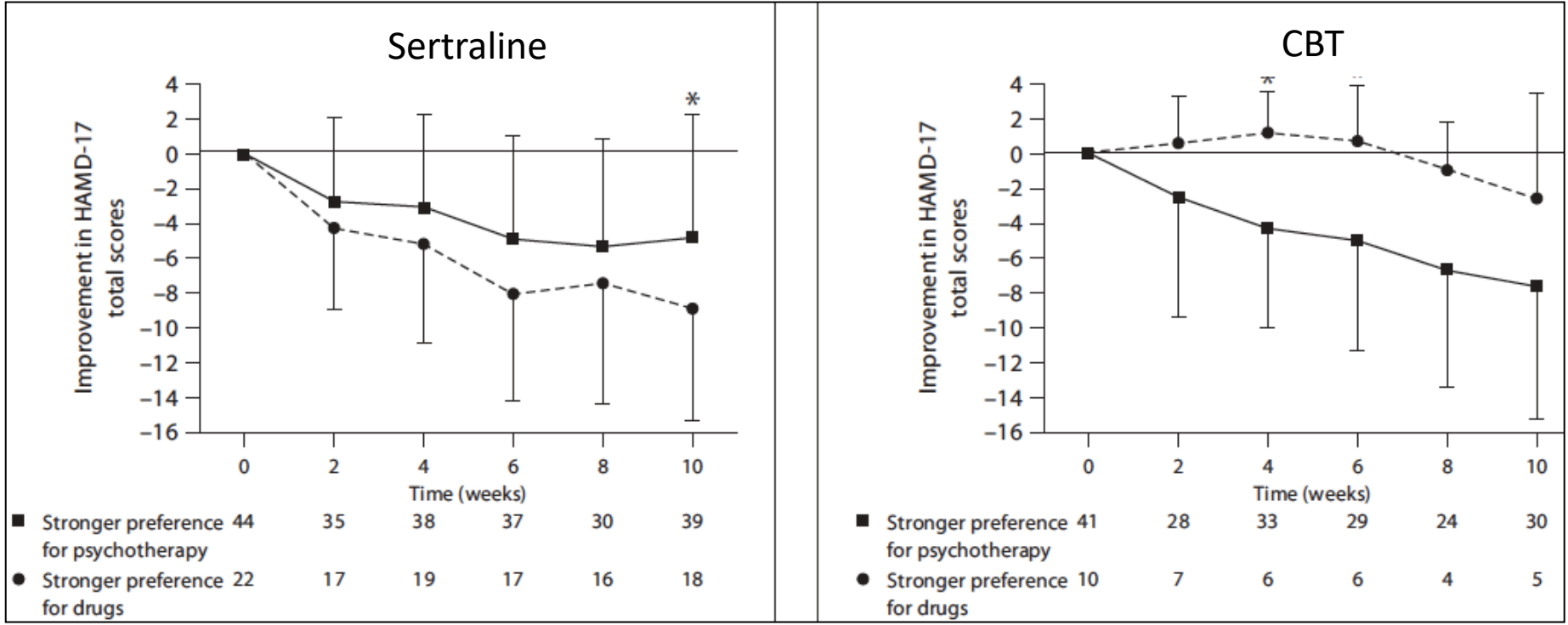


WFSBP: Teil-/Non-Response: Switch, intra- vs. inter-Klasse?



- risk ratio = 1.29, p = .007
- Pooled remission rates:
- **28%** (inter class switch) und
- **23.5%** (intra class switch SSRI to SSRI)

PatientInnen Präferenz



➔ preferred treatment more efficient

➔ if non preferred treatment given, AMD more efficient than PT

Klinische Realität

Affected pts.
in G: 4 Mio



Treated by GP
2,4 - 2,8 Mio



60-70%

Correct
diagnosis
1,2 - 1,4 Mio.



30-35%

Appropriate
therapy
400.000



10%

Elektrokonvulsionstherapie EKT

> Notfallindikationen

- Akute Suizidalität oder andere vital bedrohliche Zustände (z.B. Nahrungsverweigerung) bei schweren affektiven Erkrankungen
- Schwere affektive Syndrome in Schwangerschaft und Postpartalzeit

> Weitere Indikationen

- Schwere wahnhaft-depressive Depression, depressiver Stupor
- Therapieresistente Depression
- Gutes Ansprechen auf EKT in der Anamnese
- Kontraindikationen für andere Behandlungen (höheres Risiko, Nebenwirkungen)
- Expliziter Wunsch PatientIn

rTMS

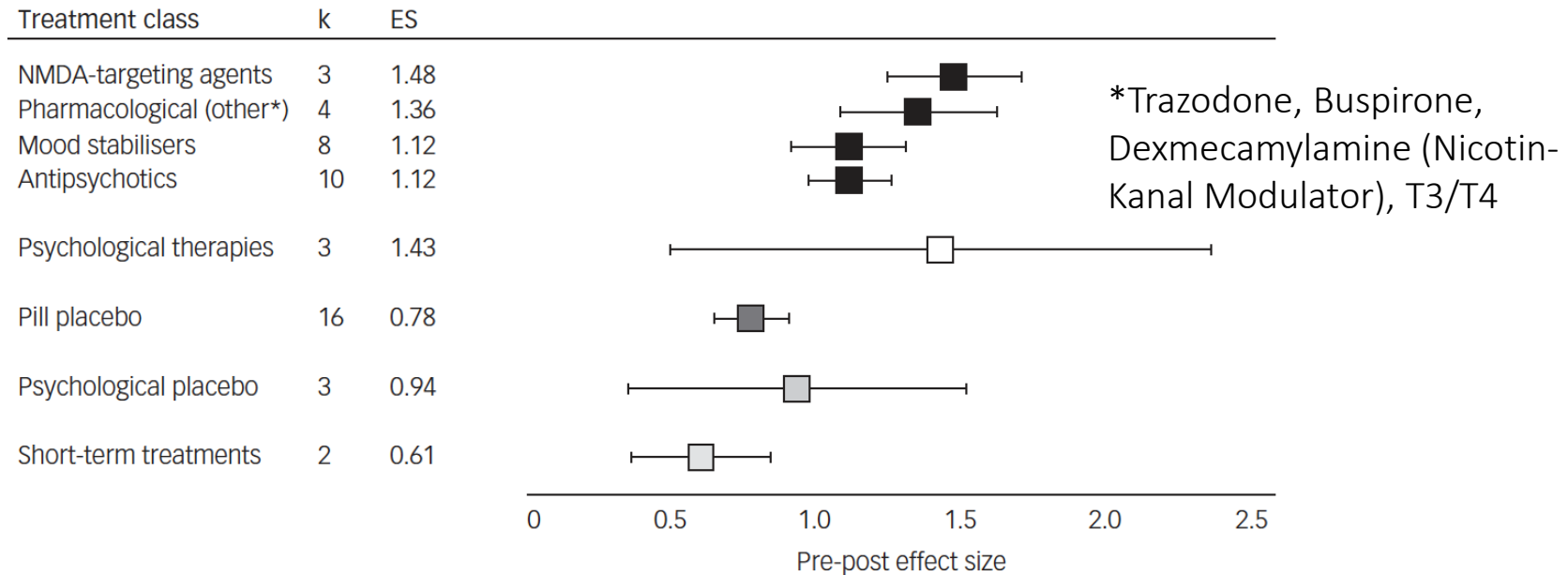
- > Hochfrequente repetitive transkranielle Magnetstimulation (rTMS) des linken dorsolateralen präfrontalen Kortex (dlPFC) kann bei PatientInnen eingesetzt werden, die primär nicht auf eine antidepressive Pharmakotherapie angesprochen haben.

Esketamin

- > PatientInnen mit TRD /DTD, gegenwärtig mittel-gradige oder schwerere Episode und fehlendes Ansprechen, in Kombination mit einem oralen Antidepressivum.

Augmentation bei TRD – Metaanalyse

- schwache Studienlage (Metaanalyse: 23 von rd 1600 Studien einbezogen)
- **keine klare Präferenz Psychotherapie vs. Pharmakotherapie**
- solideste Datenlage für **Aripiprazol** und **Lithium**
- grösste Effektstärken für **Ketamin**
- es bleibt **klinische Entscheidung**: UAW, Präferenz Patient, Nachhaltigkeit, ...



TRD vs DTD: Konzept

Treatment resistant depression **Difficult to treat depression**

Standpunkt	→ Gegensatz zu behandelbar	→ kollaboratives Konzept
KH Modell	→ akute KH	→ chron. KH
Therapie Ansatz	→ biomedizinisch: Heilung	→ bio-psycho-sozial/recovery
Therapie Ziel	→ kategorial	→ dimensional

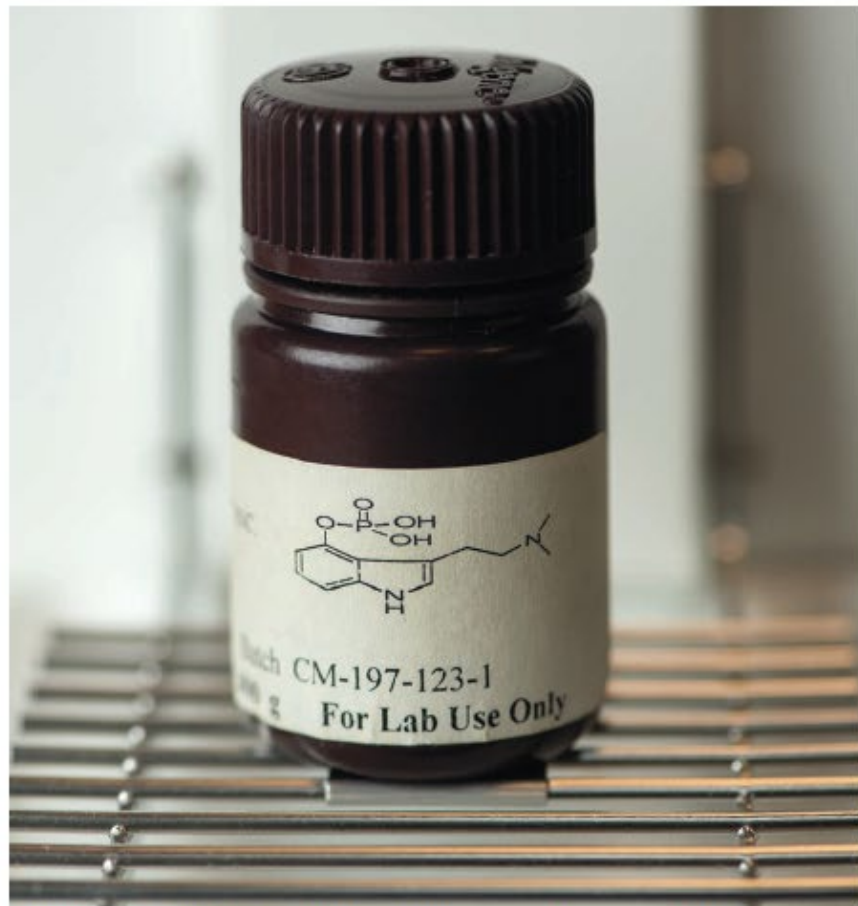
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FEATURES



Stephen Ross holding a chalice with a psilocybin capsule.



A bottle of psilocybin in Ross's lab is weighed every day to prevent theft.

