

# The Plague in Scientific Publishing

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**Sleuth since 2020**

# About me

- Ph.D.: University of Hawaii (rodent models of anxiety, fear, stress)
- Postdoc: NIH (Autism mouse models)
- Assistant professor: UC Davis MIND Institute (Autism mouse models)

*\*dropped off the chasing tenure game*

- Core Director/Assistant professor: 2016-present Columbia
- Co-authored 60+ research articles. Citation count ~8700

# Topics

- **The first case:** Domenico Pratico (Temple University)
- **The biggest case:** Eliezer Masliah (UCSD, NIA)
- **Current focuses:**
  - Targeting “papermills”
  - Problematic journals
  - Fighting unjust “Corrections”
- **What can you do?:** Open dialogues on the “publish or perish” toxic culture.

# In another word....

- Personal stories
- Big cases
- Sleuth psychology
- Publish or Perish, the f\*\*\*
- Capitalism sucks
- Nobody is immune
- Systemic issues
- Power to the little people

# Retractions caused

Total: ~150 since 2022

2020-2022: 1

2025: 14

“Publish or Perish”

“Grant \$\$\$ or Perish”

Publishers prioritize \$ over quality

current peer review system

Papermills industrialize publishing fake papers

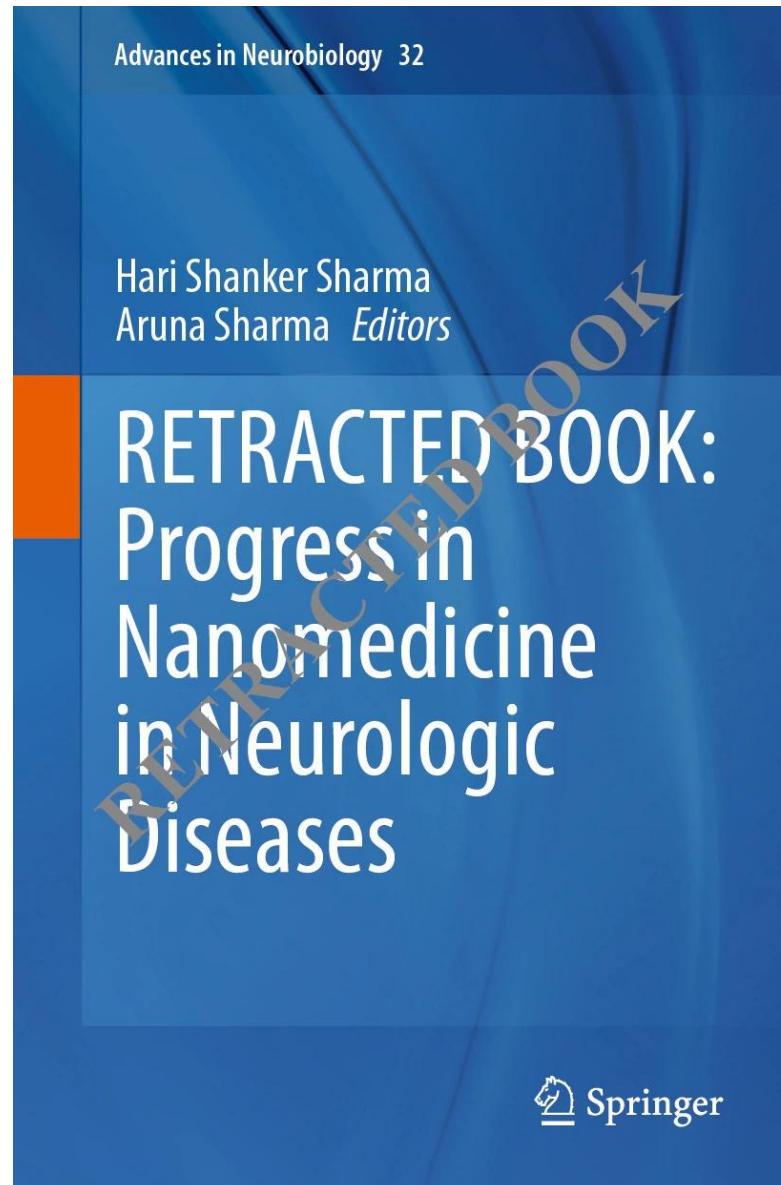


Mervin

*"Go ahead. Don't think of it as plagiarism, think of it as an homage."*

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# Notable case: An entire book retracted



# Notable case: “Batch” retractions

## Retraction Watch

Tracking retractions as a window into the scientific process

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## Neuroscience journal retracts eight articles for image distortion

Elsevier's *Journal of Chemical Neuroanatomy* has retracted eight articles for image manipulation and overlap, with more on the way, according to the sleuth who notified the publication of the issues.

Each retraction notice credits an “anonymous reader” with having raised concerns about manipulated or duplicated images, with the journal’s editor in chief determining a retraction was warranted.



Mu Yang

That anonymous reader was [Mu Yang](#), an assistant professor of neurobiology at Columbia University, in New York City, who started emailing the journal about problematic papers in January 2023.

On May 16th, the journal notified Yang of the following retractions:

- [“Exercise ameliorates hippocampal damage induced by Wi-Fi radiation; a biochemical, histological, and immunohistochemical study,” \[2023\]](#)
- [“Neuroprotective potential of Ginkgo biloba on alteration of rat cerebellum following prenatal exposure to cyclophosphamide,” \[2023\]](#)
- [“The effects of myricitrin and chebulinic acid on the rat hippocampus exposed to gamma radiation: A stereological, histochemical and biochemical study,” \[2023\]](#)
- [“TGN20 application against aquaporin 4 improved multiple sclerosis by](#)

# **My first case**

**February 2020**



**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
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Alzheimer's Disease & the Aging Brain*

**Alzheimer's Disease Research Center**

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**Domenico Praticò, MD**

**Professor of Pharmacology, Microbiology and  
Immunology and Director of Alzheimer's  
Center at Temple University**

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**“Endosomal cargo sorting dysfunction in  
Alzheimer's disease pathogenesis: therapeutic  
implications”**

**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**12:00PM – 1:00PM**

**Taub Conference Rooms (P&S 12-460)**

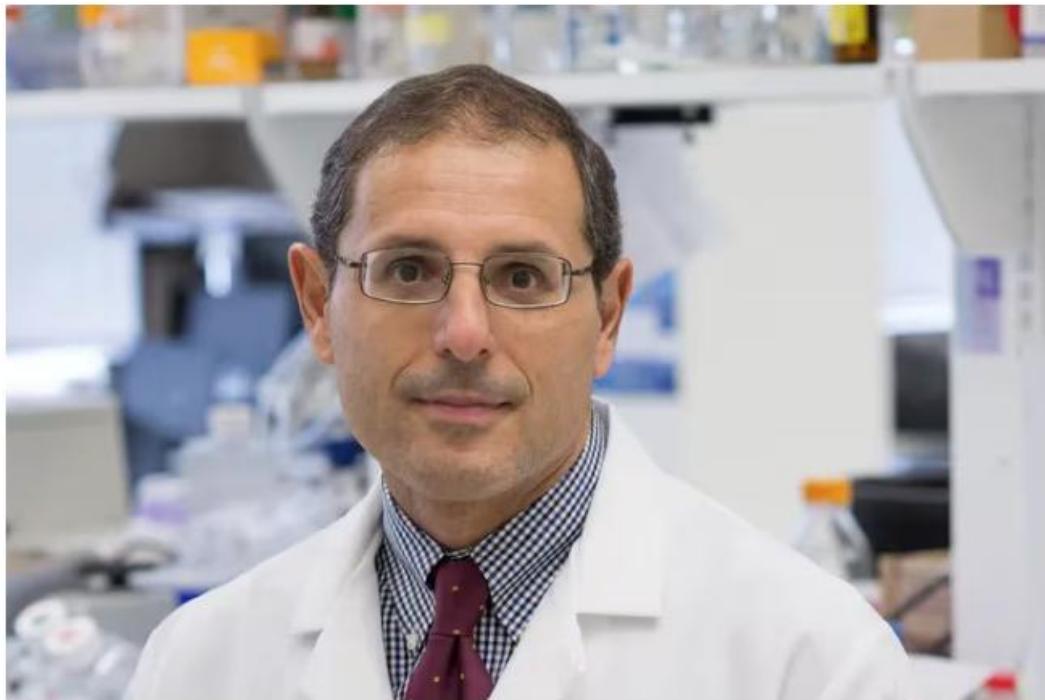
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# Temple Alzheimer's studies under scrutiny | Morning Newsletter

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Domenico Praticò is a professor in the departments of pharmacology and microbiology and the Center for Translational Medicine at Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University.

