

Cuprizone Induced Mouse Model

Cuprizone is a copper chelator, that causes rapid demyelination and gliosis, and rapid proliferation of glia subtypes. The cuprizone mouse model captures several aspects of MS pathology like demyelination / remyelination, cognitive decline, altered activity and motor deficits. C57Bl/6 mice are fed with cuprizone-containing chow for 1 month. Behavioral changes are analyzed within the last week of cuprizone treatment.

- Motor deficits
- Reduced myelination
- Reduced MAO activity
- Neuroinflammation

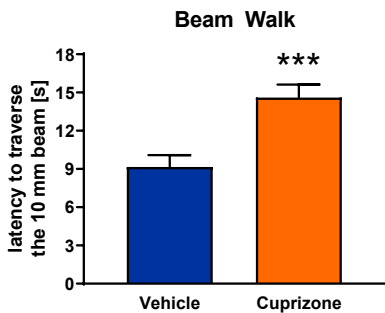


Figure 1: Beam walk test of C57Bl/6 mice after 4 weeks of cuprizone treatment. Latency to traverse a 10 mm wide square beam in seconds. Mean + SEM; n = 10 per group; Mann Whitney test; ***p<0.001.

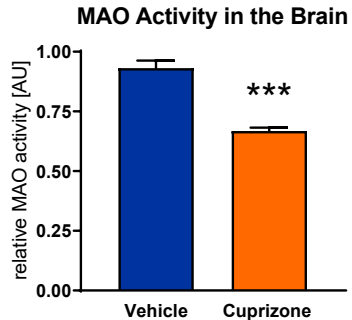


Figure 2: MAO activity in brain lysates of C57Bl/6 mice after 4 weeks of cuprizone treatment. Mean + SEM; n = 10 per group; t-test; ***p<0.001.

Hippocampus

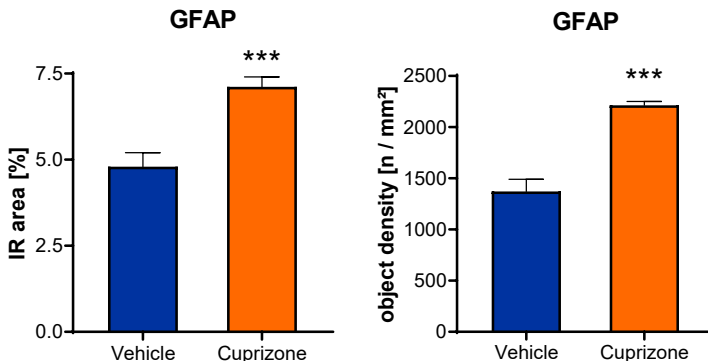


Figure 3. Quantification of astrocytes in the hippocampus of cuprizone treated C57Bl/6 mice. Immunoreactive area in percent and object density. Unpaired t-test or non-parametric Mann-Whitney U-test. n = 10 per group; Mean + SEM. ***p<0.001.

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