High hopes

Psychedelic drugs fell from grace in the 1960s. Now, scientists are rediscovering them as potential treatments for a range of illnesses

By Kai Kupferschmidt



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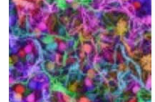
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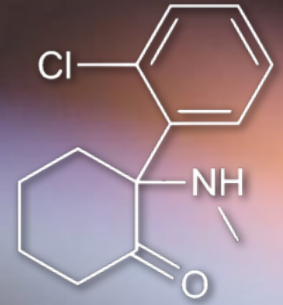
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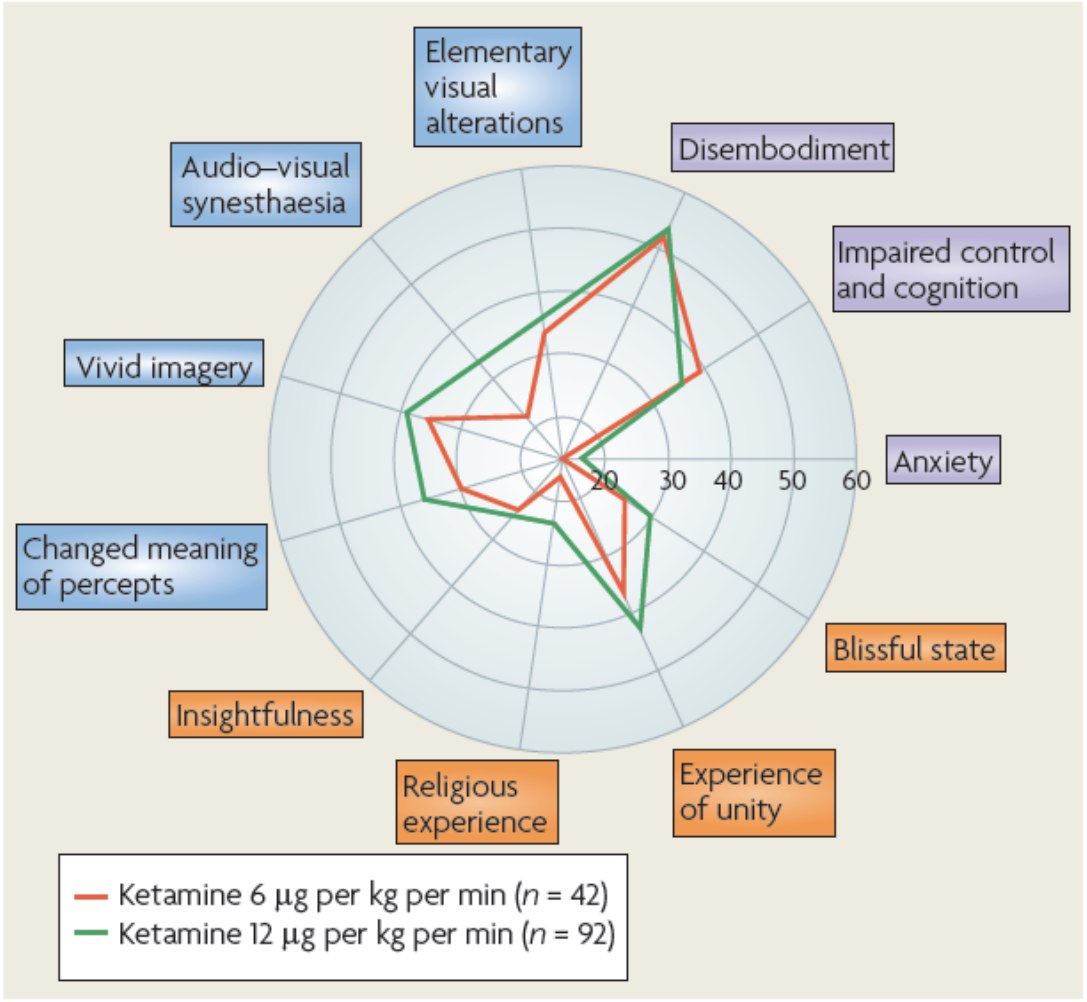




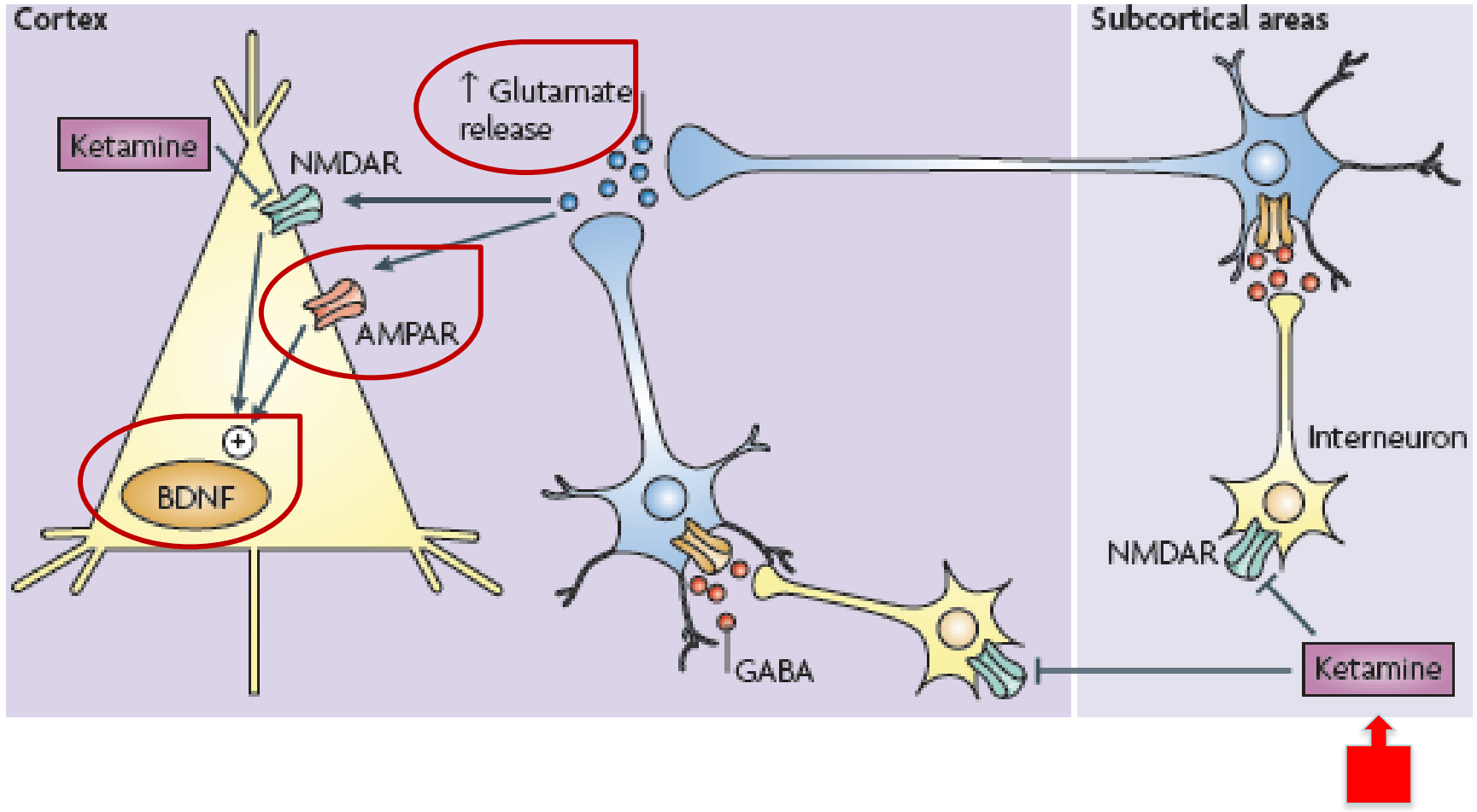
Ketamin - NMDA-R-Antagonist

(RS)-2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)cyclohexanone

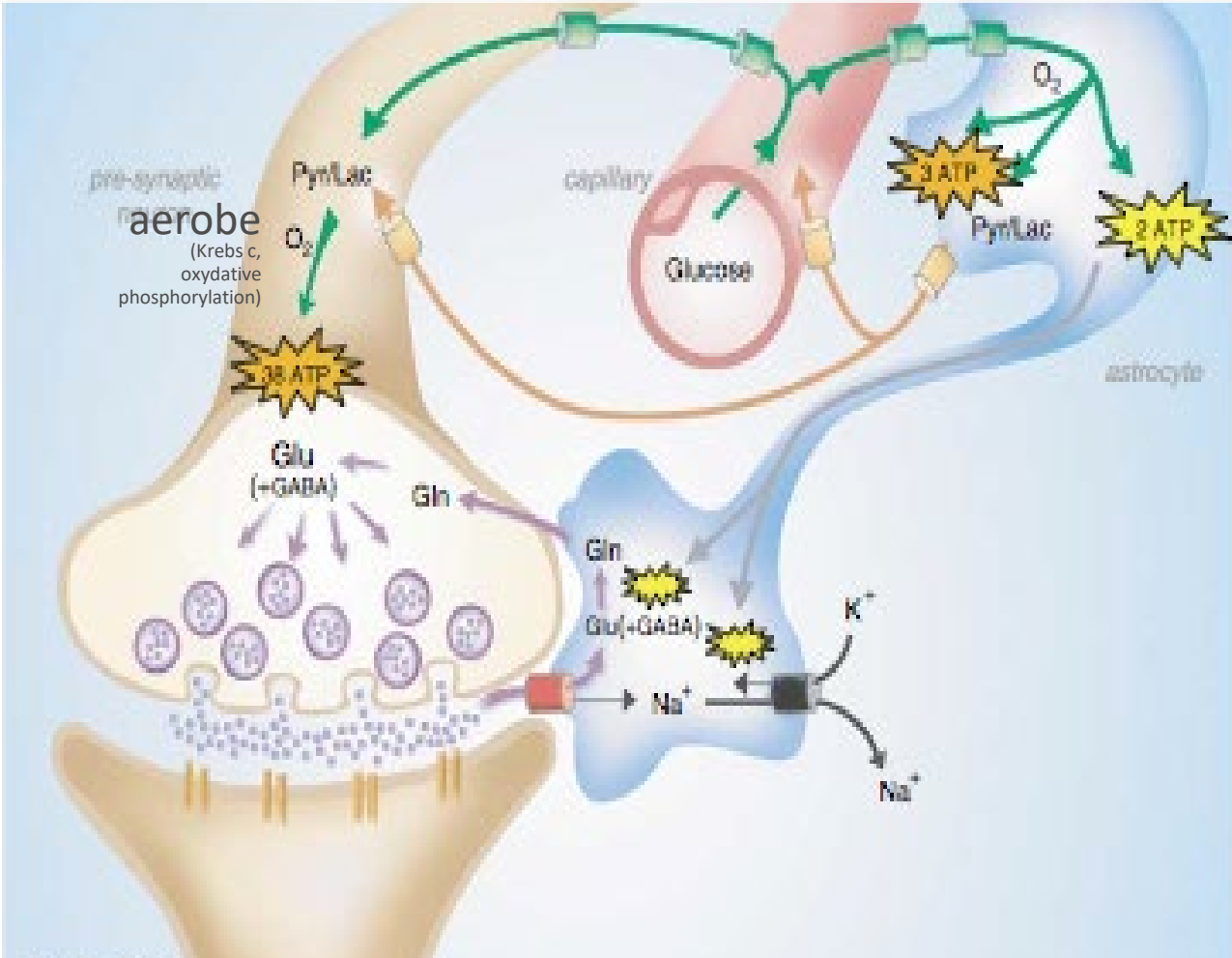
Psychologische Effekte von Ketamin



Ketamin: NMDA-R-Antagonist



Glutamat – wichtigster Neurotransmitter im menschlichen Gehirn

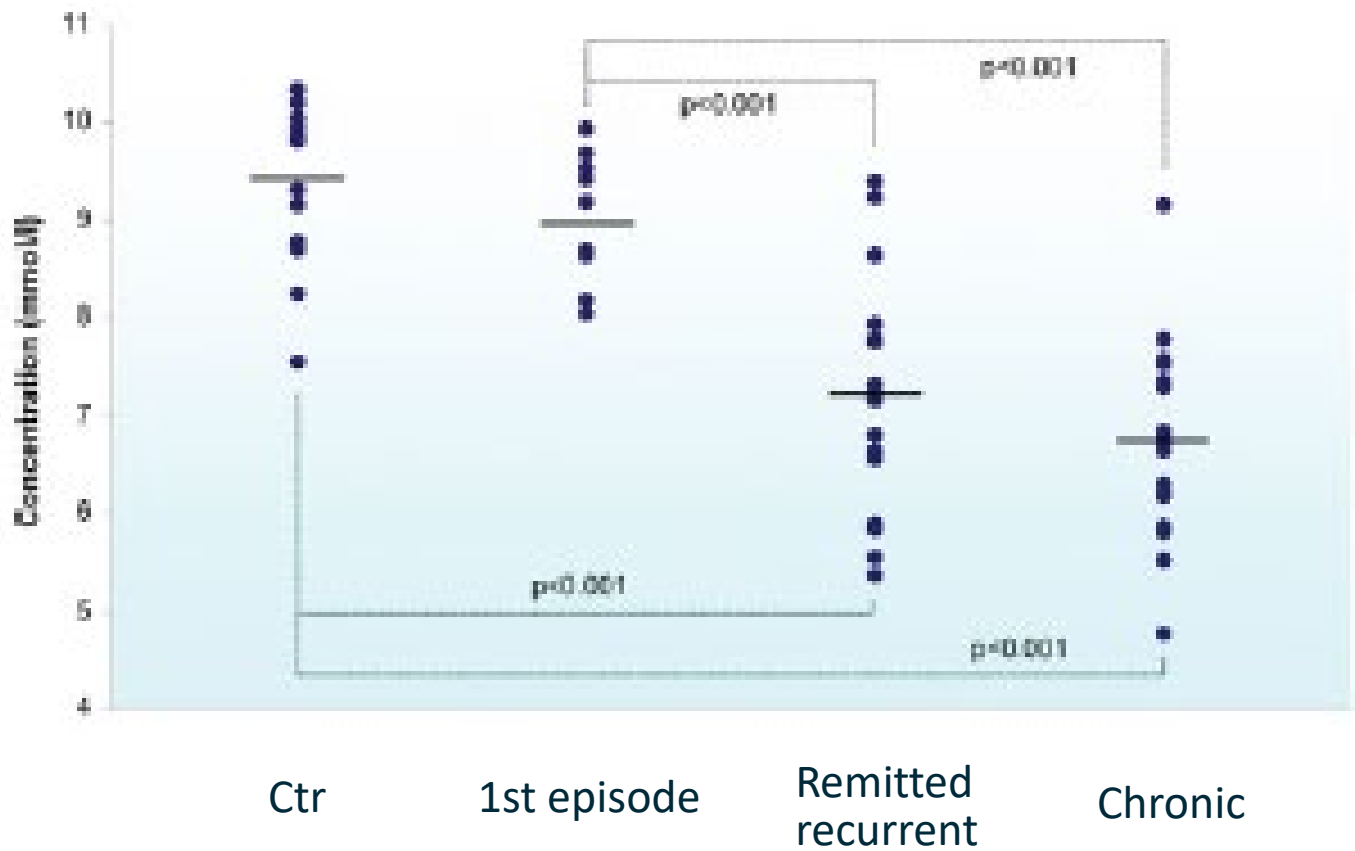


Glutamate
GABA] 90%
(80/20% of
total
signalling in
the brain)