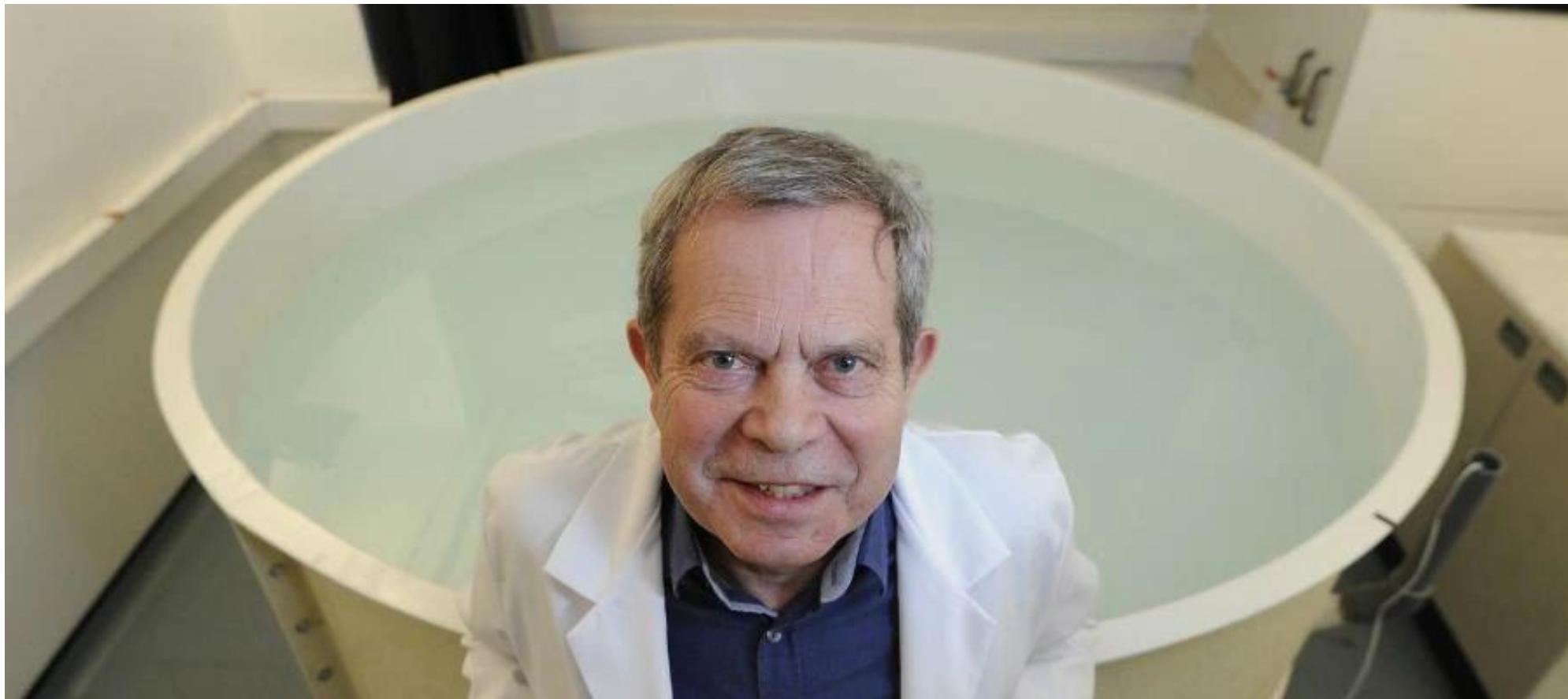
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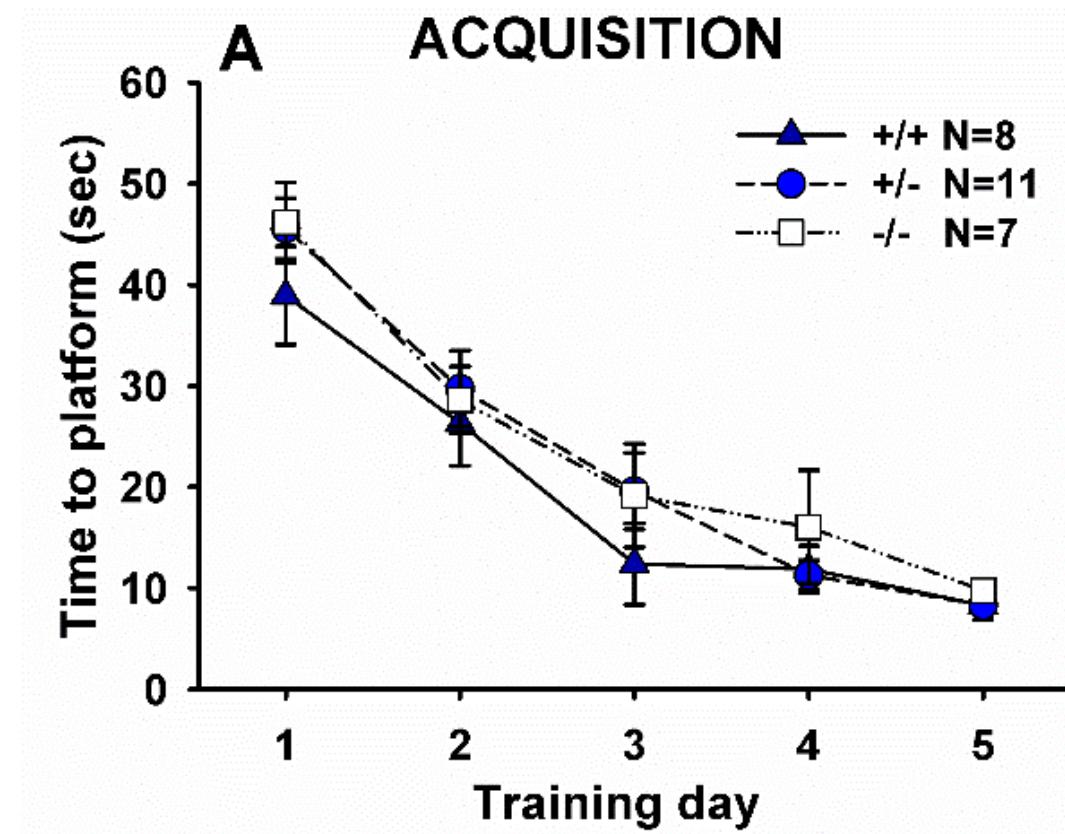
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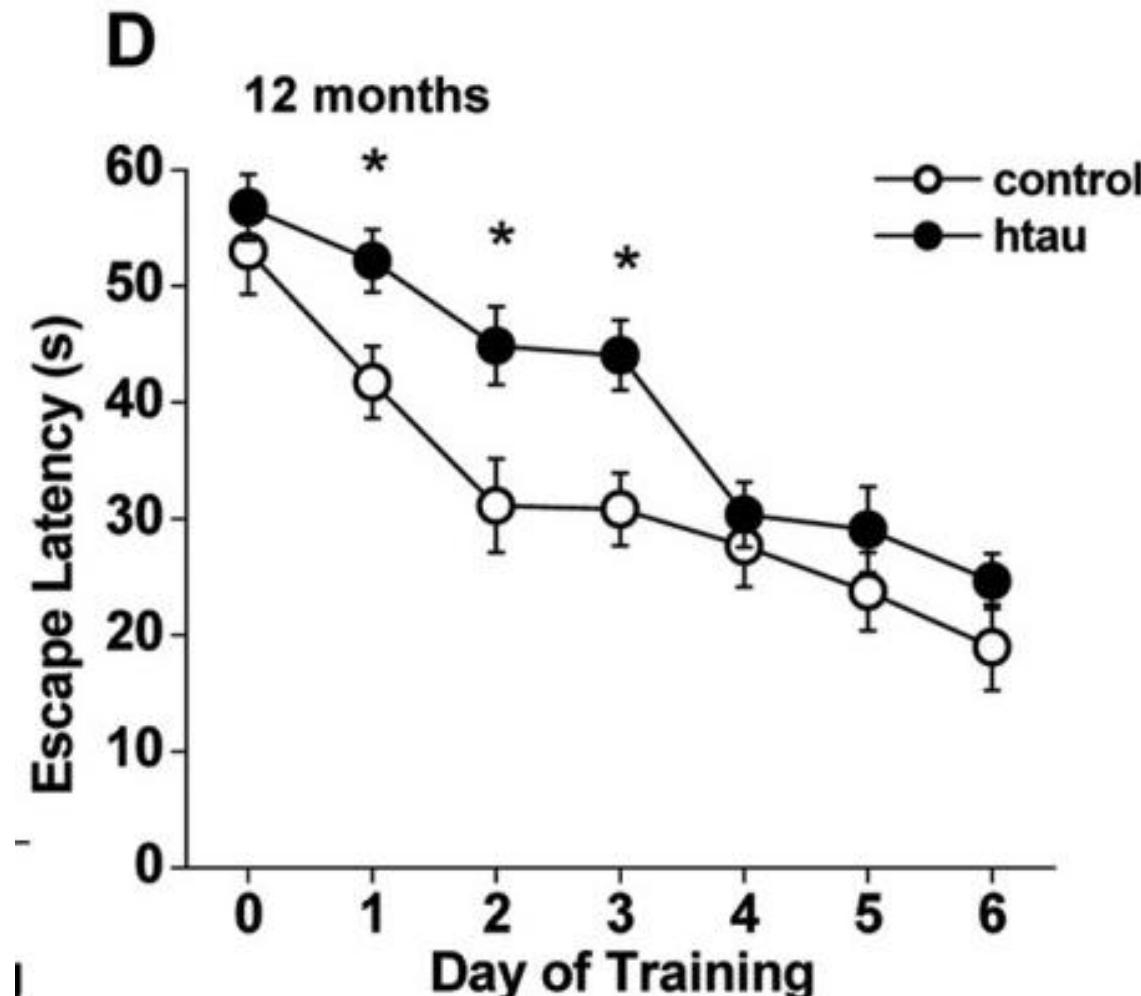
# Dr. Richard Morris and Morris water maze



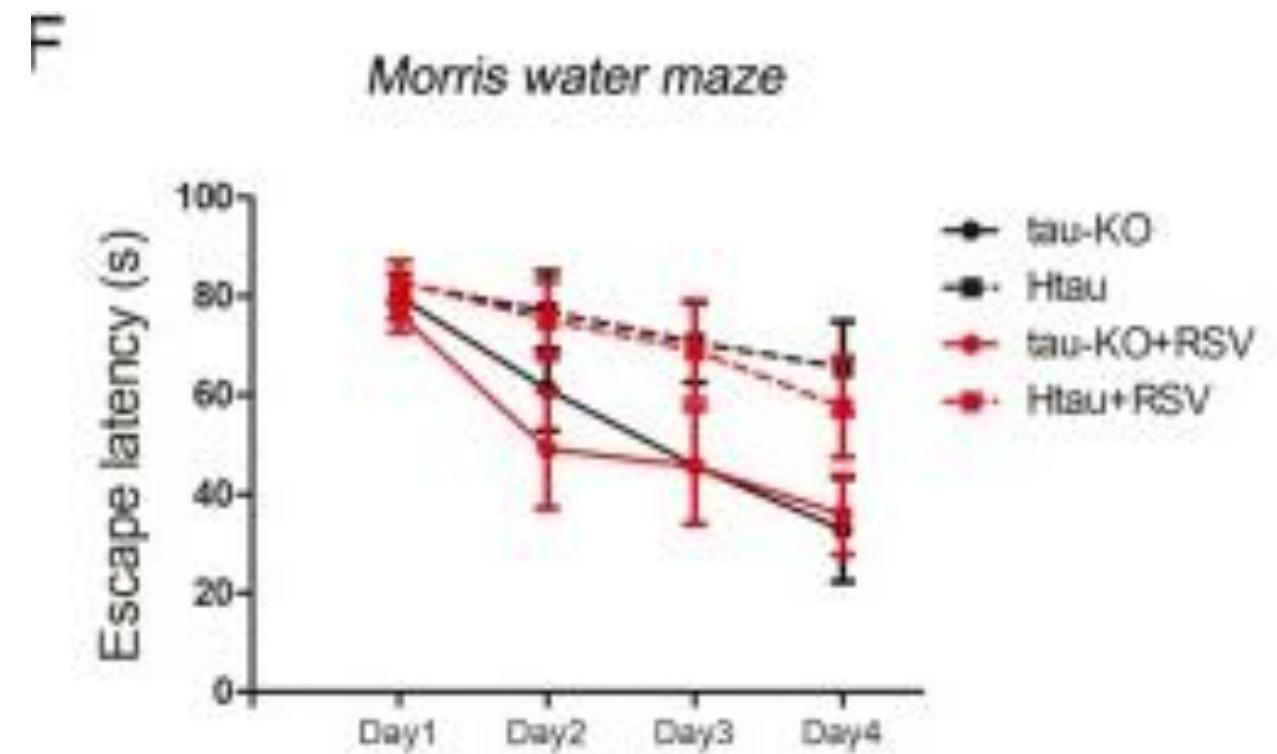
# Morris water maze test for spatial memory



Yang et al., 2012



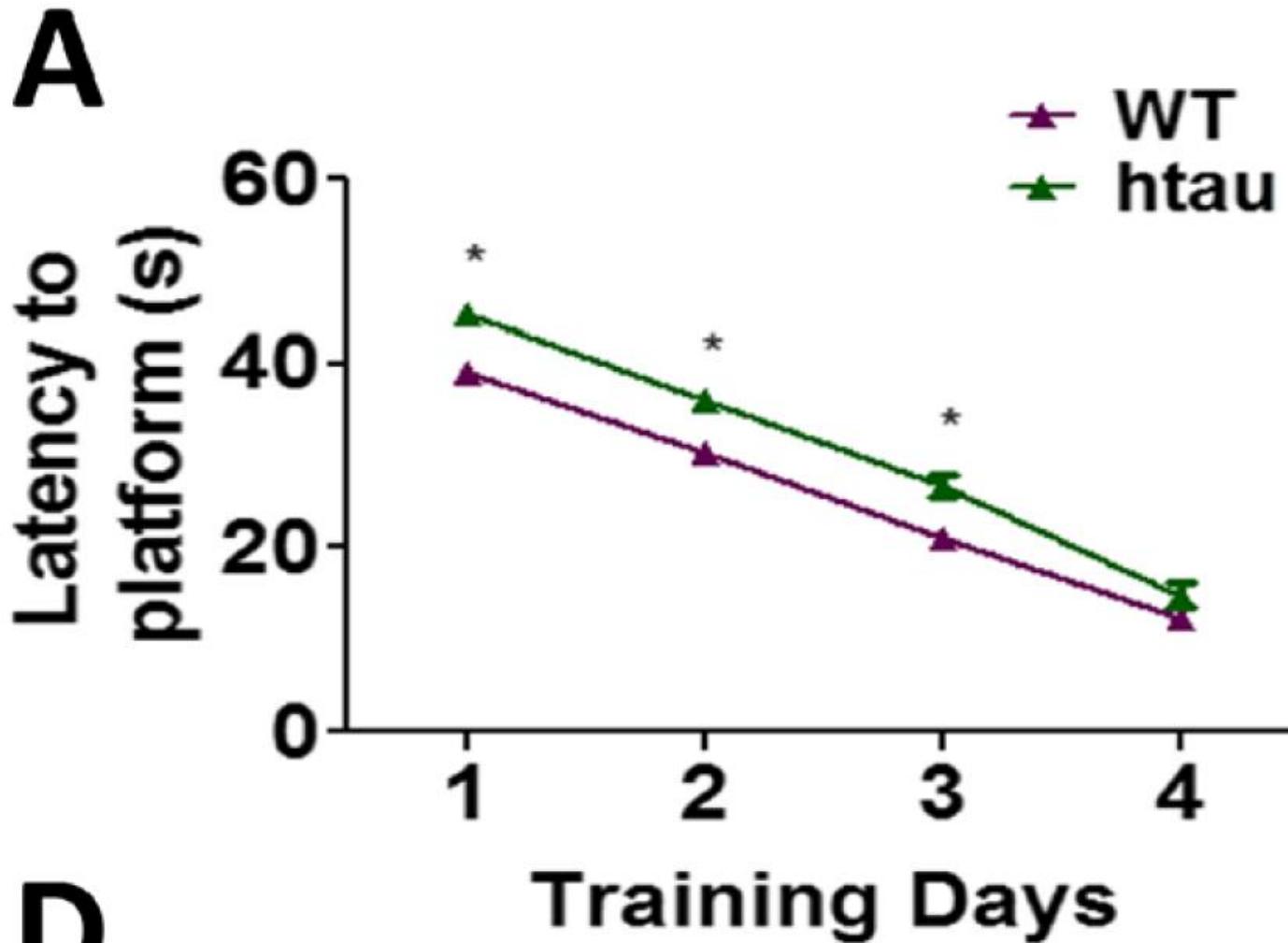
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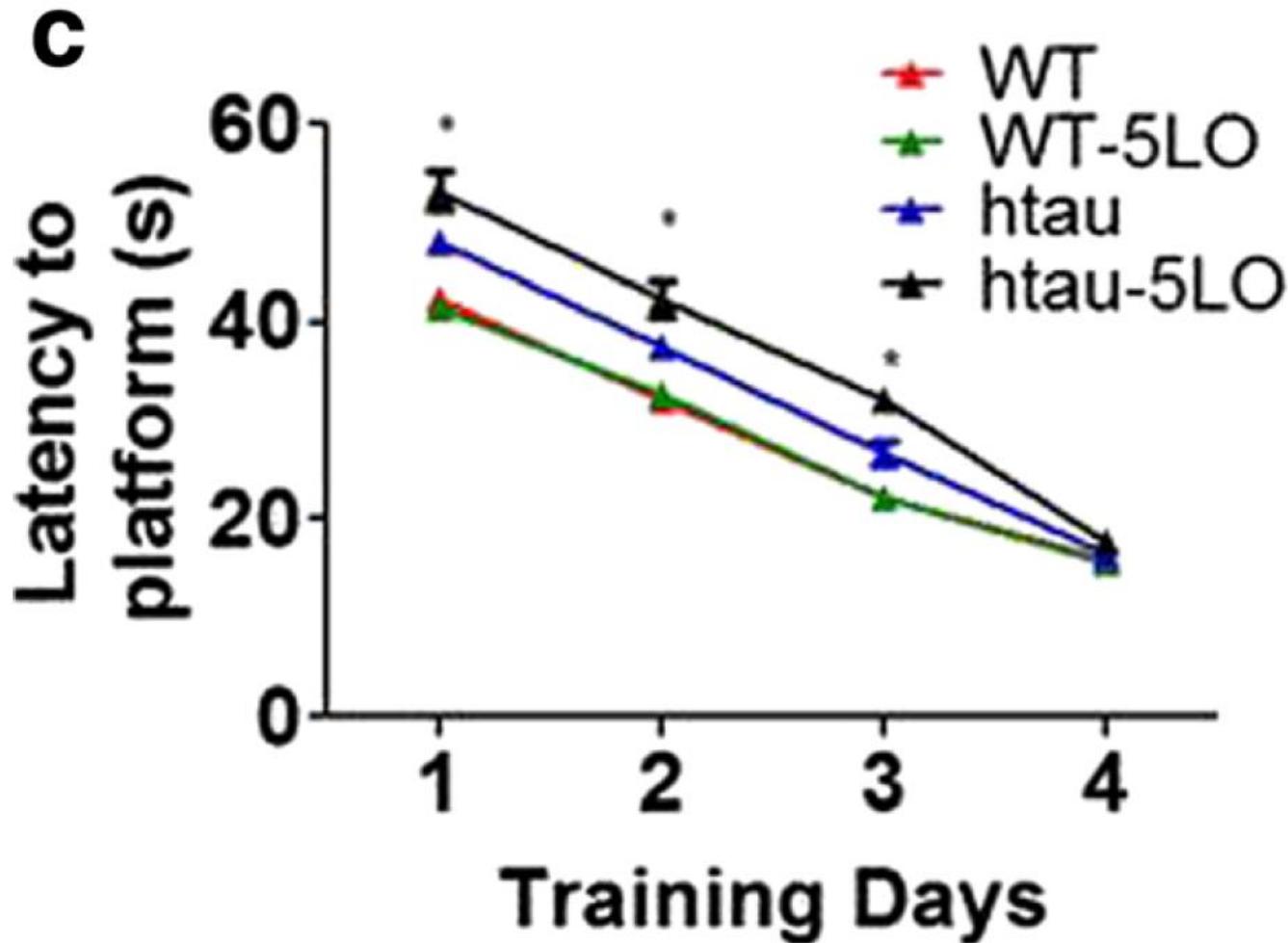
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*"Once again, the watermaze data show a striking linear pattern"*



