In vivo Animal Models

Schizophrenia

MK801 Induced Mouse Model

The non-competitive NMDA receptor antagonist Dizocilpine (MK-801) produces complex symptoms that mimic positive and negative symptoms, as well as cognitive deficits of schizophrenia. C57BI/6 mice are injected with MK-801 causing:

- Increased activity
- Reduced emotional learning

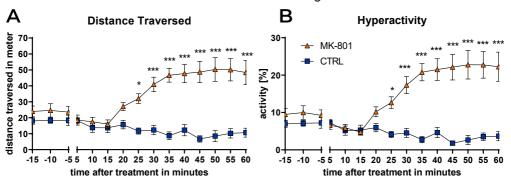


Figure 1: Open field test. A: Distance traversed of MK-801-treated animals compared to sham treated control. B: Hyperactivity level of MK-801-treated animals compared to sham treated control. Mean ± SEM; Two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's post hoc test. *p<0.05; ***p<0.001.

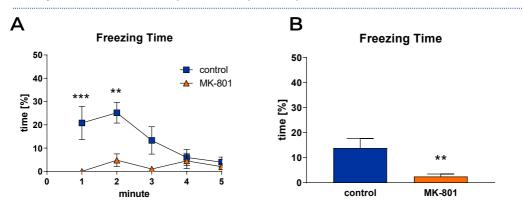


Figure 2: Contextual fear conditioning test. Percentage of freezing of MK-801- and sham-treated animals during the contextual phase of the CFC. A: Freezing behavior over a 5 minutes testing period; B: total freezing time. Mean ± SEM, Two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni's *post hoc* test (A), t-test (B); **p<0.01; ***p<0.001.

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