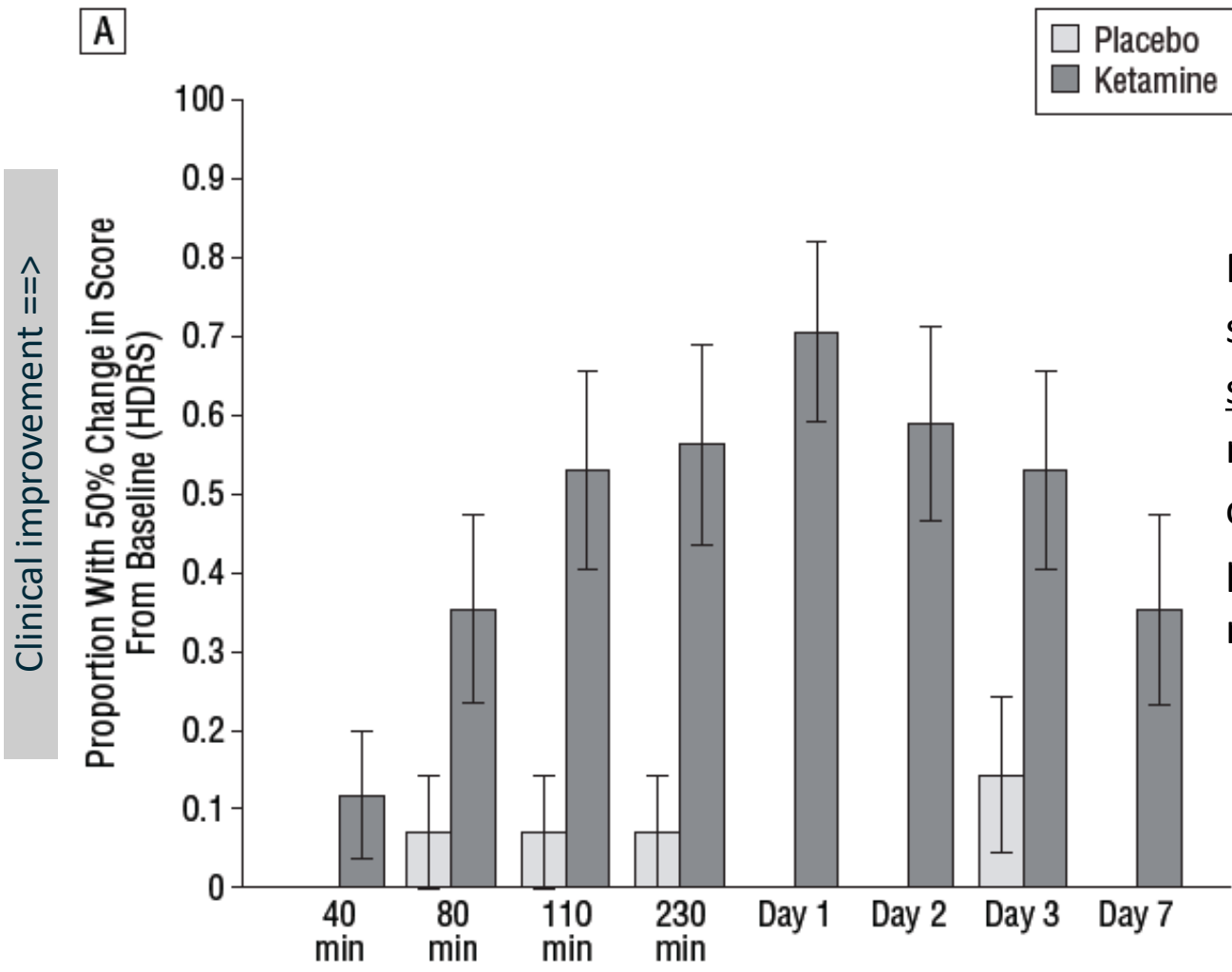
1 Glu : 3 Na⁺ ~ 1 Glc : 2 ATP
1 glutamate reuptate needs 1 glucose molecule = 2 ATP

Präfrontaler Kortex: Glutamat und Stadium der Majoren Depression

Glutamat (Glu)



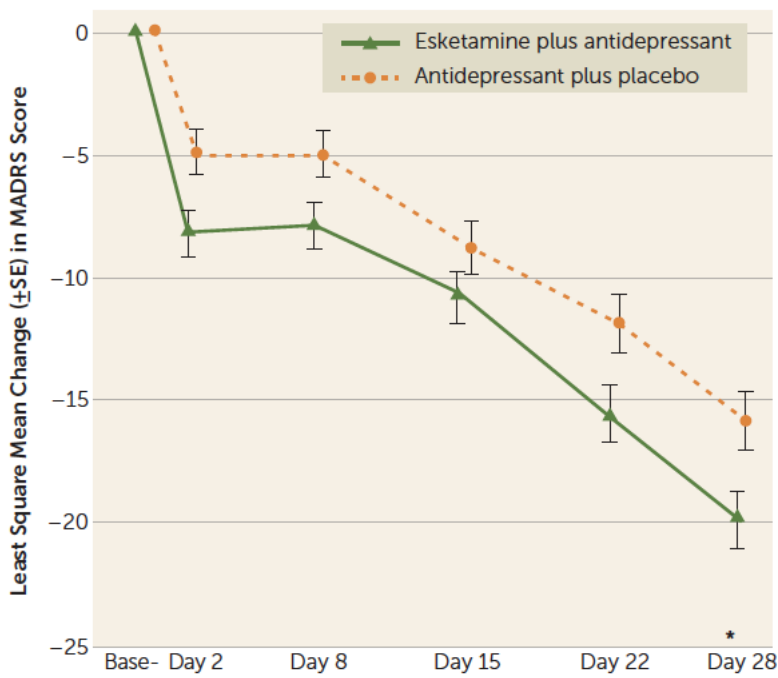
NMDA-R Antagonist Ketamin



Robust and rapid antidepressant effect resulted from a single i.v. dose of the NMDA receptor antagonist ketamine; onset occurred within 2 hours postinfusion and continued to remain significant for 1 week.

Add-on Esketamin i.n. – randomisierte kontrollierte Studie

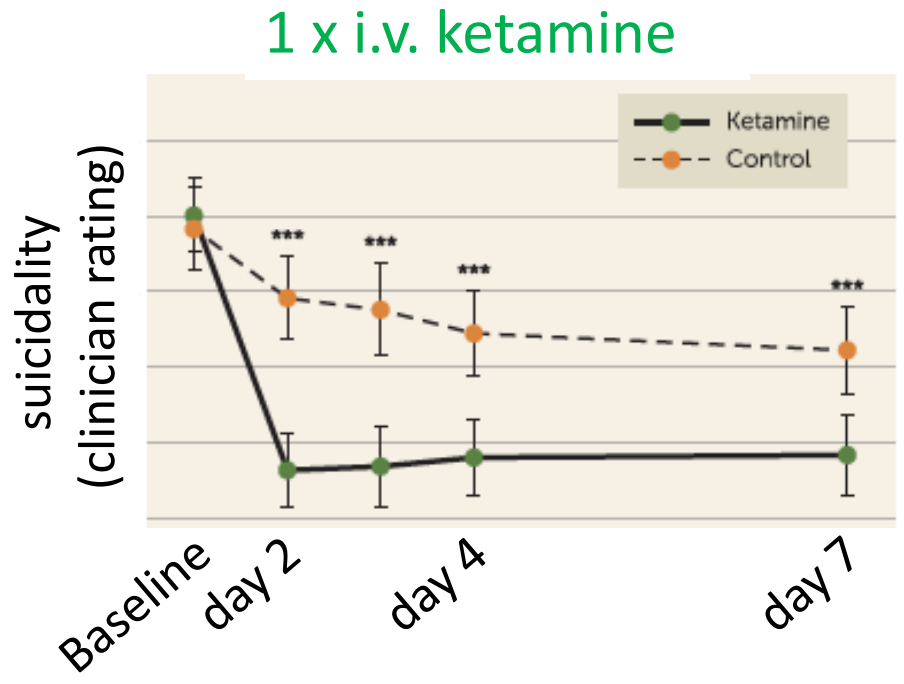
- > RCT, double blind w/ active control, multicenter (N = 227); 28 days, MADRS
- > moderate to severe MDE, TRD (> 2 x non-response)
- > 56 or 84 mg 2 x / w ketamine i.n. + ADM vs PLAC



	Base-line (24 hrs)	Day 2	Day 8	Day 15	Day 22	Day 28
Esketamine plus antidepressant (N)	114	109	109	107	103	101
Antidepressant plus placebo (N)	109	102	105	102	104	100

Adverse Event	Esketamine Plus Antidepressant (N=114)		Antidepressant Plus Placebo (N=109)	
	N	%	N	%
Dissociation	30	26.1	4	3.7
Nausea	30	26.1	7	6.4
Vertigo	30	26.1	3	2.8
Dysgeusia	28	24.3	13	11.9
Dizziness	24	20.9	5	4.6
Headache	23	20.0	19	17.4
Somnolence	15	13.0	7	6.4
Blurred vision	14	12.2	3	2.8
Paresthesia	13	11.3	1	0.9
Anxiety	12	10.4	5	4.6
Increased blood pressure	11	9.6	0	0.0
Insomnia	11	9.6	5	4.6
Vomiting	11	9.6	2	1.8
Diarrhea	10	8.7	10	9.2
Dry mouth	9	7.8	3	2.8
Feeling drunk	9	7.8	1	0.9
Oral hypoesthesia	9	7.8	1	0.9
Oral paresthesia	9	7.8	1	0.9
Throat irritation	9	7.8	5	4.6
Postural dizziness	8	7.0	1	0.9
Hypoesthesia	8	7.0	1	0.9
Nasal discomfort	8	7.0	2	1.8
Fatigue	5	4.3	6	5.5