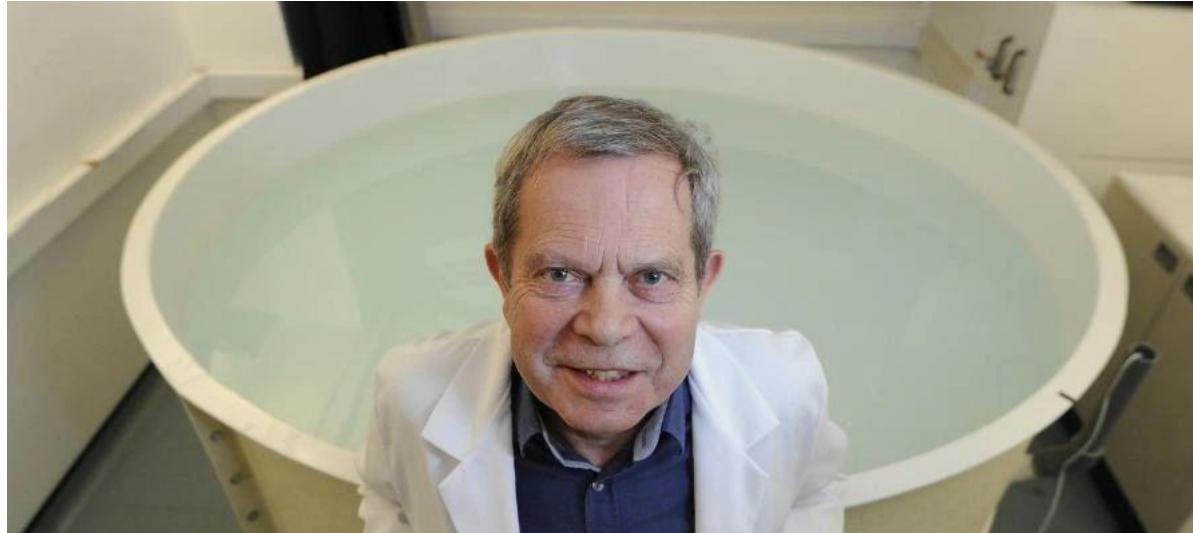
- Very old
- Both sexes
- Mixed background (recessive RD mutations)
- N=10/group
- Mice are not natural swimmers

*"Once again, the latency to escape declines in an almost exactly linear fashion in all groups over days 1-3" --- Richard Morris*



*“....indeed, they do require a certain “suspension of disbelief”. Which is how the British diplomatic service describes things of which don’t believe a single word!”-*

----- Richard Morris



Completely stone-walled by Office for Research  
Integrity (ORI) and journal EICs



The master sleuths who helped to push the case forward (Dr. Elisabeth Bik, “Cheshire” and many others)



# Images often re-used to indicate different experimental conditions

Molecular Neurobiology (2019) 56:1211–1220  
https://doi.org/10.1007/s12035-018-1124-7

Learning Impairments, Memory Deficits, and Neuropathology in Aged Tau Transgenic Mice Are Dependent on Leukotrienes Biosynthesis: Role of the cdk5 Kinase Pathway

Phillip F. Giannopoulos<sup>1</sup> · Jian Chu<sup>1</sup> · Domenico Praticò<sup>1</sup> 

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Abstract

Retracted article  
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*Mol Neurobiol.* 2018 Jul;55(7):5926–5936. doi: 10.1007/s12035-017-0817-7. Epub 2017 Nov 11.

Overexpression of 5-Lipoxygenase Worsens the Phenotype of a Mouse Model of Tauopathy

Phillip F Giannopoulos<sup>1</sup>, Domenico Praticò<sup>2</sup>

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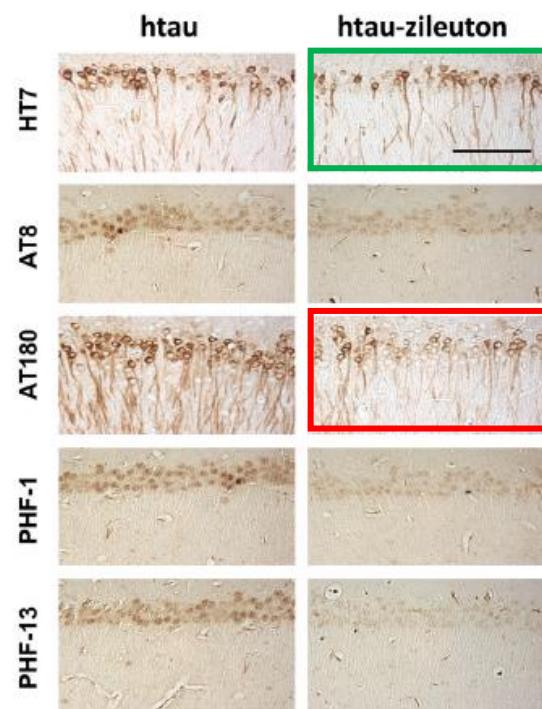


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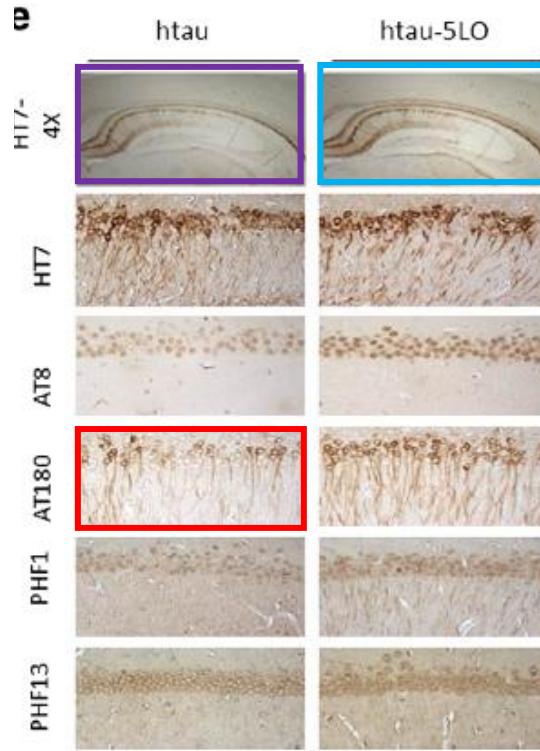


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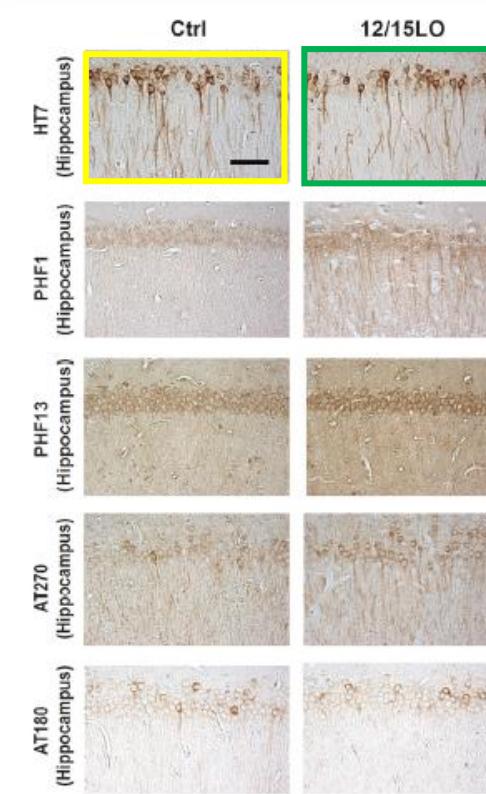
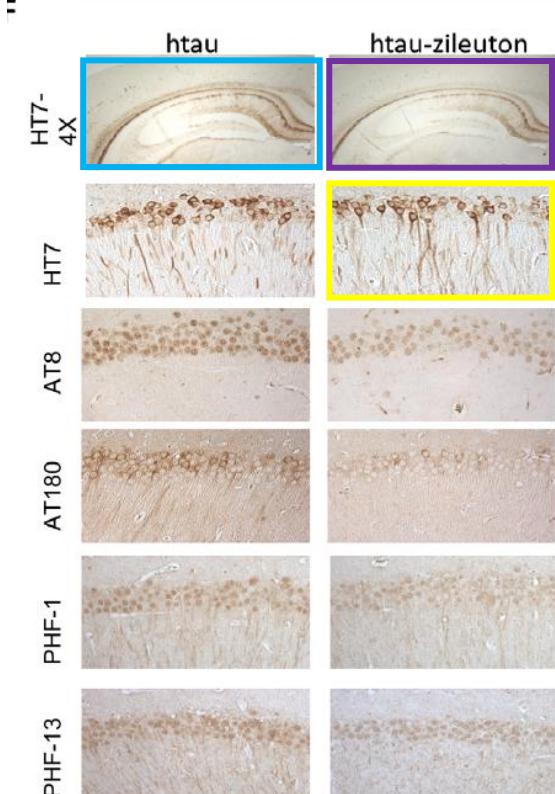


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**Biol Psychiatry.** 2015 Nov 15;78(10):693–701. doi: 10.1016/j.biopsych.2015.01.015. Epub 2015 Feb 7.  
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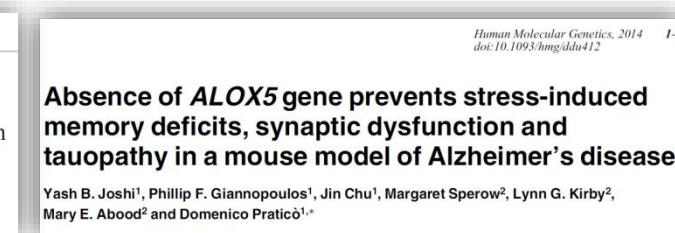
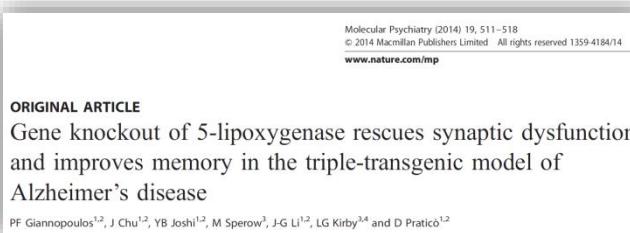
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**5-lipoxygenase activating protein reduction ameliorates cognitive deficit, synaptic dysfunction, and neuropathology in a mouse model of Alzheimer's disease**

Phillip F Giannopoulos <sup>1</sup>, Jin Chu, Yash B Joshi, Margaret Sperow, Jin-Guo Li, Lynn G Kirby, Domenico Praticò