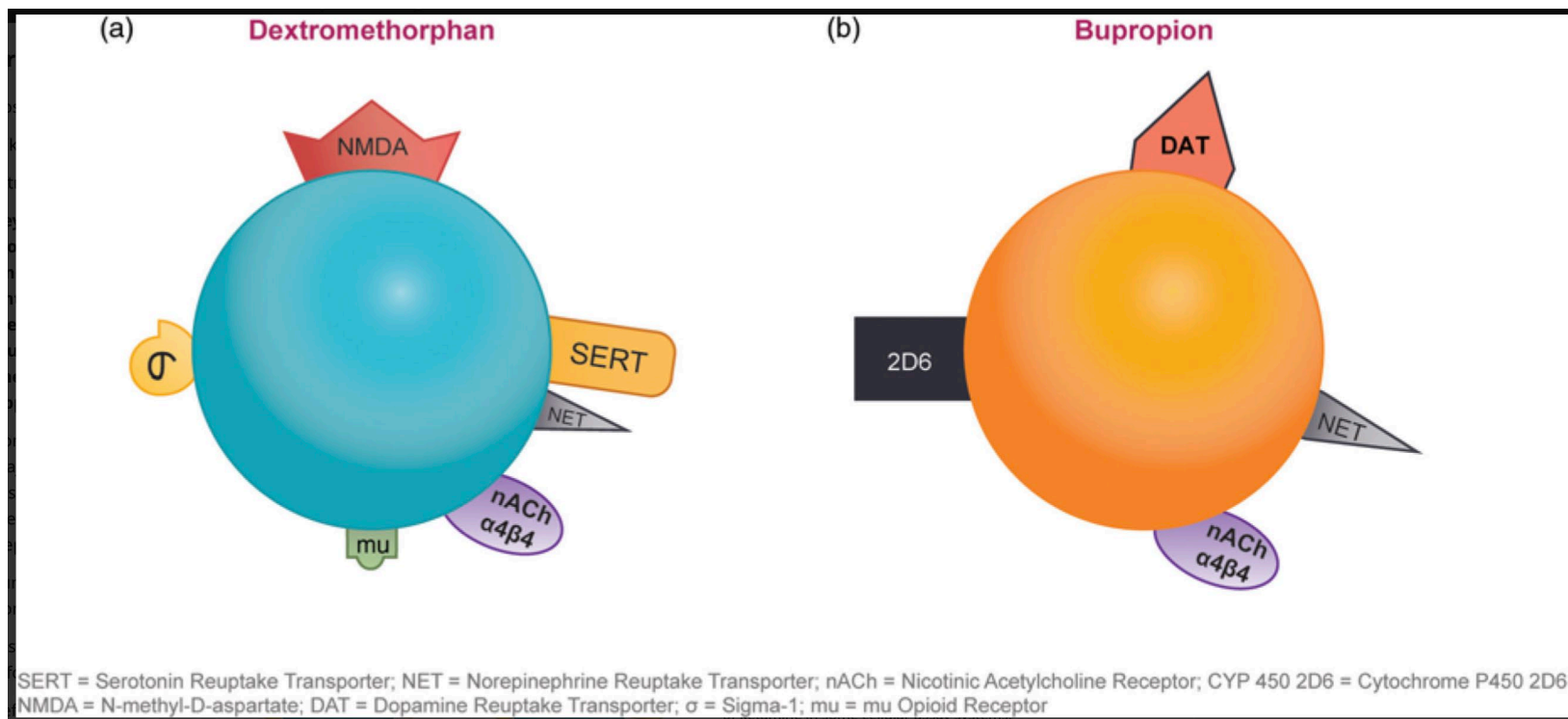
Suizidalität: Akute Effekte von i.v. Ketamin



August 2022 FDA breakthrough rapid acting antidepressant drug

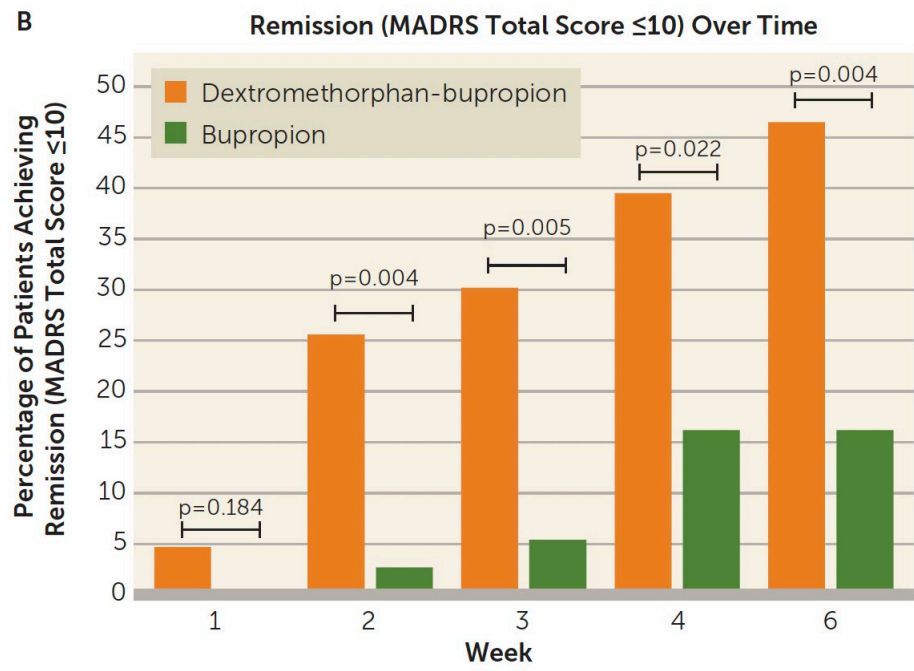
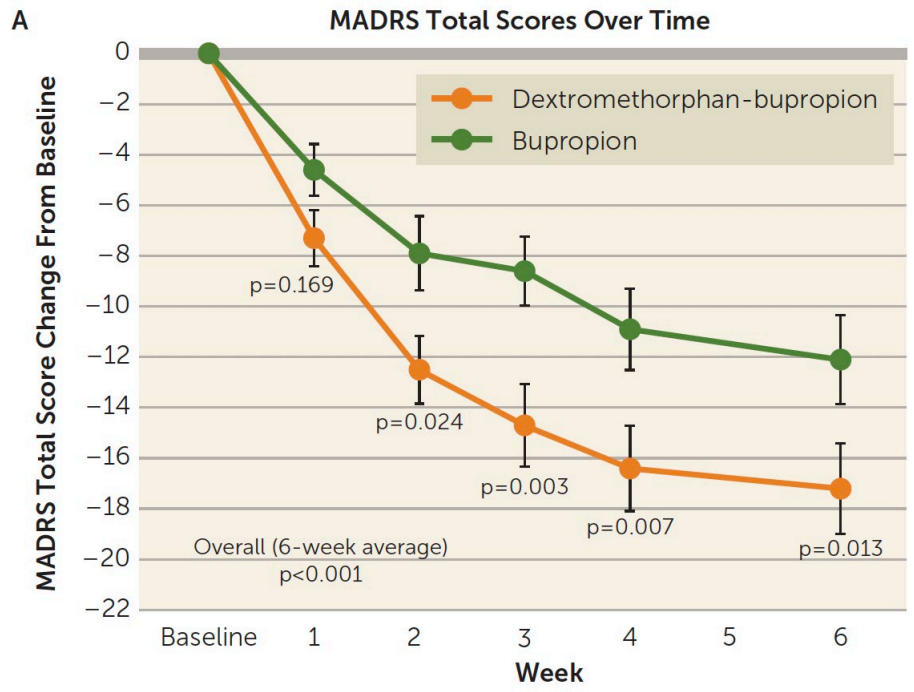
> "Auvelity": Dextrometorphan + Bupropion

- Dextrometorphan: NMDA Antagonist
- Bupropion: CYP450-2D6 Hemmer



August 2022 FDA breakthrough rapid acting antidepressant drug

- > Phase 2 RCT, 35 vs. 39 Pat., MDE, 18-65 J, mittel bis schwer depressiv
- > 45 mg/105 mg (Dextrometorphan/Bupropion) p.o. vs. Bupropion 105 mg p.o.
- > 1 x / Tag für 3 Tage, danach 2 x / Tag, 6 Wochen
- > primäre Endpunkt: MADRS





Psilocybin

Magic Mushroom



Psilocybin – psychodynamische Konzepte

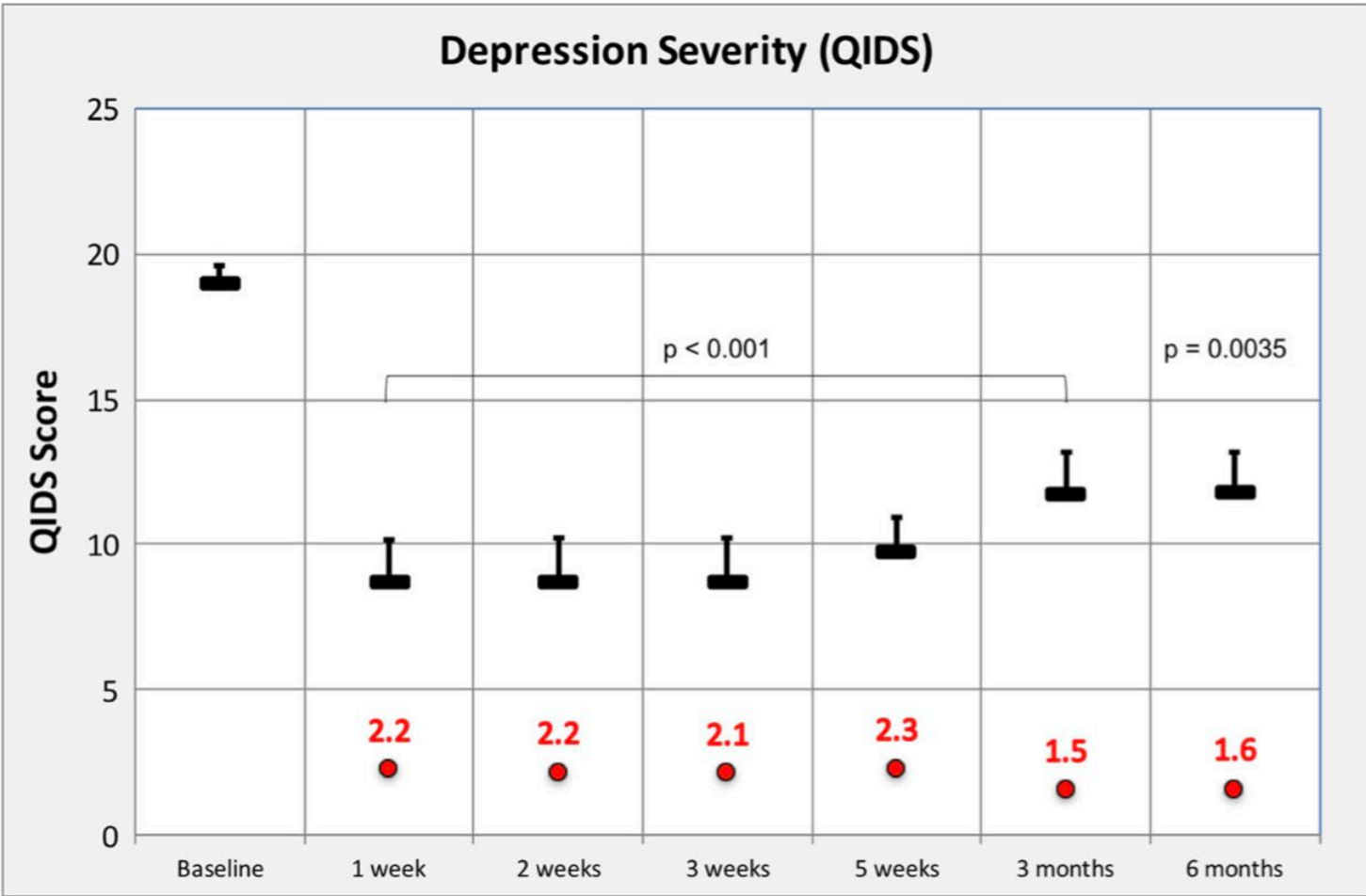
clinical studies w/ **psilocybin** (1960-70ies)

- improved TRD, chronic anxiety, alcohol dependence



Hanscarl Leuner (1919-1996)
founder of Guided Affective Imagery
(also known as: KIP, Kathym-Imaginative
Psychotherapy)

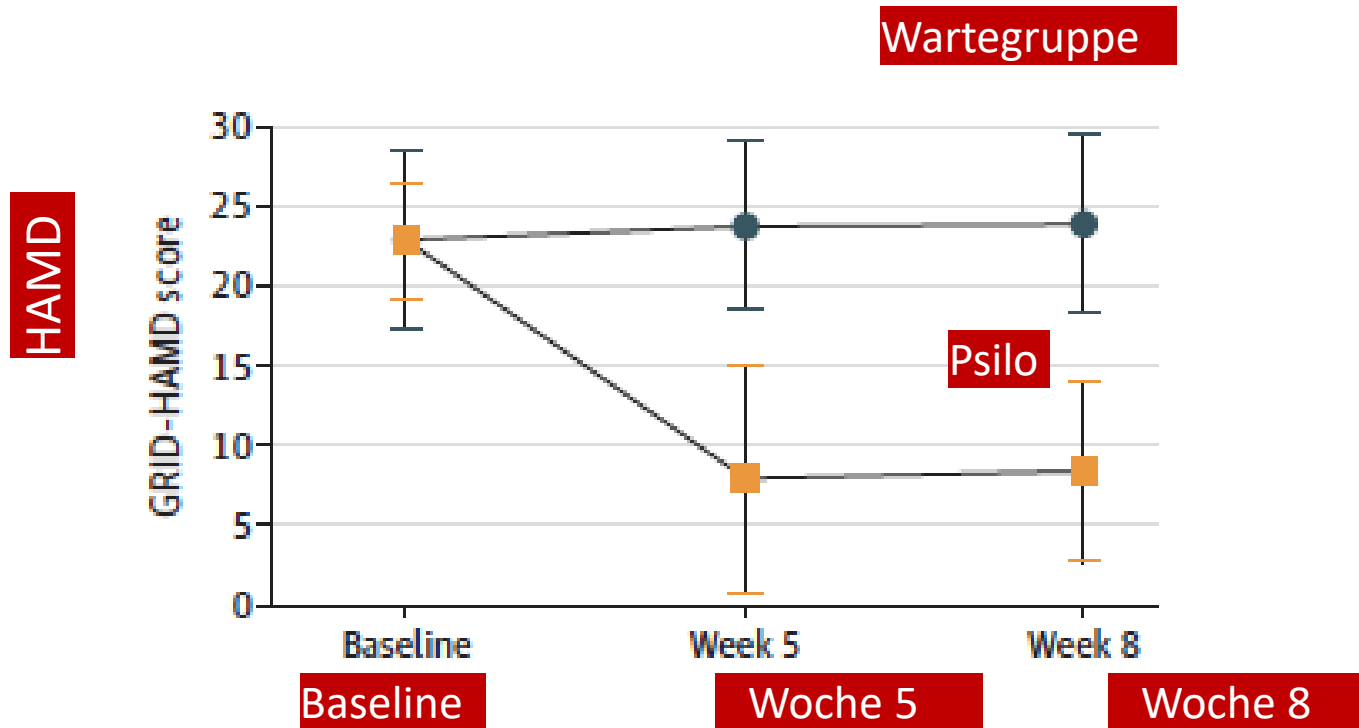
Psilocybin bei Therapie-resistenter Depression: 6 Monate später



Carhart-Harris et al, Psilocybin with psychological support for treatment-resistant depression: six-month follow-up. Psychopharmacology (2018) 235:399–408

Psilocybin bei unmedizierten MDD Patienten

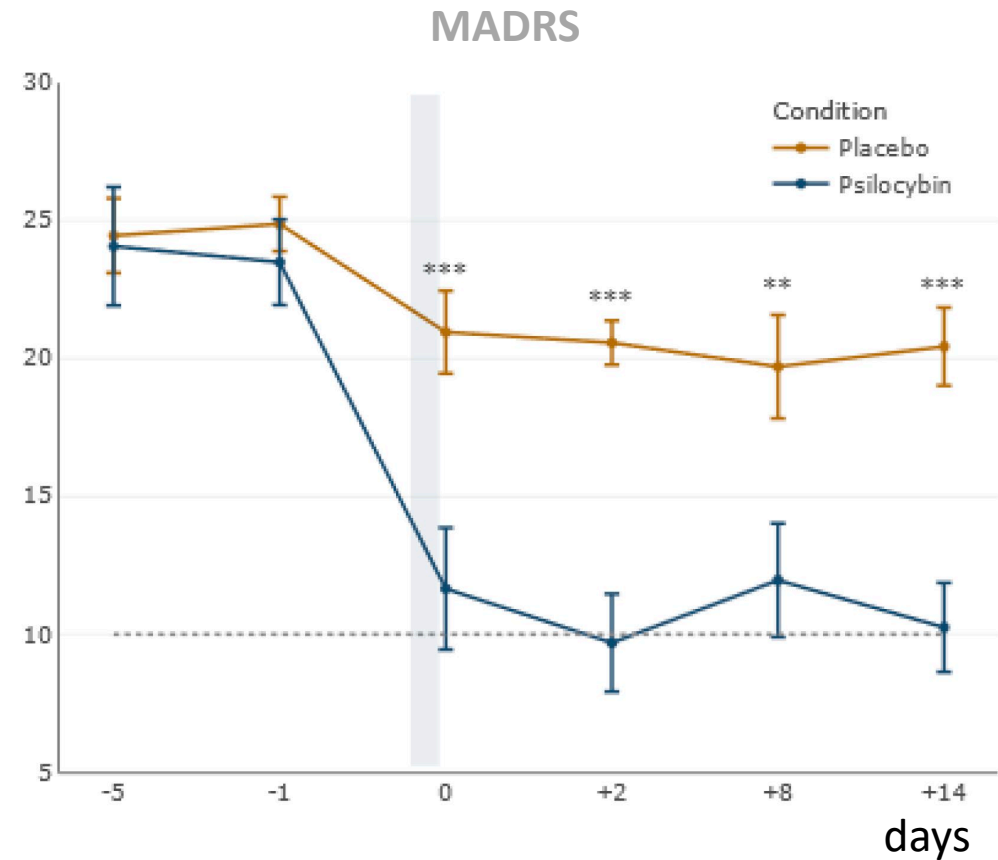
- > Random. klin. Studie, N = 27 MDD Pat., unmediz., 21 - 75 J | vs Wartegruppe
 - Psilocybin Behandlungen (Session 1: 20 mg / 70 kg; Session 2: 30mg / 70 kg) + supportive Psychotherapie (ca. 11 Std)
 - 1 Session / Woche



- > ➔ Markanter, schneller und nachhaltiger antidepressiver Effekt bei MDD

Single-dose, placebo-controlled, double-blind, randomised clinical trial on psilocybin-assisted therapy in MDD

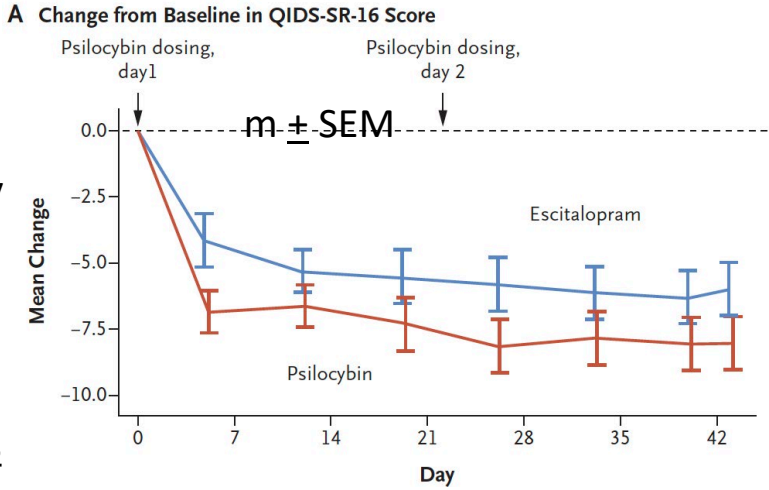
- > single, moderate dose (0.215 mg/kg bw) psilocybin vs placebo
- > double-blind RCT
- > 52 MDE patients
- > primary endpoint, 14 d: MADRS / BDI



Psilocybin vs Escitalopram – RCT

QUIDS:
16-item Quick Inventory
of Depressive
Symptomatology –
Self-Report

primäre Zielvariable: ns



Fragen:

Pat. Selektion Verzerrung? Funktionelle Enblindung? Erwartungseffekte? Placeboeffekte?
Mechanismen: pharmakolog. oder via Dissoziation? Schwer Kranke und Dissoziation? Wie geben?
Suchtpotential?

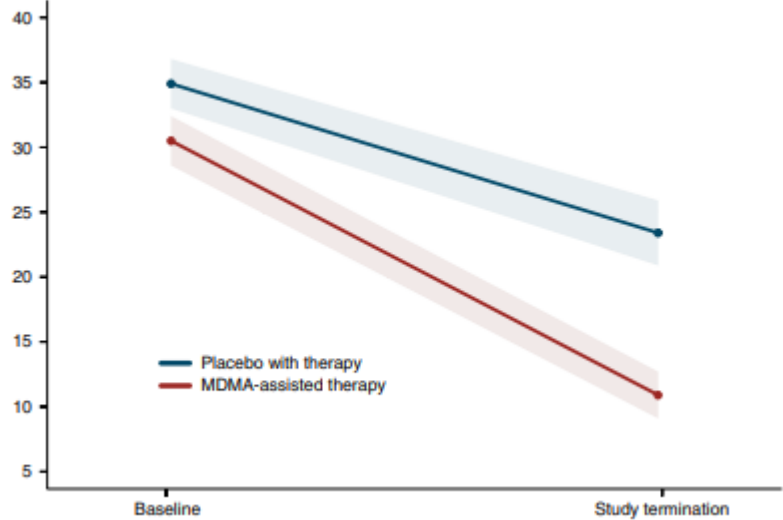
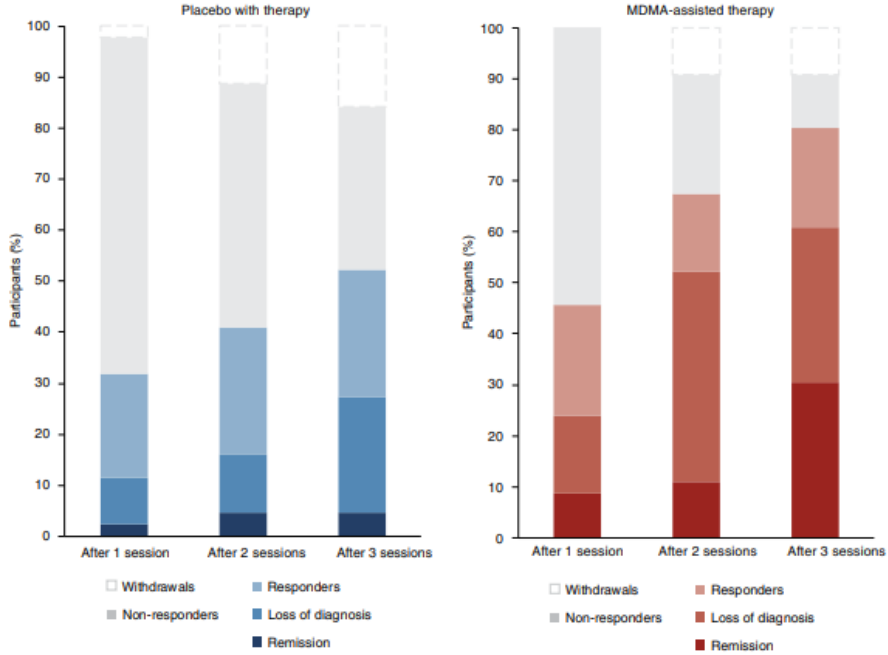
Ecstasy – 3,4-Methylenedioxy-N-methylamphetamin (MDMA)



MDMA bei PTSD

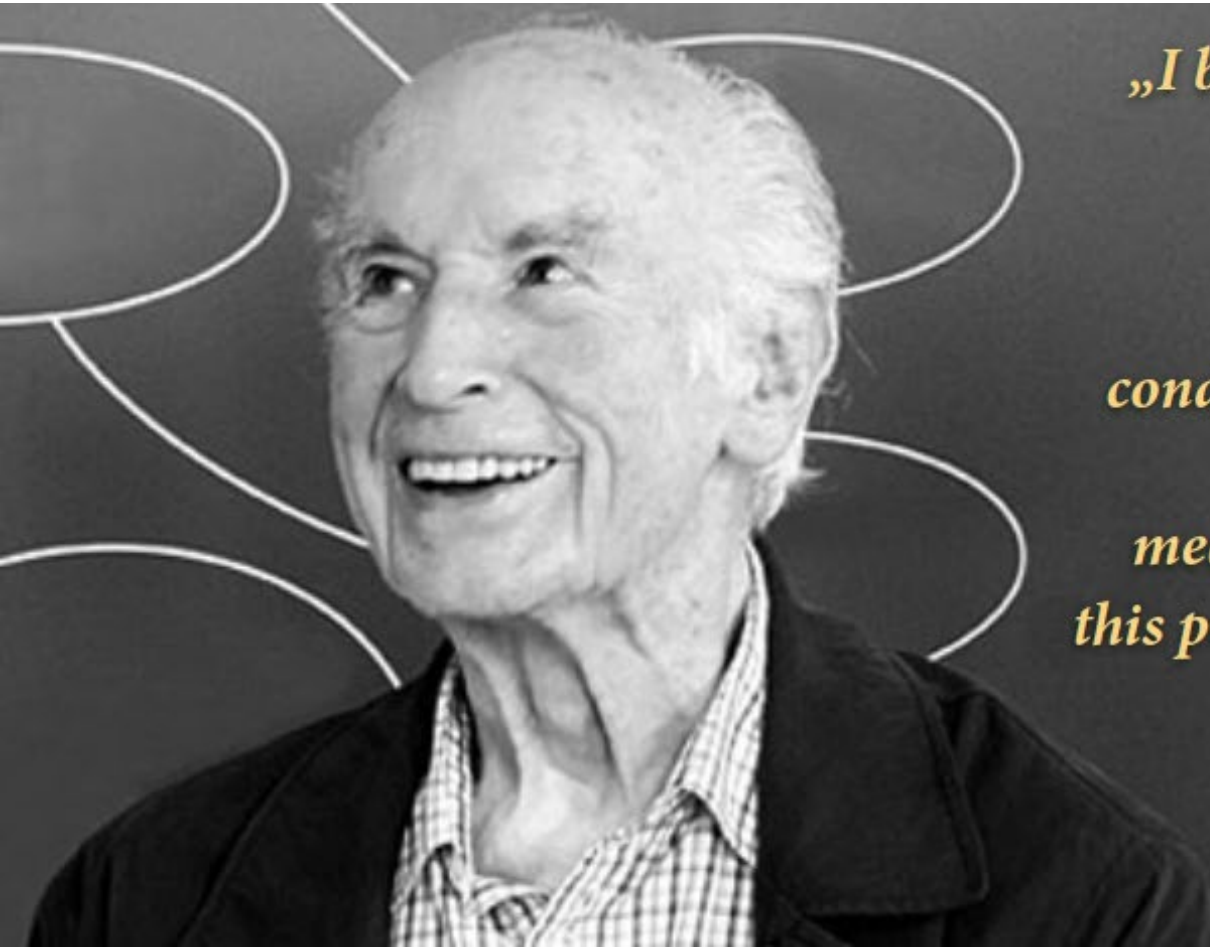


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MDMA-assisted therapy for severe PTSD: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 3 study



MDMA: 3,4-methylenedioxy methamphetamine

LSD - lysergic acid diethylamide



„I believe that if people would learn to use LSD's vision-inducing capability more wisely, under suitable conditions, in medical practice and in conjunction with meditation, then in the future this problem child could become a wonder child.“

Albert Hofmann

LSD - My Problem Child (1980)


Klinische Studien – LSD bei MDE unterwegs

Original Paper

Acute subjective effects in LSD- and MDMA-assisted psychotherapy

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Abstract

Background: Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) and 3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA) were used in psychotherapy in the 1960s–1980s, and are currently being re-investigated as treatments for several psychiatric disorders. In Switzerland, limited medical use of these substances is possible in patients not responding to other treatments (compassionate use).