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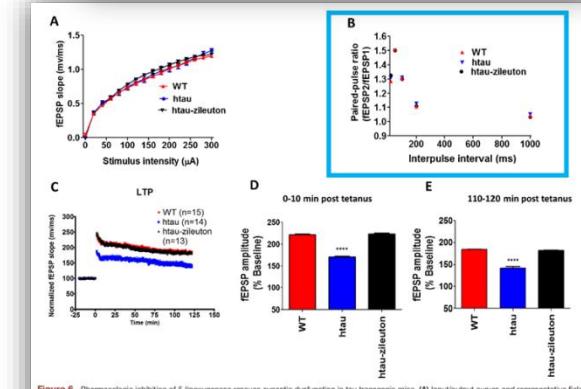
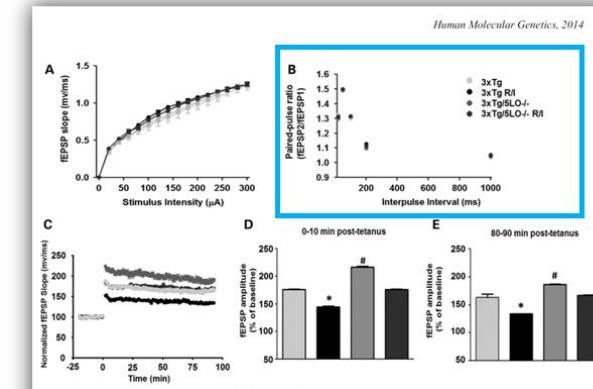
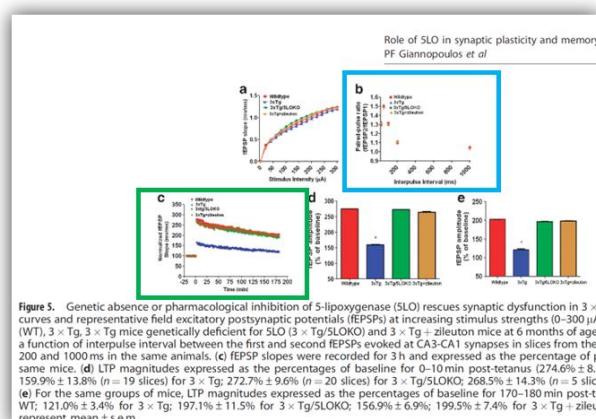
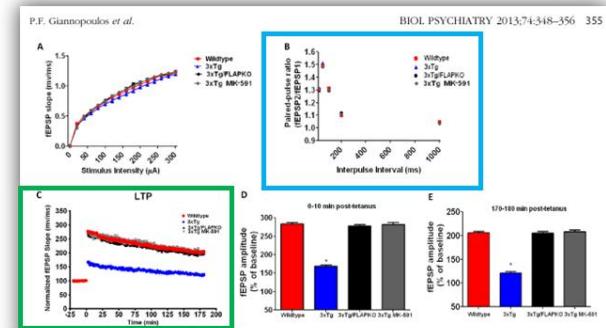
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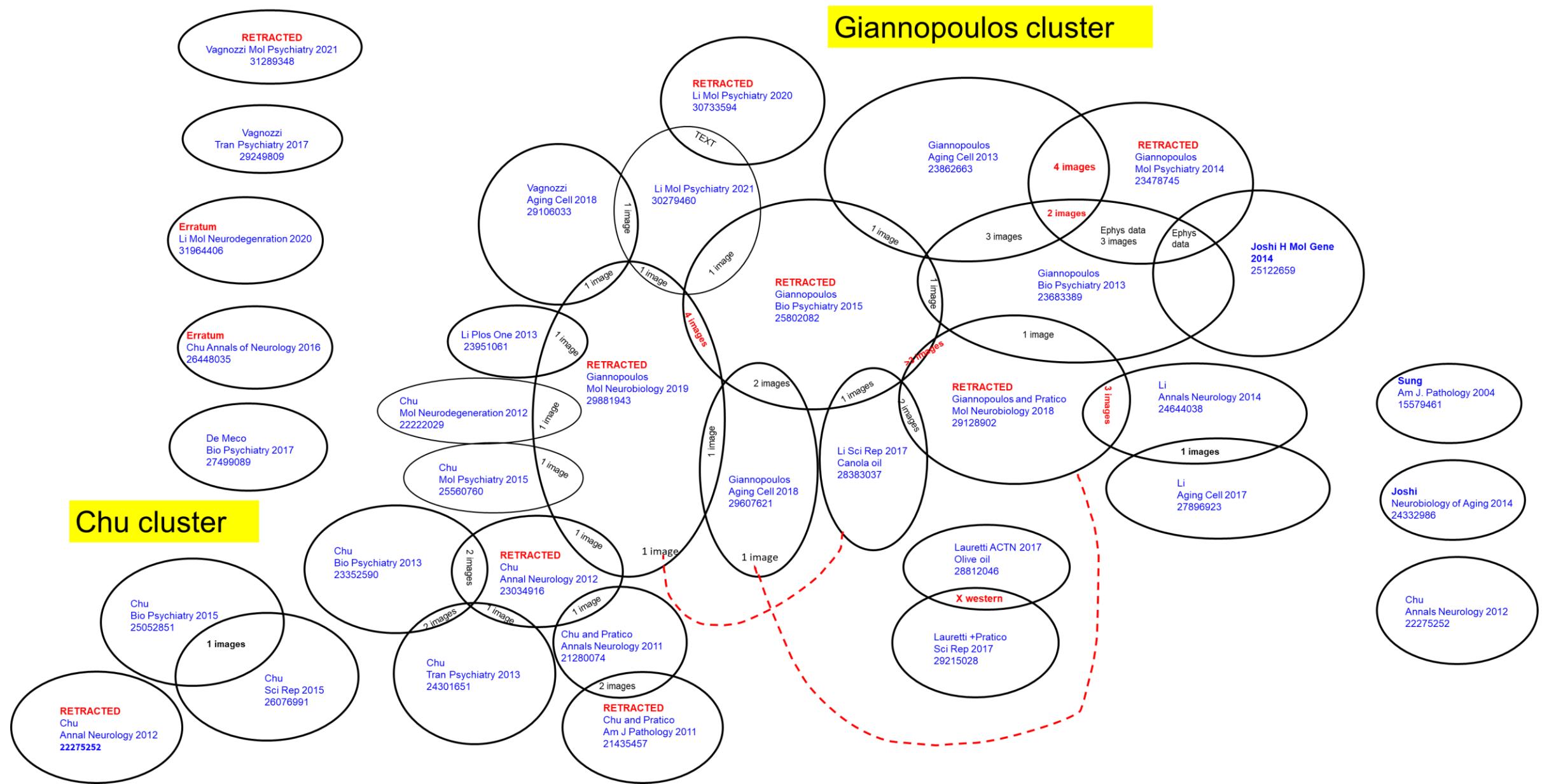
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**Figure 5.** Genetic absence or pharmacological inhibition of 5-lipoxygenase (SLO) rescues synaptic dysfunction in 3 × Tg mice. (A) Input/output curves and representative field excitatory postsynaptic potentials (fEPSPs) at increasing stimulus strengths (0–300 µA) as a function of interpulse interval between the first and second fEPSPs evoked at CA3–CA1 synapses in slices from the same mice at 200 and 1000 ms in the same animals. (B) Mean fEPSP slopes were recorded for 3 h and expressed as the percentage of p same mice. (C) LTP magnitudes expressed as the percentages of baseline for 0–10 min post-tetanus (274.6% ± 8.5% for wildtype, n = 23 slices; 159.9% ± 13.8% (n = 19 slices) for 3 × Tg; 272.7% ± 9.6% (n = 20 slices) for 3 × Tg/SLOKO; 268.5% ± 14.3% (n = 5 slice) for 3 × Tg + zileuton mice). (D) Long-term potentiation (LTP) magnitudes expressed as the percentages of baseline for 0–10 min post-tetanus (274.6% ± 8.5% for wildtype, n = 23 slices; 159.9% ± 13.8%, n = 19 slices for 3 × Tg; 269.7% ± 10.3%, n = 21 slices for 3 × Tg-SLOKO; 272.5% ± 13.2%, n = 10 slices for 3 × Tg-MK-591). (E) For the same groups of mice, LTP magnitudes expressed as the percentages of baseline for 170 to 180 minutes posttetanus (274.6% ± 8.5% for wildtype, 121.0% ± 3.4% for 3 × Tg; 197.1% ± 11.5% for 3 × Tg/SLOKO; 156.9% ± 6.9%; 199.5% ± 7.4% for 3 × Tg + zileuton mice). Values represent mean ± SEM.

**Figure 6.** Pharmacologic inhibition of 5-lipoxygenase rescues synaptic dysfunction in tau transgenic mice. (A) Input/output curves and representative field excitatory postsynaptic potentials (fEPSPs) at increasing stimulus strengths (0–300 µA) as a function of interpulse interval between the first and second fEPSPs evoked at CA3–CA1 synapses in slices from the same mice at 200 and 1000 ms in the same animals. (B) Mean fEPSP slopes were recorded for 3 h and expressed as the percentage of p same mice. (C) LTP magnitudes expressed as the percentages of baseline for 0–10 min post-tetanus (274.6% ± 8.5% for wildtype, n = 23 slices; 159.9% ± 13.8% (n = 19 slices) for 3 × Tg; 272.7% ± 9.6% (n = 20 slices) for 3 × Tg/SLOKO; 268.5% ± 14.3% (n = 5 slice) for 3 × Tg + zileuton mice). (D) LTP magnitudes expressed as the percentages of baseline for 0–10 min post-tetanus (274.6% ± 8.5% for wildtype, n = 23 slices; 159.9% ± 13.8%, n = 19 slices for 3 × Tg; 269.7% ± 10.3%, n = 21 slices for 3 × Tg-SLOKO; 272.5% ± 13.2%, n = 10 slices for 3 × Tg-MK-591). (E) For the same groups of mice, LTP magnitudes expressed as the percentages of baseline for 170 to 180 minutes posttetanus (274.6% ± 8.5% for wildtype, n = 23 slices; 159.9% ± 13.8%, n = 19 slices for 3 × Tg; 269.7% ± 10.3%, n = 21 slices for 3 × Tg-SLOKO; 272.5% ± 13.2%, n = 10 slices for 3 × Tg-MK-591). Values represent mean ± SEM (\*P < .05).

# Re-use, re-use, re-use



# **When in trouble, blame the student**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**DOMENICO PRATICO,  
Plaintiff,**

**CIVIL ACTION**

**v.**

**PHILLIP GIANNOPoulos,  
Defendant.**

**NO. 24-2212**

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Defendant Phillip Giannopoulos moves to dismiss Plaintiff Domenico Praticò's Second Amended Complaint against him, arguing that it fails to plausibly allege that he engaged in defamation or fraud. Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). For the reasons that follow, Giannopoulos's Motion will be granted.

based on “work [that] was done in 2015,” “articles . . . published in 2018 and 2019,” and “data [that] was subject to scrutiny in 2020,” the two-year limitations period has run. In response, Praticò argues that he originally defended Giannopoulos’s work and only discovered any inaccuracies after hiring an independent reviewer in 2023. But the Complaint alleges that Praticò learned about the alleged problems with Giannopoulos’s data three years earlier in 2020. Once Pubpeer posted concerns about the data, he emailed Giannopoulos “to schedule a conversation.” Considering such allegations, Praticò at least should have known through the exercise of reasonable diligence about the alleged falsity of Giannopoulos’s data more than two years ago. *Beauty Time*, 118 F.3d at 144. His fraud claim therefore is barred by Pennsylvania’s two-year statute of limitations and will be dismissed with prejudice.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Giannopoulos’s Motion to Dismiss will be granted in part and denied in part. An appropriate order follows.

**BY THE COURT:**

/S/Wendy Beetlestone, J.

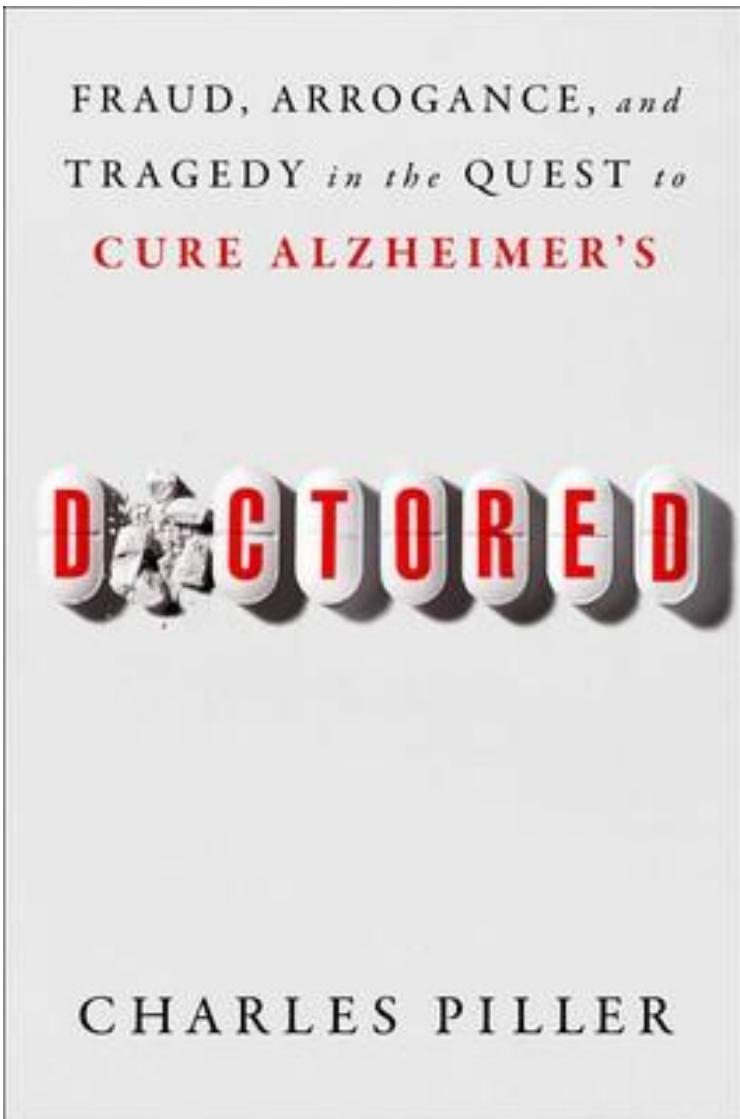
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**WENDY BEETLESTONE, J.**