Methods: This study aimed to describe patient characteristics, treatment indications and acute alterations of mind in patients administered with LSD or MDMA (100–175 mg) within the Swiss compassionate use programme from 2014–2018. Acute effects were measured on the Dimensions of Altered States of Consciousness scale and the Mystical Experience Questionnaire, and compared with those administered with LSD or MDMA and patients treated alone with LSD in clinical trials.

Results: Eighteen patients (including 12 women and six men, aged 29–77 years) were treated in group settings. Indications mostly included stress disorder and major depression. Generally, a drug-assisted session was conducted every 3.5 months after 3–10 psychotropic medications. Induced pronounced alterations of consciousness on the 5 Dimensions of Altered States of Consciousness scale, and mystical increases in all scales on the Mystical Experience Questionnaire. Effects were largely comparable between patients in the compassionate use programme and patients or healthy subjects treated alone in a research setting.

Conclusion: LSD and MDMA are currently used medically in Switzerland mainly in patients with posttraumatic stress disorder and major depression in research settings, producing similar acute responses as in research subjects. The data may serve as a basis for further controlled studies in psychotherapy.

subhalluzinogene Dosen

STUDY PROTOCOL

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MDLSD: study protocol for a randomised, double-masked, placebo-controlled trial of repeated microdoses of LSD in healthy volunteers



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Abstract

Background: Regular ingestion of sub-hallucinogenic doses of psychedelics, referred to as “microdosing”, has gained increasing popularity and attention in the press and in online forums, with reported benefits across multiple cognitive and emotional domains. Rigorously controlled studies to date, however, have been limited in scope and have failed to produce results comparable to those reported in the grey literature.

Methods: Eighty healthy male participants will receive 14 doses of placebo or 10 µg lysergic acid diethylamide orally every 3rd day over a 6-week treatment protocol. A battery of personality, creativity, mood, cognition, and EEG plasticity measures, as well as resting-state fMRI imaging, will be administered at baseline and at the end of the protocol. Creativity, mood, and plasticity measures will additionally be assessed in the acute phase of the first dose. Daily functioning will be monitored with questionnaires and a wearable sleep and activity tracker.

Discussion: This study will rigorously examine the claims presented in the microdosing grey literature by pairing a comparable dosing protocol with objective measures. Potential therapeutic implications include future clinical trials to investigate microdosed psychedelics as a standalone treatment or as an augmentation of psychotherapy in the treatment of depression, addiction, eating disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, and palliative care.

Trial registration: ACTRN12621000436875. Registered on 19 February 2021

Keywords: Microdosing, Lysergic acid diethylamide, Psychedelics, Cortical plasticity, Cortical connectivity, Personality, Creativity, Long-term potentiation, Randomised controlled trial

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Psychedelic microdosing hits a rough patch in clinical trials

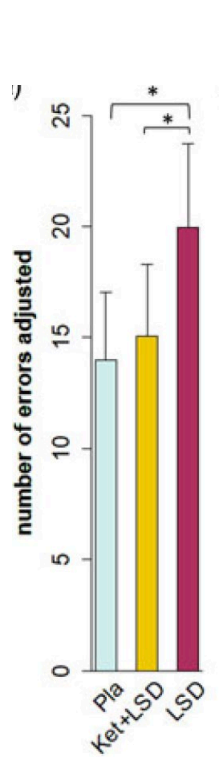
Recent results cast doubt on claims that small amounts of these drugs can benefit mental health.

LSD Microdosing bei gesunden Probanden?

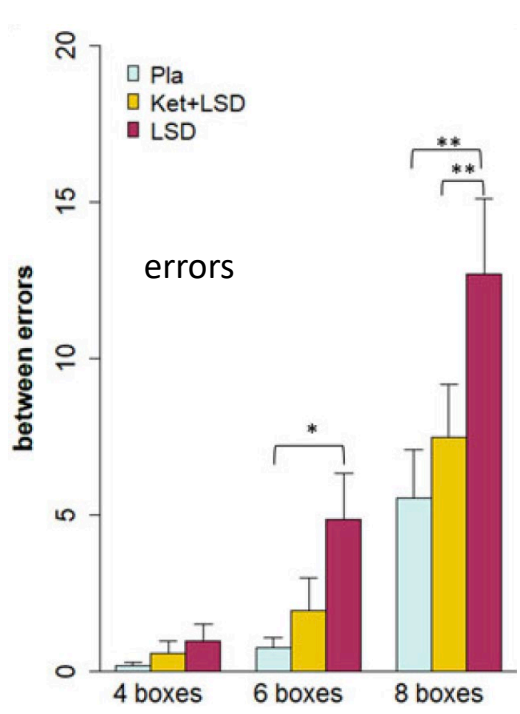
25 healthy subjects
LSD 100 ug ± Ketanserin 40 mg, placebo

executive functions, cognitive flexibility (Intra/Extra-Dimensional shift task IED)
Spatial Working Memory task (SWM)
risk-based decision-making (Cambridge Gambling Task CGT)

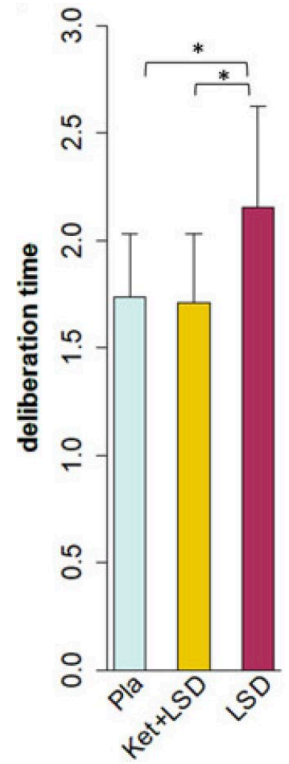
IED: errors



SWM: errors



CGT: deliberation time



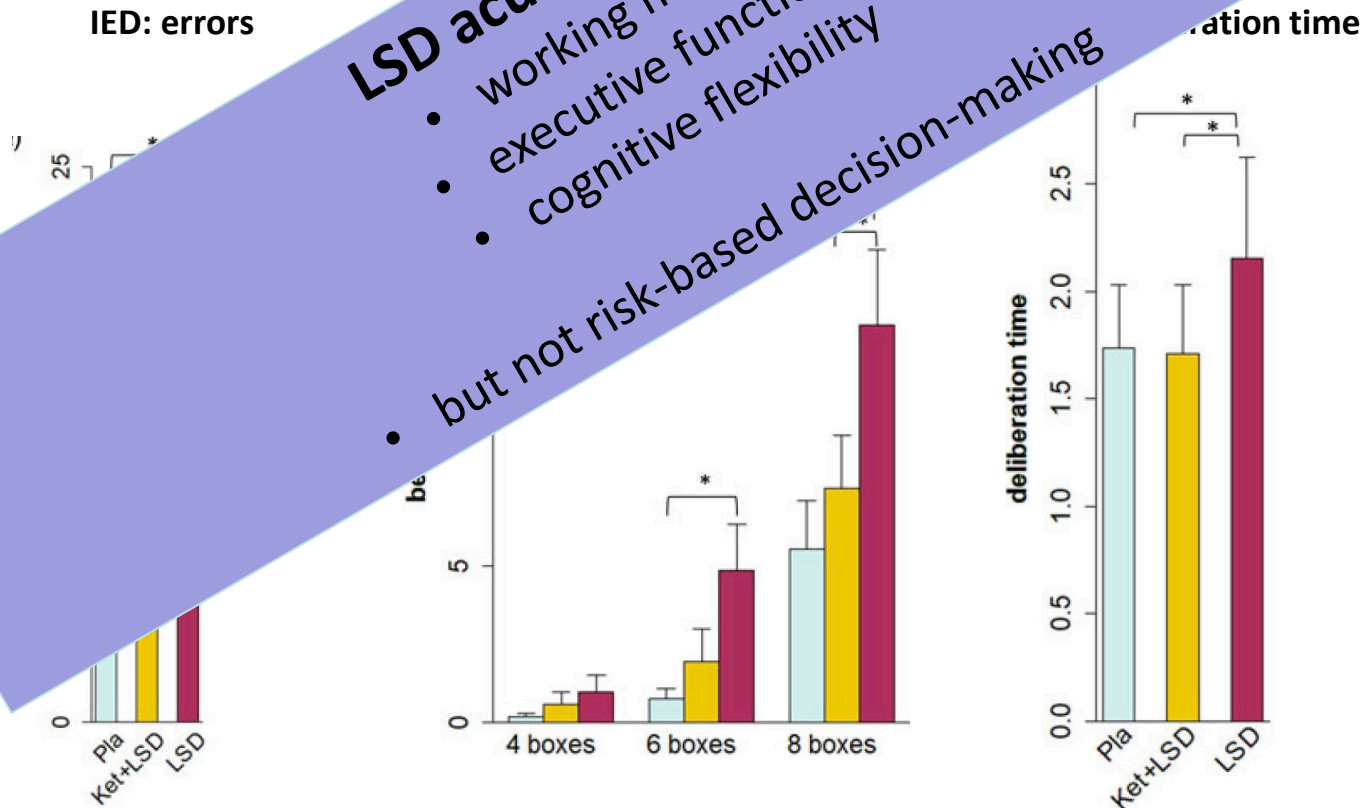
LSD Microdosing bei gesunden Probanden?