## The biggest case: Eliezer Masliah, former director of Neuroscience at National Institute of Aging (NIA).



- NIA's Division of Neuroscience budget was 2.6 billion last year
- Over 800 papers published
- Over 130 flagged for potential misconduct
- Over 500 co-authors impacted
- His research was behind the development of several anti-Parkinson's drugs that target α-synuclein.
- 22 papers on effects of Cerebrolysin, 8 flagged



Charles Piller



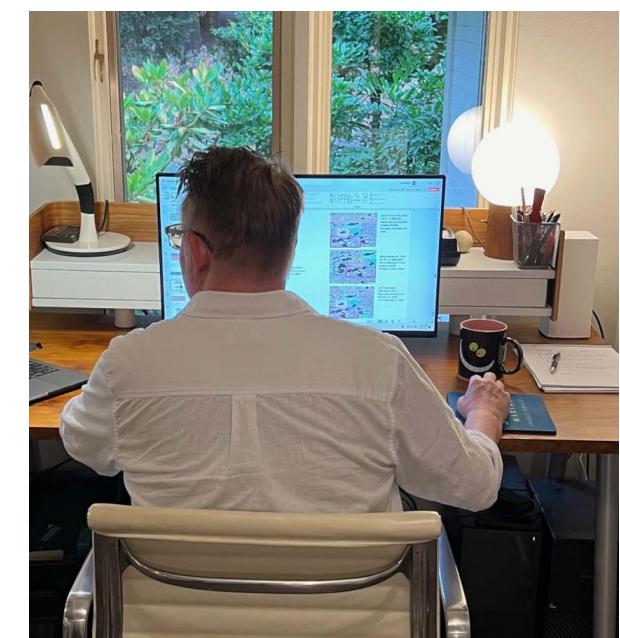
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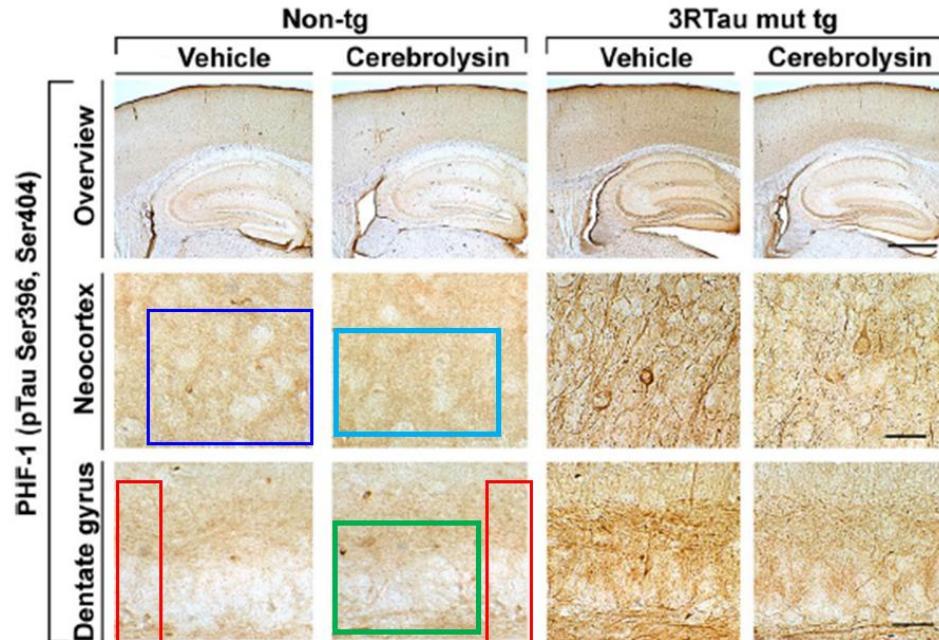
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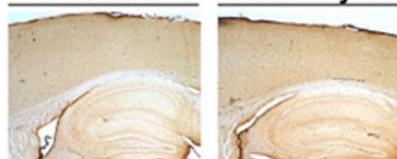
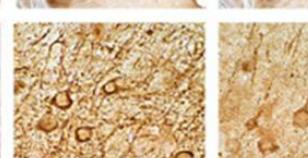
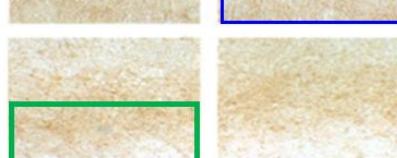
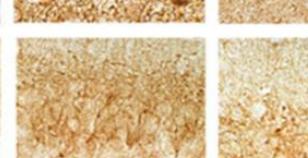
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<b>Overview</b>			
<b>Neocortex</b>			
<b>Dentate gyrus</b>			
			

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Rockenstein et al. BMC Neurosci (2015) 16:85  
DOI 10.1186/s12868-015-0218-7

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**RESEARCH ARTICLE**

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# Neuroprotective effects of Cerebrolysin in triple repeat Tau transgenic model of Pick's disease and fronto-temporal tauopathies

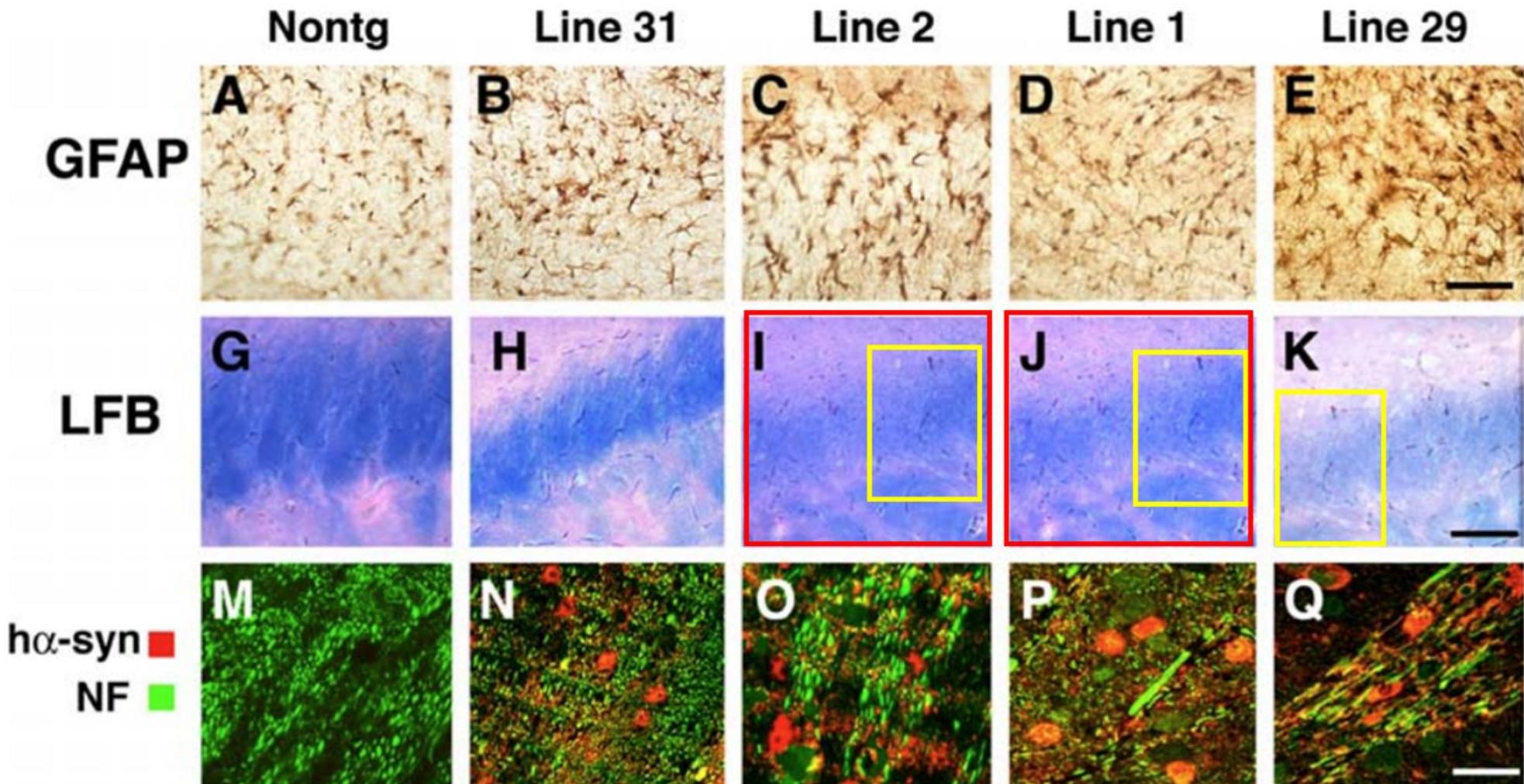
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Fig 2: Several overlapping images in this panel reportedly describe different experimental conditions.

Neurological and Neurodegenerative Alterations in a Transgenic Mouse Model Expressing Human  $\alpha$ -Synuclein under Oligodendrocyte Promoter: Implications for Multiple System Atrophy

Clifford W. Shults,<sup>1,2</sup> Edward Rockenstein,<sup>1</sup> Leslie Crews,<sup>1</sup> Anthony Adamo,<sup>1</sup> Michael Mante,<sup>1</sup> Gabriel Larrea,<sup>1</sup> Makoto Hashimoto,<sup>3</sup> David Song,<sup>1,2</sup> Takeshi Iwatsubo,<sup>3</sup> Kyoko Tsuboi,<sup>1,2</sup> and Eliezer Masliah<sup>1,4</sup>

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**Figure 6.** Neuropathological alterations in the corpus callosum of MBP h $\alpha$ -syn ta mice. All panels are from vibratome sections from the brains of 4-month-

## Fluoxetine Ameliorates Behavioral and Neuropathological Deficits in a Transgenic Model Mouse of $\alpha$ -synucleinopathy

Kiren Ubhi<sup>a</sup>, Chandra Inglis<sup>a</sup>, Michael Mante<sup>a</sup>, Christina Patrick<sup>a</sup>, Anthony Adame<sup>a</sup>, Brian Spencer<sup>a</sup>, Edward Rockenstein<sup>a</sup>, Verena May<sup>c</sup>, Juergen Winkler<sup>a,c</sup>, and Eliezer Masliah<sup>a,b</sup>

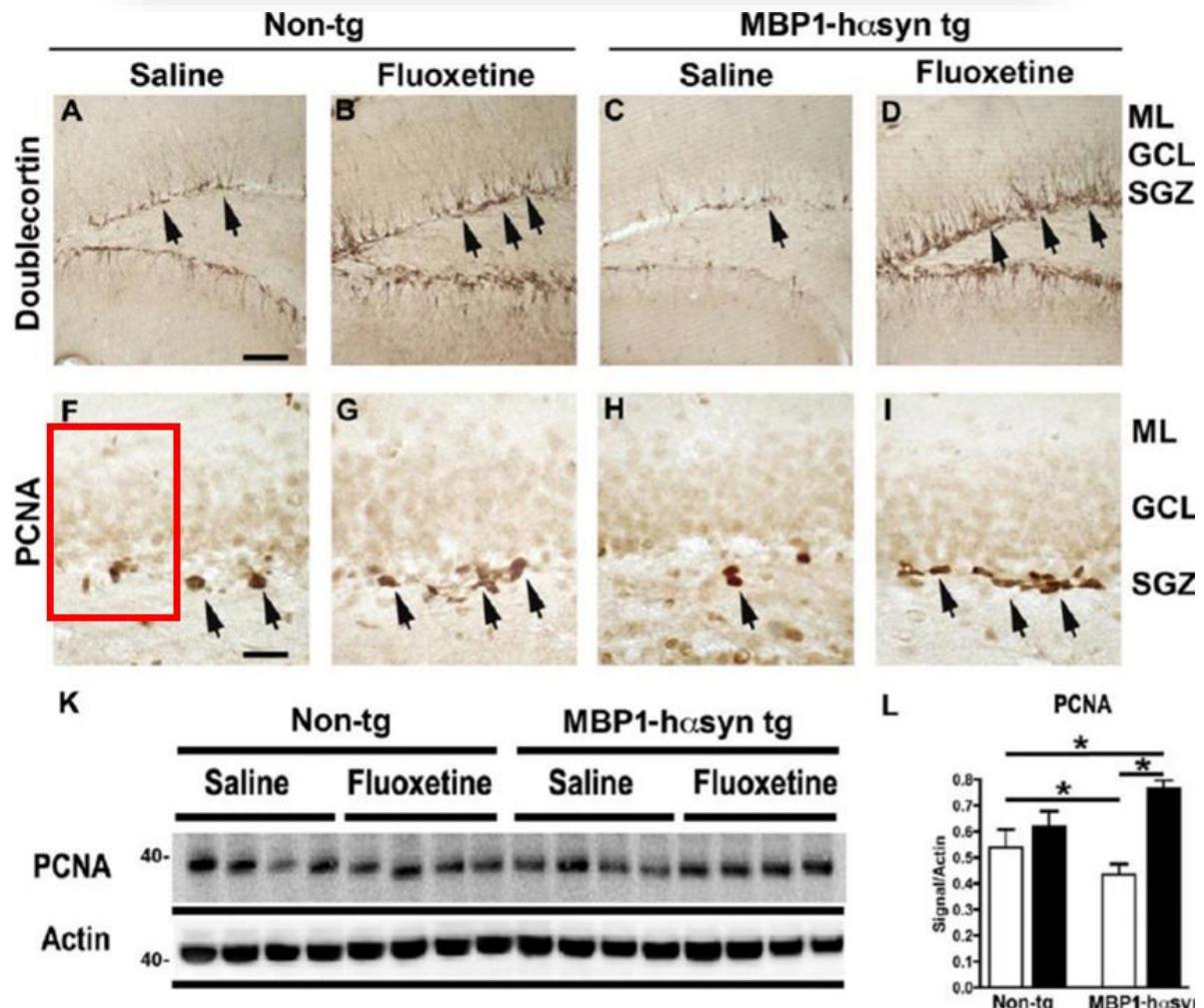


Figure 4. Fluoxetine ameliorates deficits in neurogenesis in the MBP1-h $\alpha$ syn tra

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## Combined exposure to Maneb and Paraquat alters transcriptional regulation of neurogenesis-related genes in mice models of Parkinson's disease

Paula Desplats<sup>1,\*</sup>, Pruthul Patel<sup>1</sup>, Kori Kosberg<sup>1</sup>, Michael Mante<sup>1</sup>, Christina Patrick<sup>1</sup>, Edward Rockenstein<sup>1</sup>, Masayo Fujita<sup>3</sup>, Makoto Hashimoto<sup>3</sup> and Eliezer Masliah<sup>1,2</sup>

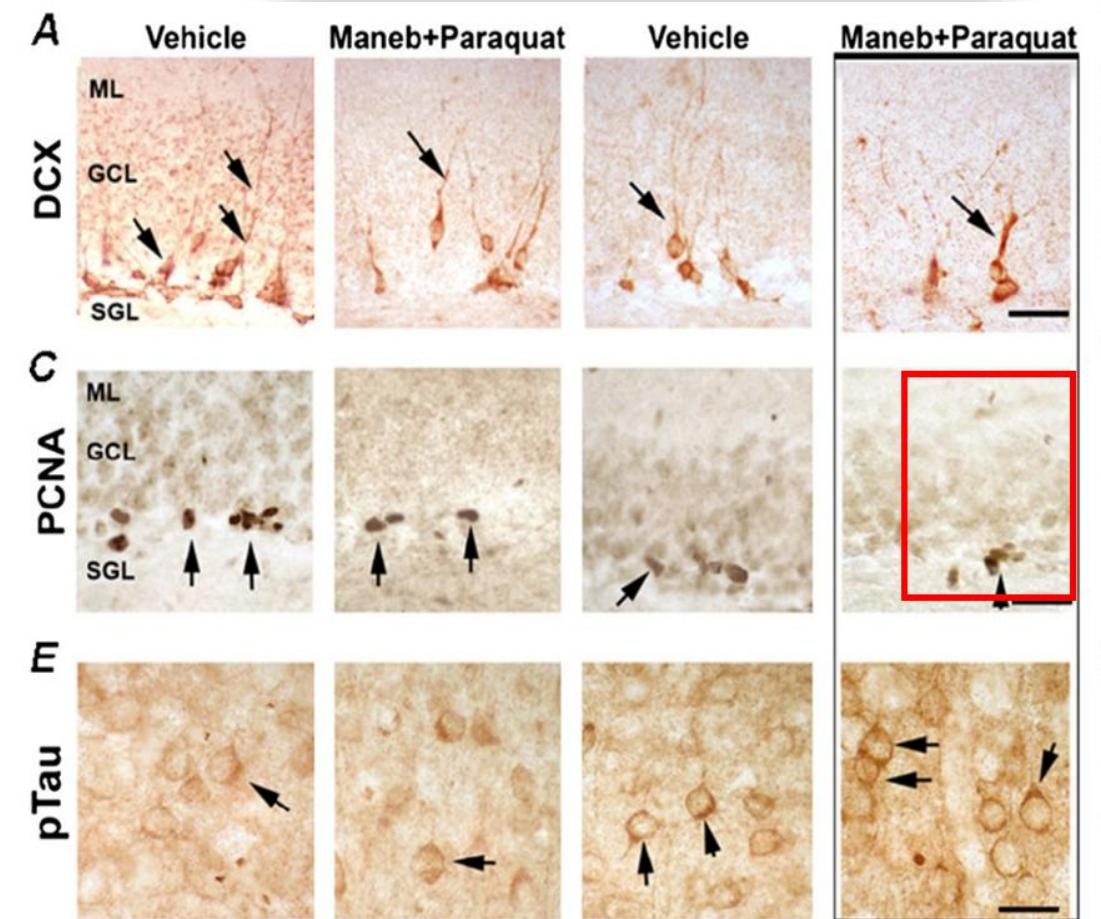
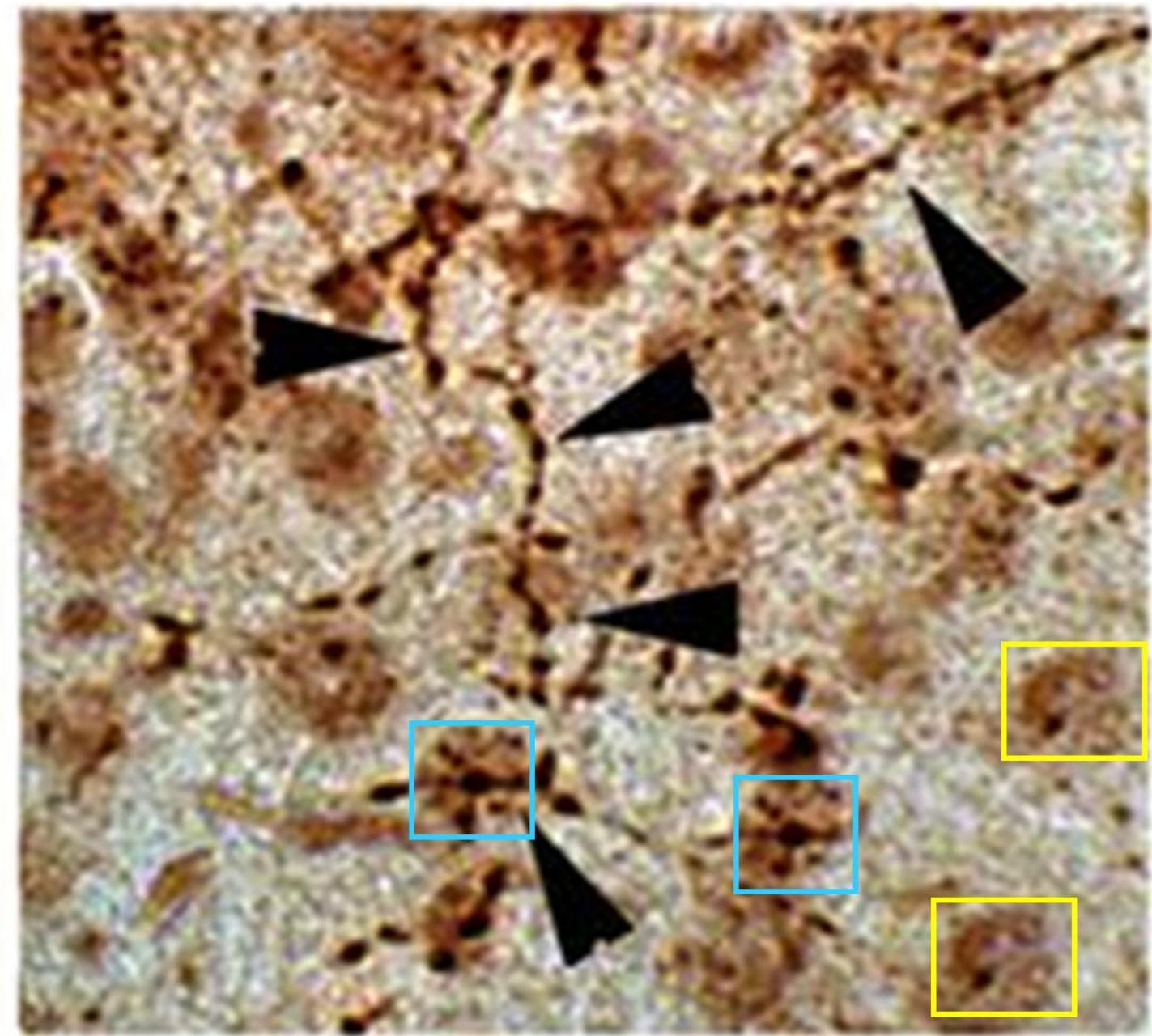
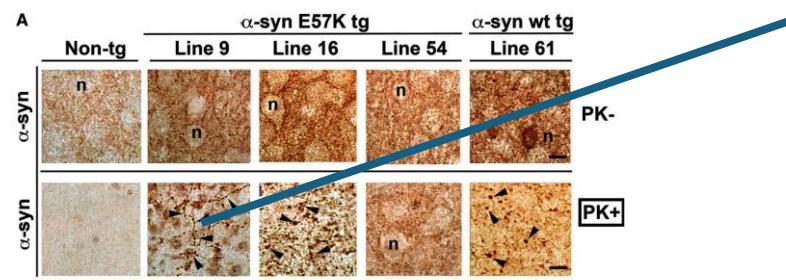


Figure 2 Exposure to Maneb and Paraquat alters adult neurogenesis in the hippocampus of LPS mice. Immunohistochemical detection of Doublecortin (DCX) positive neuronal precursors (A) and Proliferati

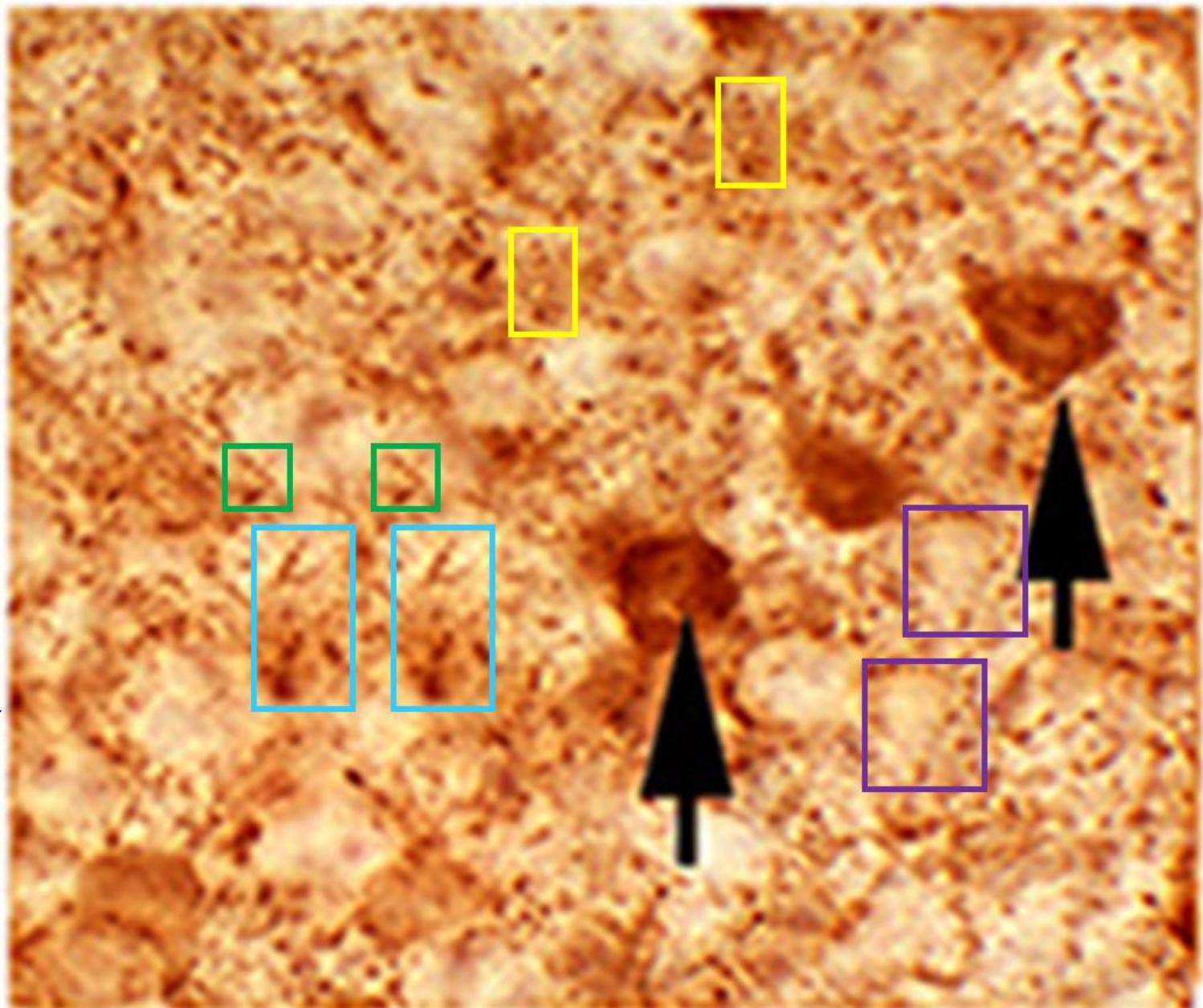
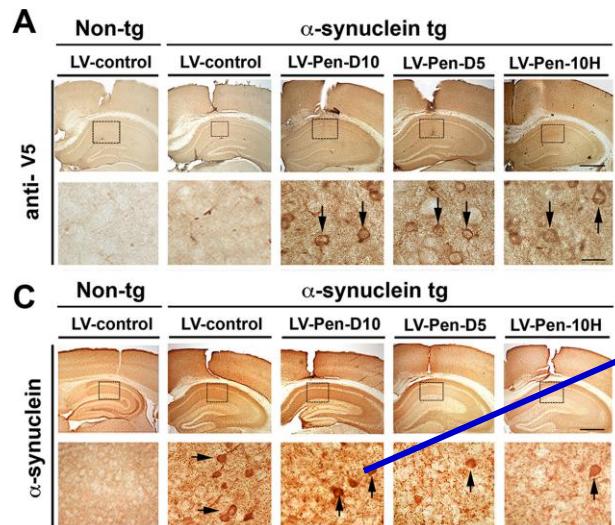
## Accumulation of oligomer-prone $\alpha$ -synuclein exacerbates synaptic and neuronal degeneration *in vivo*