25 healthy subjects
 LSD 100 ug ± Ketanserin 40 mg, placebo

executive functions, cognitive flexibility (Intra/Extra-Dimensional)
 Spatial Working Memory task (SWM)
 risk-based decision-making (Cambridge Gambling Task)

LSD acutely impairs

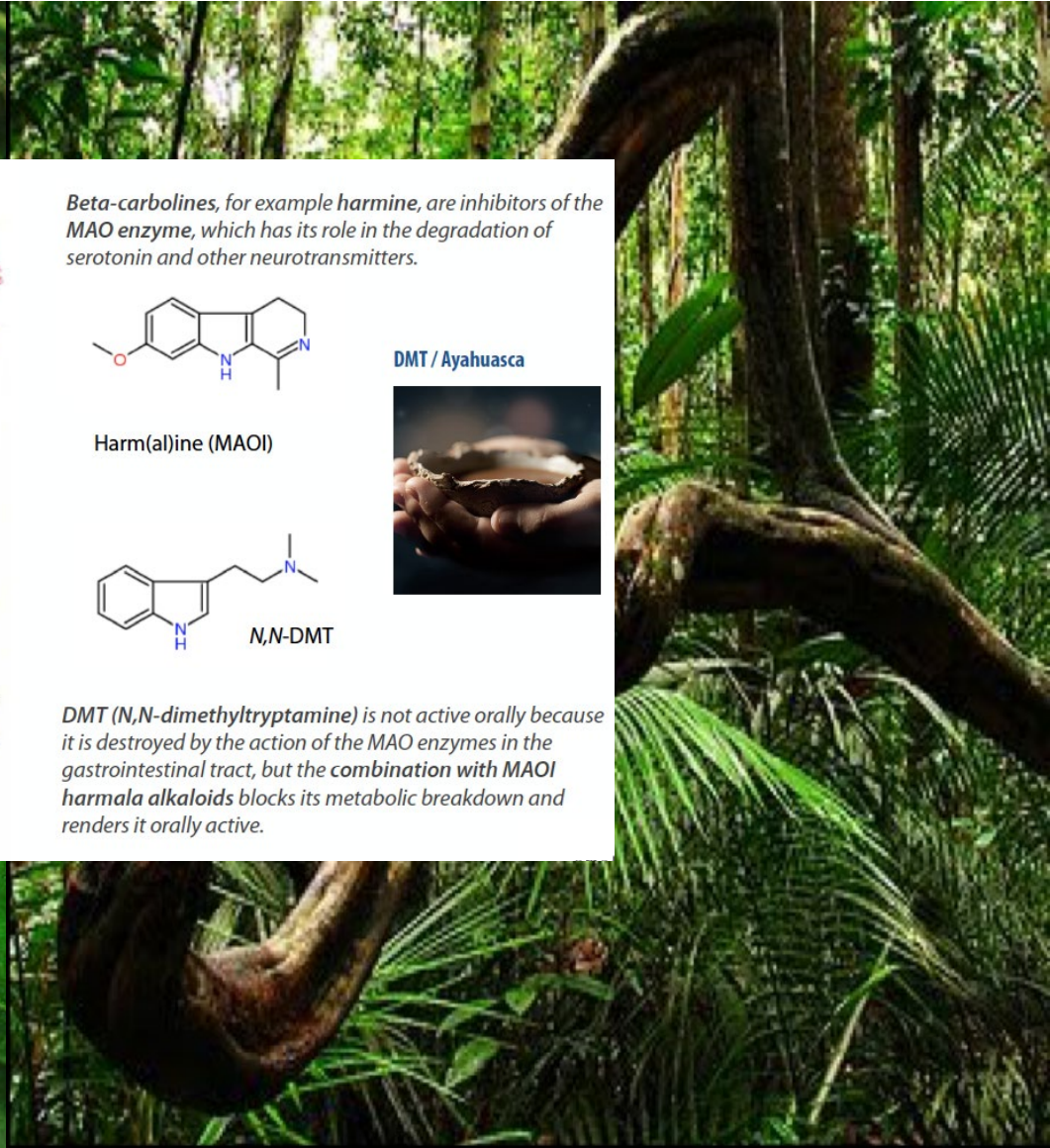
- working memory
- executive functions
- cognitive flexibility
- but not risk-based decision-making



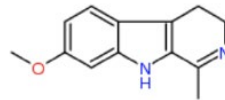
Ayahuasca

Banisteriopsis caapi → harmaline (MAOI)

Psychotria viridis → N,N-dimethyltryptamine (DMT)

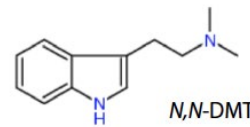
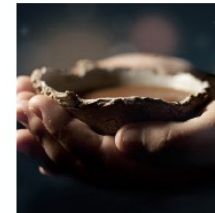


Beta-carbolines, for example harmine, are inhibitors of the MAO enzyme, which has its role in the degradation of serotonin and other neurotransmitters.



Harm(al)ine (MAOI)

DMT / Ayahuasca



N,N-DMT

DMT (N,N-dimethyltryptamine) is not active orally because it is destroyed by the action of the MAO enzymes in the gastrointestinal tract, but the combination with MAOI harmala alkaloids blocks its metabolic breakdown and renders it orally active.



Ayahuasca psychedelic tested for depression

Pilot study with shamanic brew hints at therapeutic potential.

Arran Froid

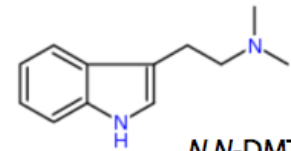
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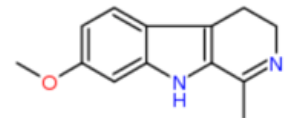


Luzee Parrecho/Routers/Corbis

Ayahuasca being prepared for a healing ritual in the Brazilian village of Novo Segredo.



N,N-DMT



Harm(al)ine (MAOI)

N₂O (Distickstoffmonoxid) – Lachgas als Antidepressivum?



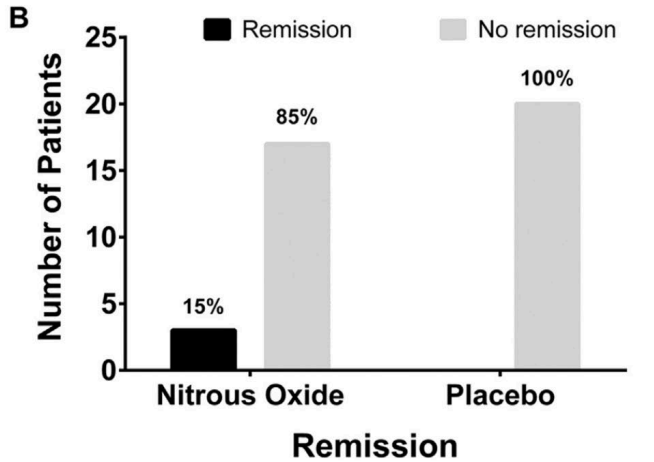
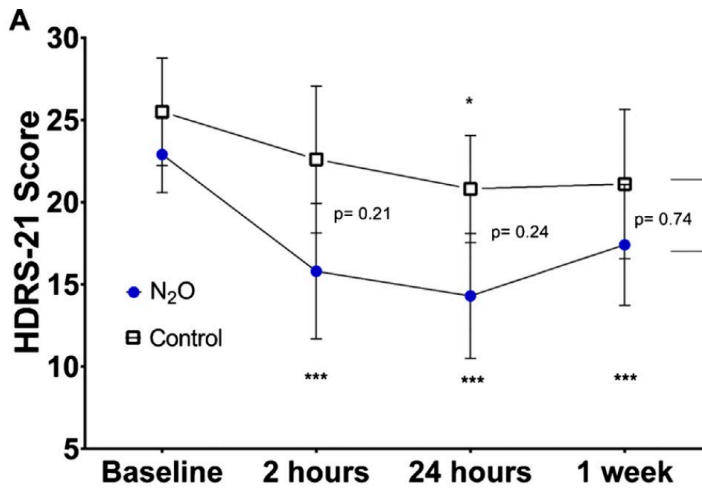
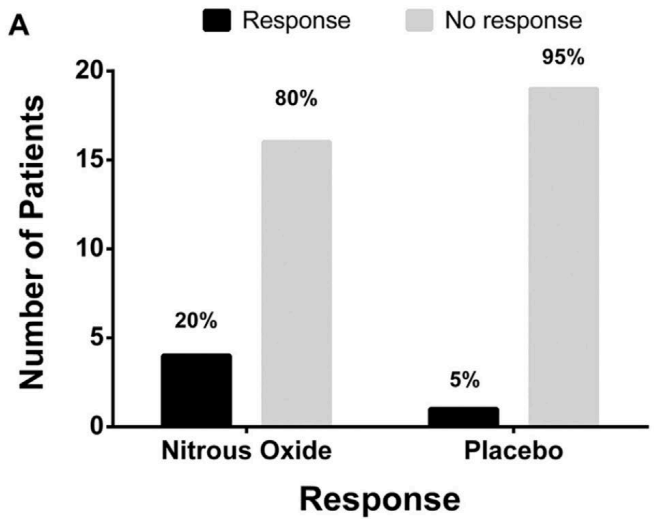
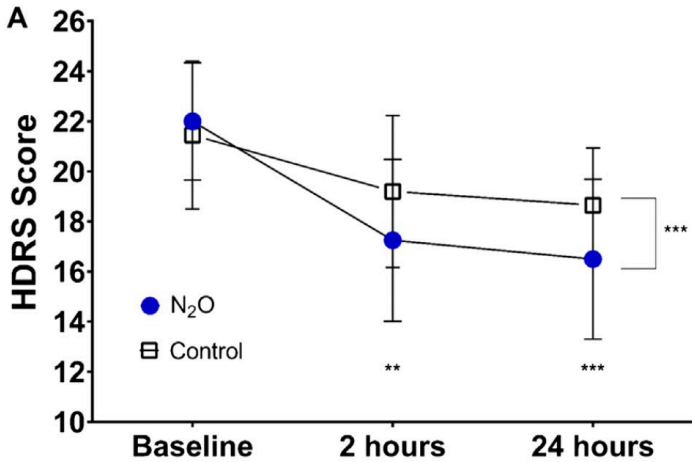
- > 1772 vom englischen Chemiker Joseph Priestley rein dargestellt
- > 1790er Jahre, englischer Apotheker Humphry Davy beschreibt psychogene und analgetische Effekte
- > 1844 vom Zahnarzt H. Wells erstmals eingesetzt
- > Schmerzstillende, betäubende Wirkung: Bewusstsein/Vigilanz erhalten
- > Treibgas in Spraydosen und als Aufschäummittel in Sahnespenderkapseln gefüllt
- > Rauschzustand: wenige Minuten. Höhere Dosis: Bewusstlosigkeit bis tödlich

N₂O (Distickstoffmonoxid) – Antidepressivum?

20 TRD Pat.

1 Std

50% N₂O vs. Nitrogen/O₂



Afterglow von Psychedelika

- > Phase nach Abklingen der Akutwirkung (bis zu 10 Tage) mit i.d.R. Wohlbefinden, erhöhter Achtsamkeit und kognitiver Flexibilität („Plastizität“).
- > Diese Phase scheint besonders geeignet für psychotherapeutische Interventionen und allgemein neue Lernerfahrungen zu sein.

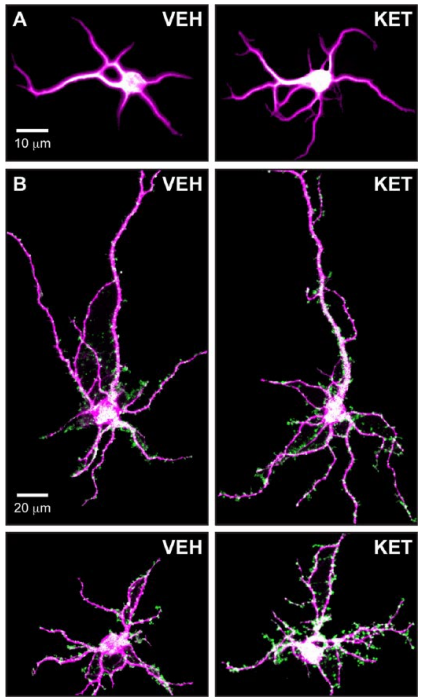
Konzept der Psychedelika-unterstützten Psychotherapie

Konzept der Pharmakopsychotherapie

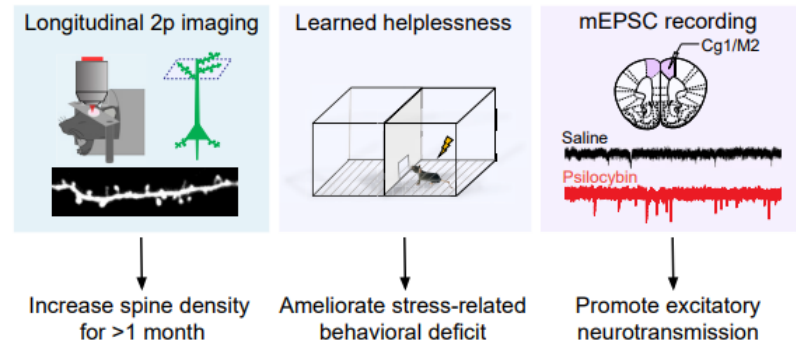
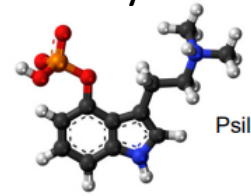
- > neue Art der **Kombination** von Pharmakotherapie und Psychotherapie
- > Pharmakon beeinflusst Art und Weise, **wie Psychotherapie wirkt**
- > bestimmte **Lernvorgänge** können gezielt unterstützt werden (Empathie, Bindungserfahrung, kognitive Flexibilität, korrektive emotionale Erfahrung, Emotionsregulation)
- > **integrativer Ansatz** (die Wirkung des Pharmakons hat einen direkten funktionalen Einfluss auf den Verlauf der Psychotherapie)

Neuroplastizität

¹Ketamin

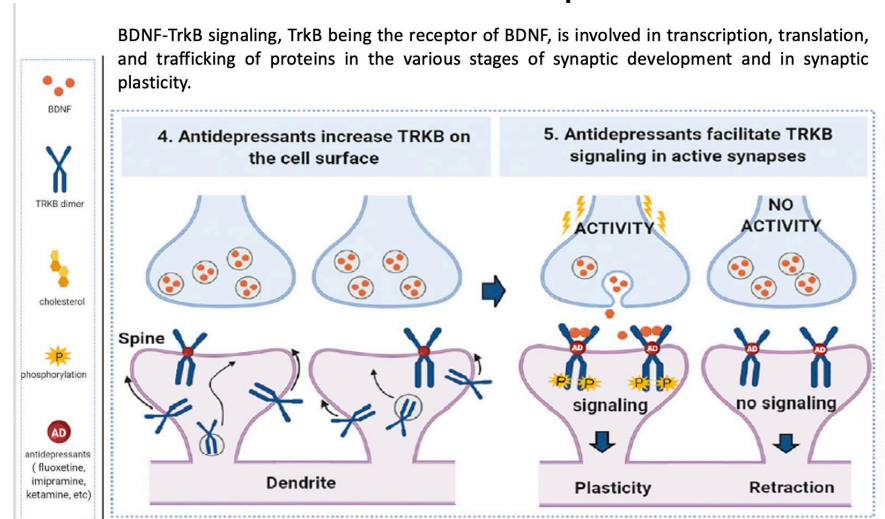


²Psilocybin



³Klassische Antidepressiva

BDNF-TrkB signaling, TrkB being the receptor of BDNF, is involved in transcription, translation, and trafficking of proteins in the various stages of synaptic development and in synaptic plasticity.