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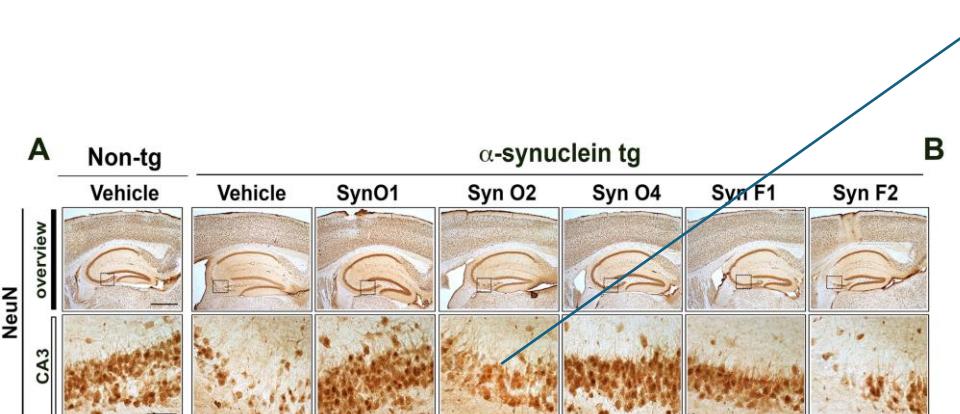
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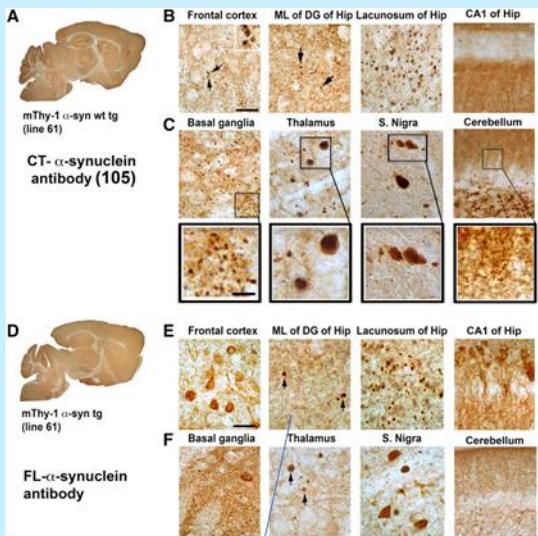
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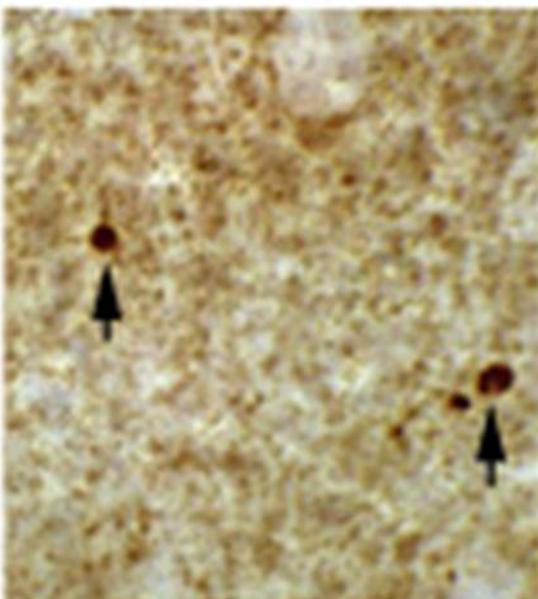
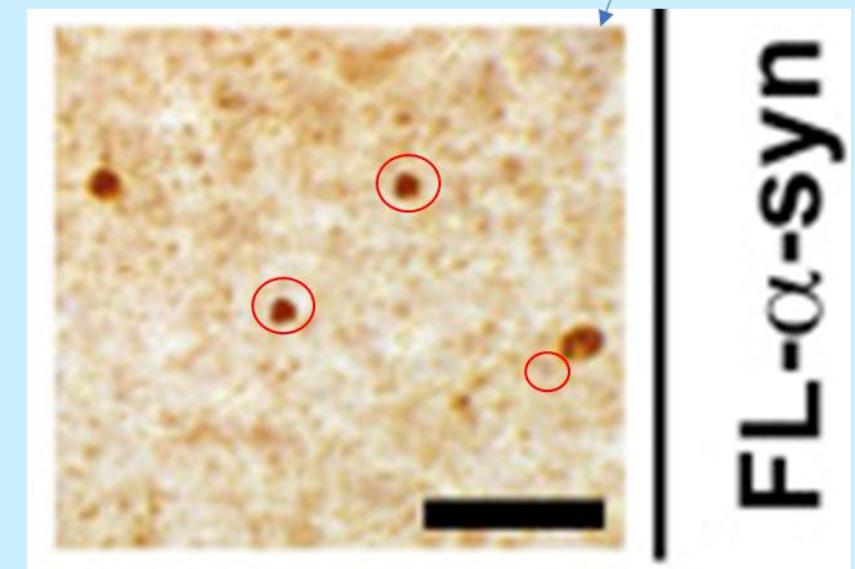
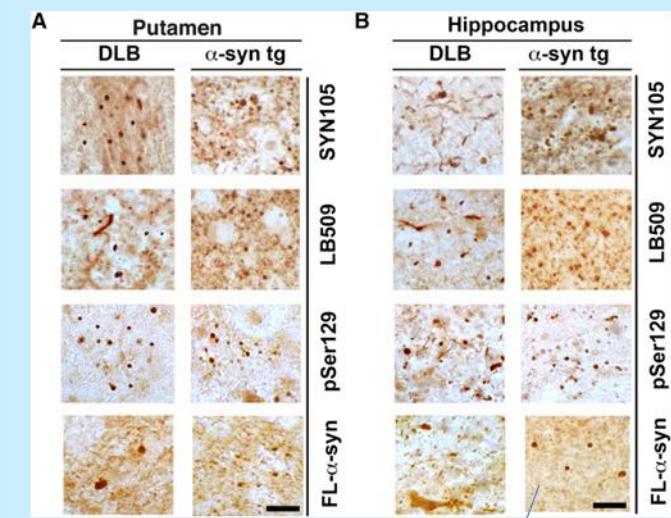


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## Regional Comparison of the Neurogenic Effects of CNTF-Derived Peptides and Cerebrolysin in A $\beta$ PP Transgenic Mice

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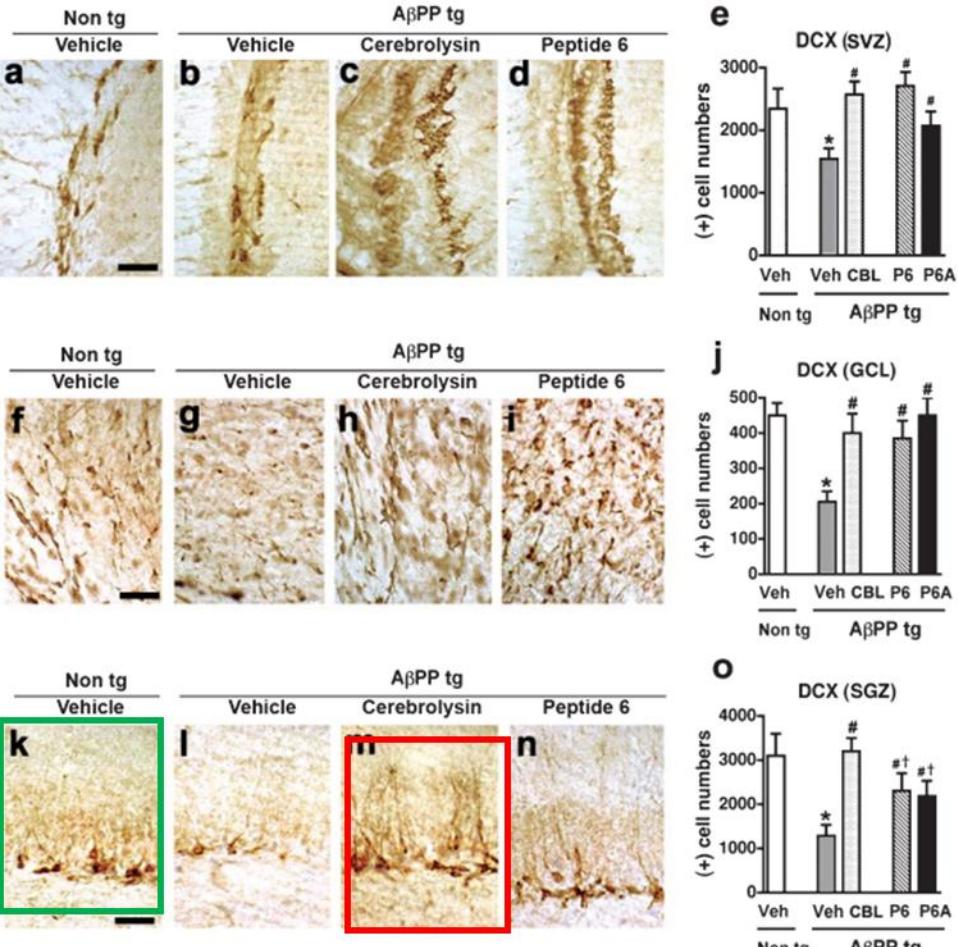