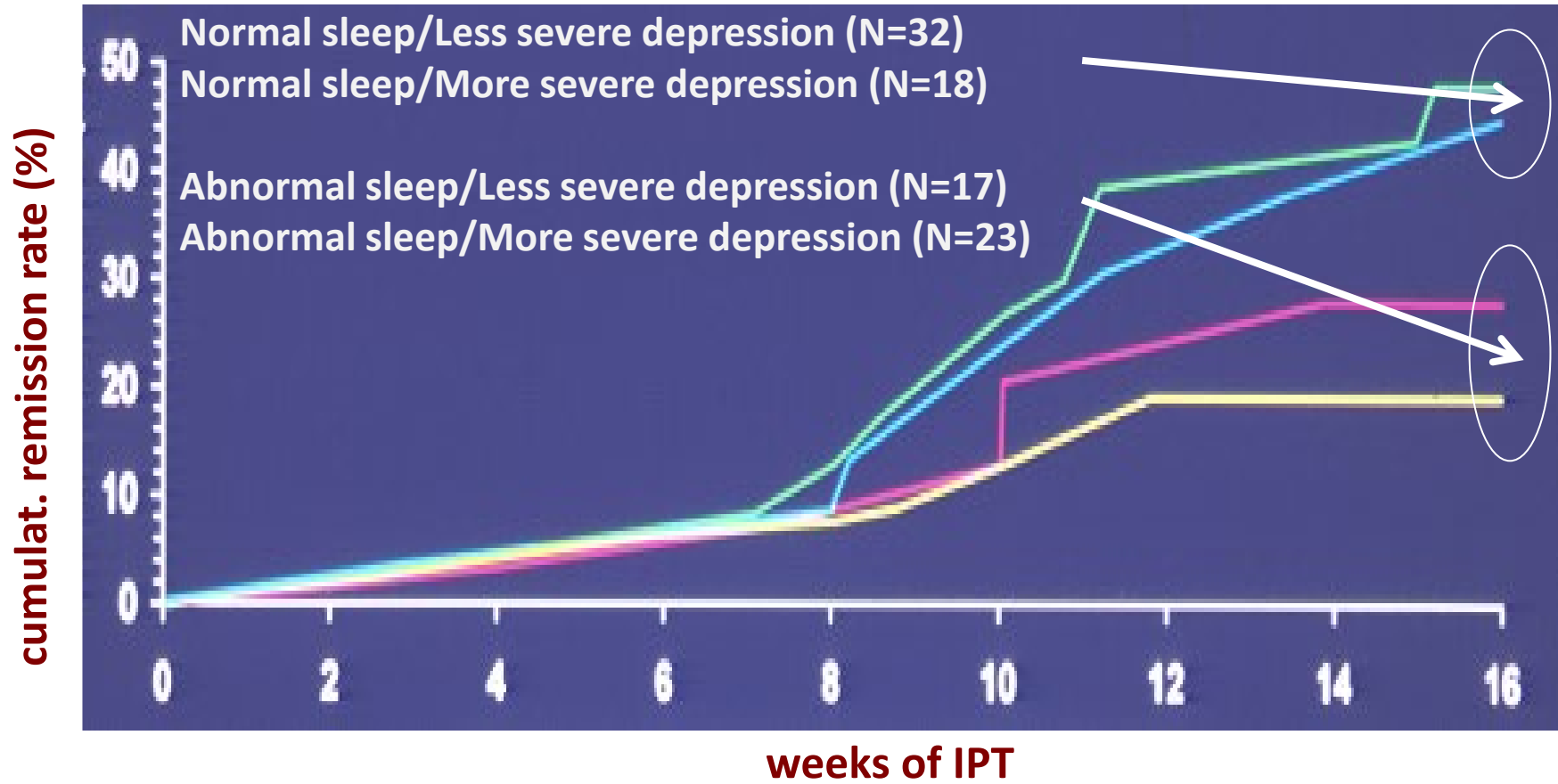


¹ Olson. Psychoplastogens: a promising class of plasticity-promoting neurotherapeutics. J Exp Neurosci, 2018

² Shao et al, Neuron 2021, 109, 2535 - 2544

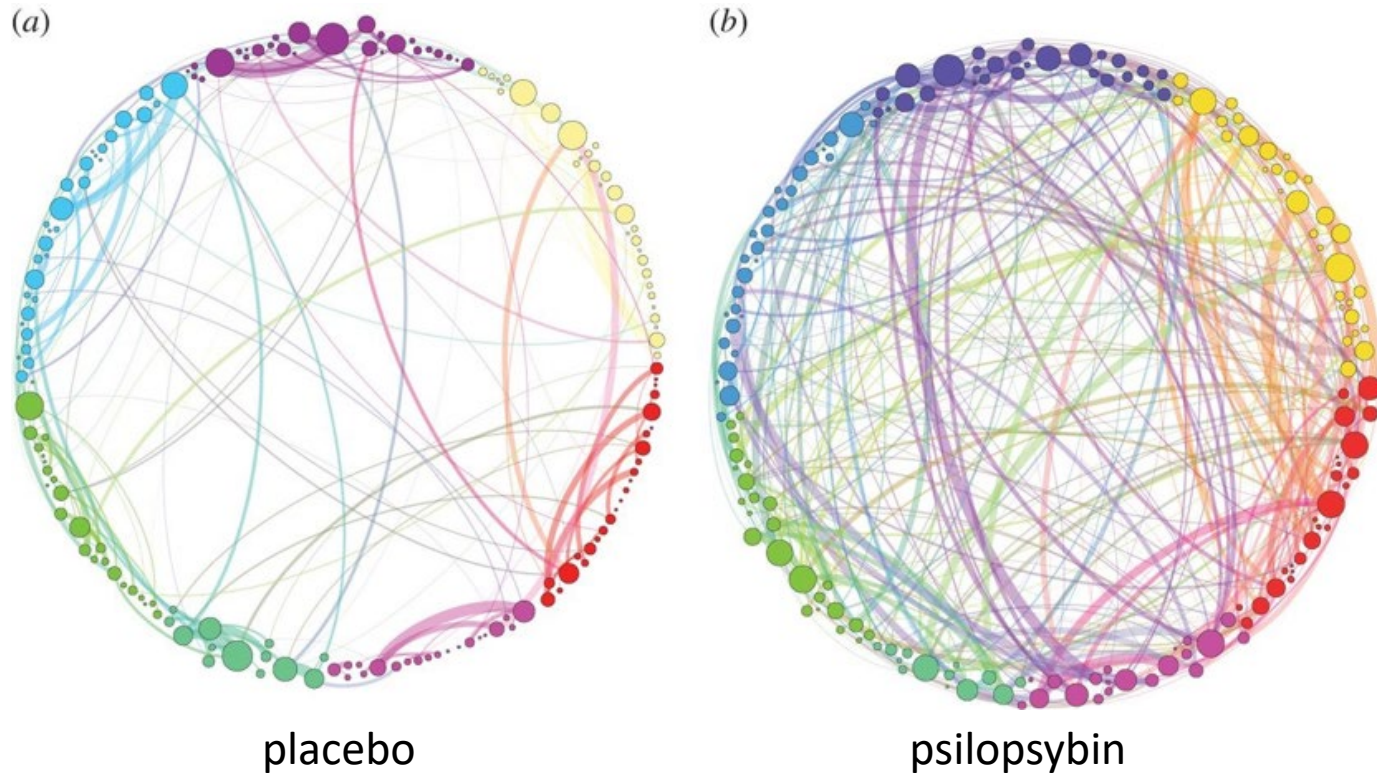
³ Casarotto et al., 2021, Cell 184, 1299 – 1313

Schlaf und Wirksamkeit von Psychotherapie bei Depression

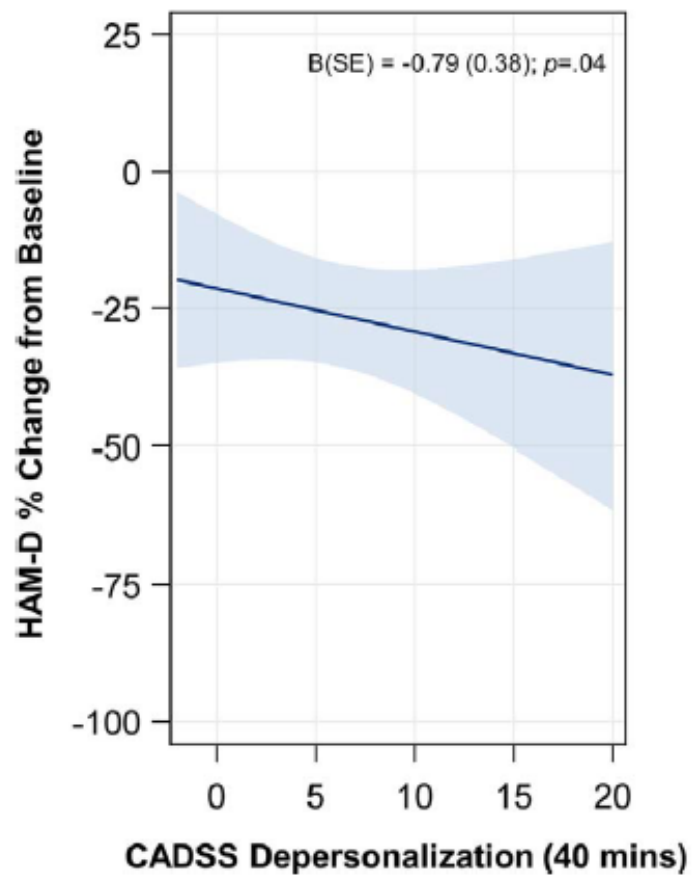


Connectomix

15 healthy volunteers after i.v. infusion of placebo and psilocybin



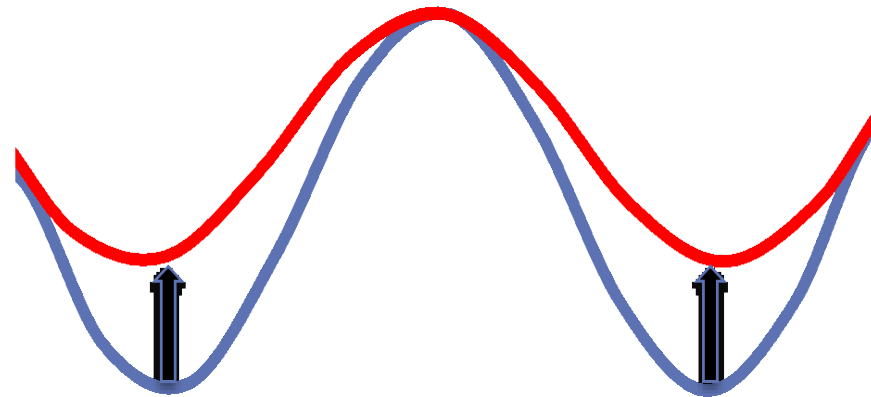
Dissoziation?



Katalysator für Phasenübergänge?



... we conclude that depression is better defined as the tendency to enter into, and inability to disengage from, a negative mood state rather than the mood state per se ...



Plazebo?



“He cures most successfully in whom the people have the most confidence”

Galen, 129 – 217 AD)

bloomberg.com, 30.5.2021

psilocybin & compass

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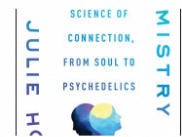
Markets

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