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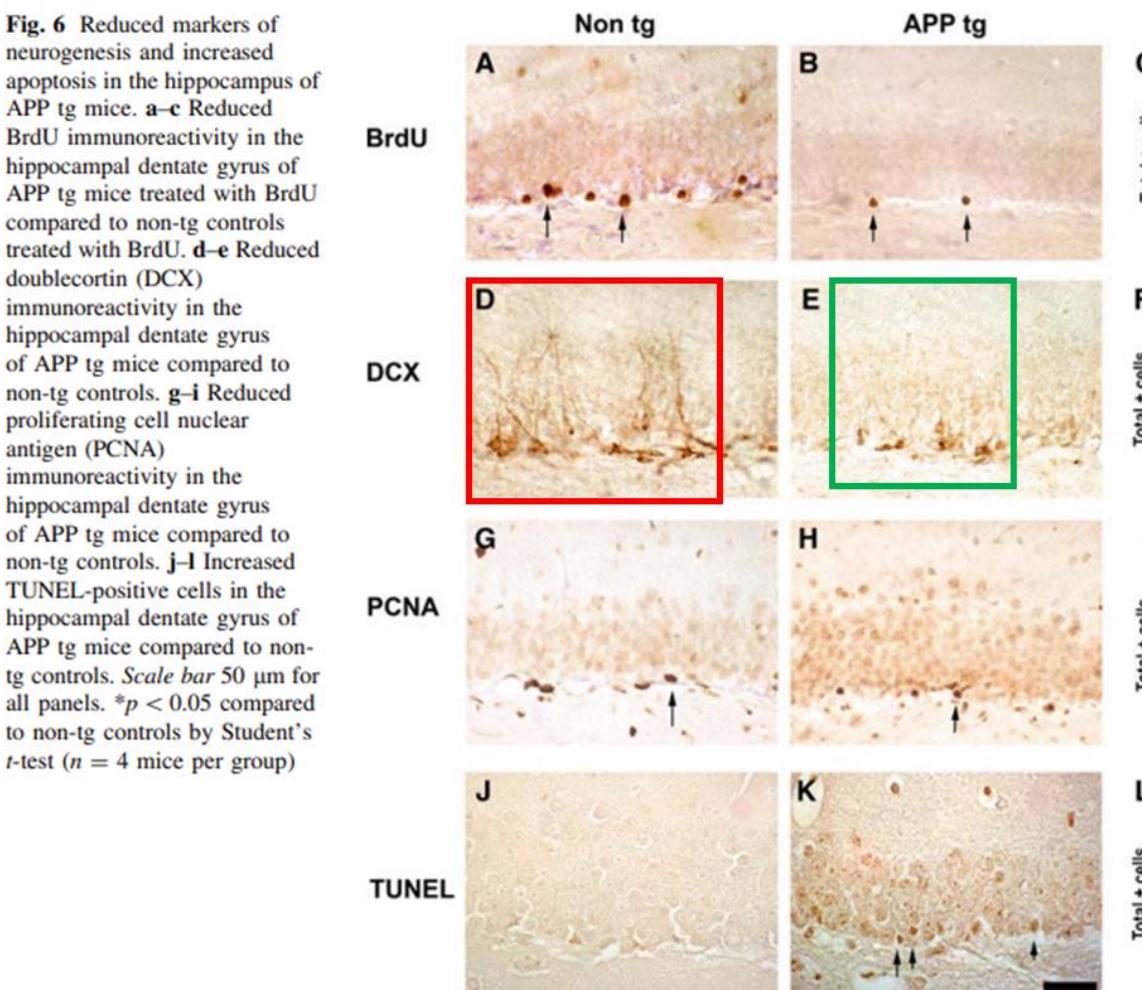
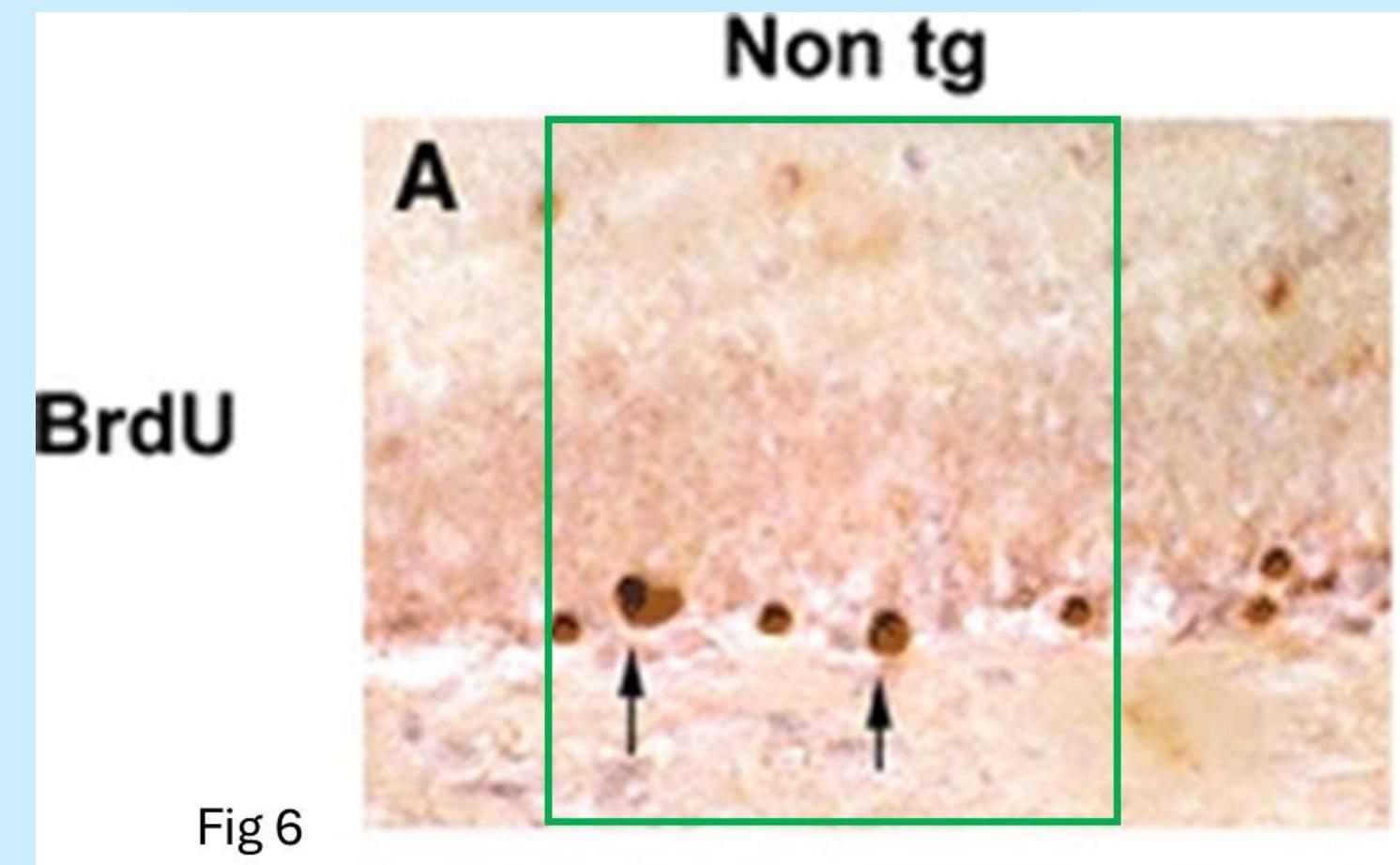
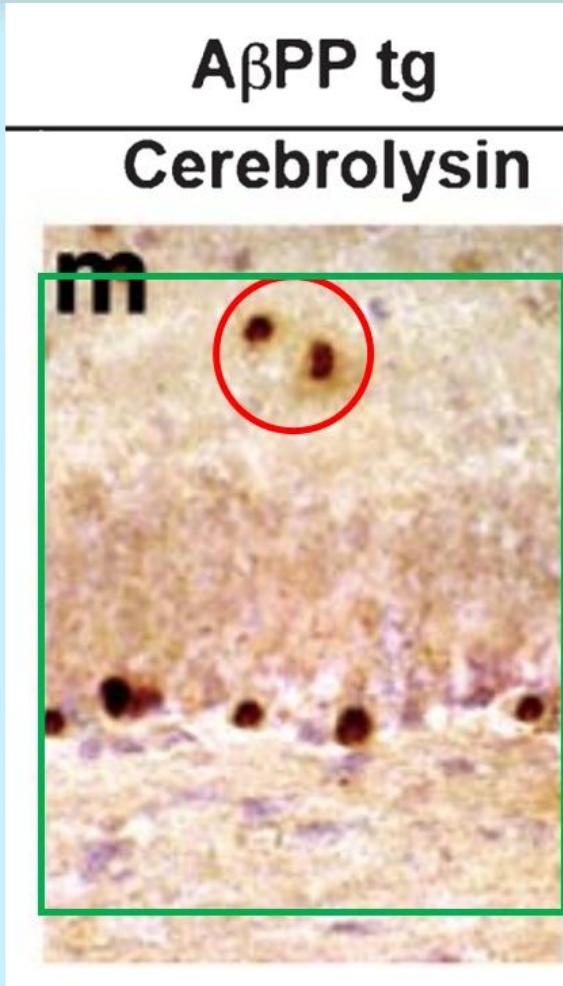


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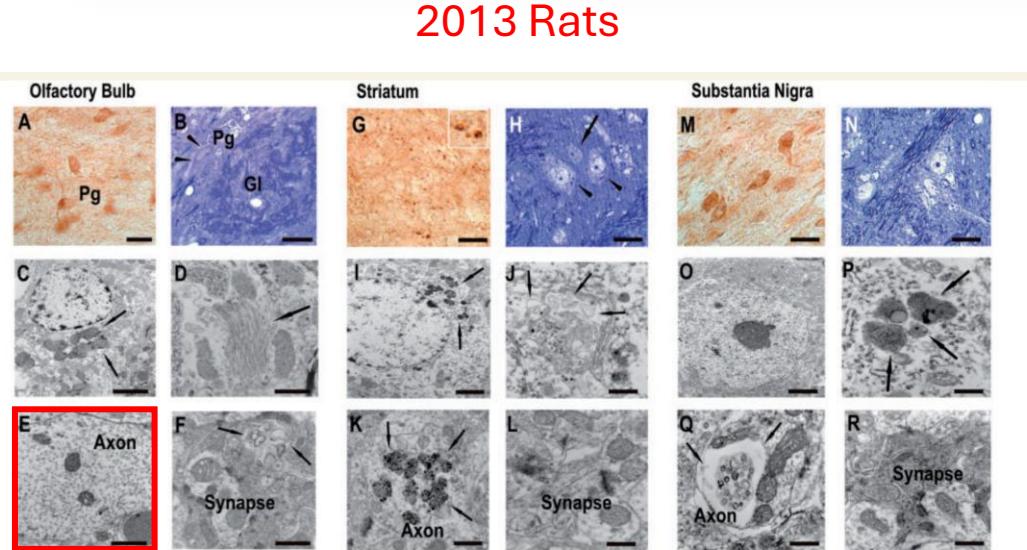
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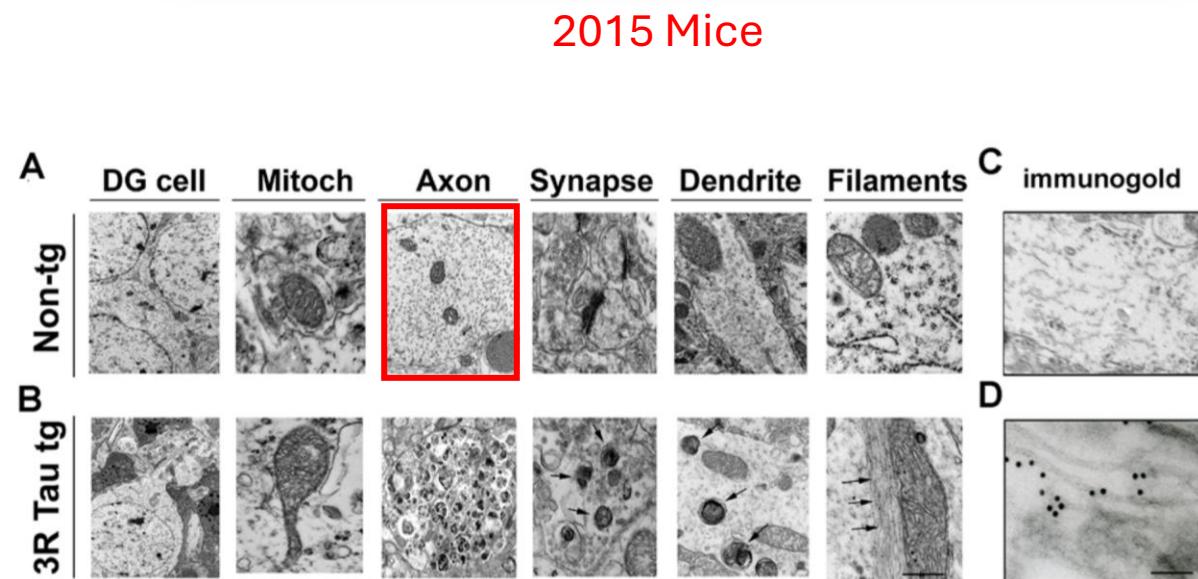
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## A novel triple repeat mutant tau transgenic model that mimics aspects of pick's disease and fronto-temporal tauopathies

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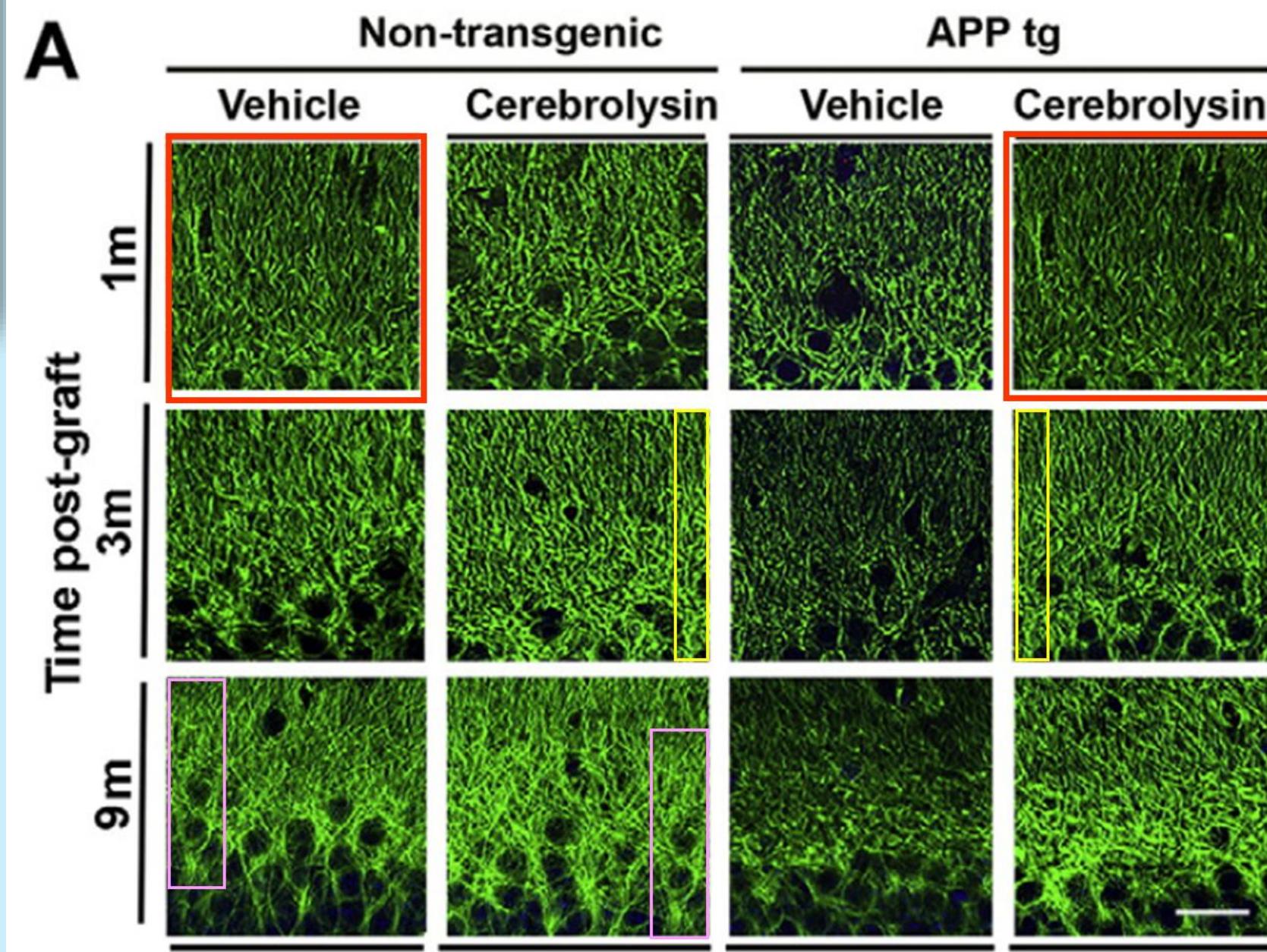
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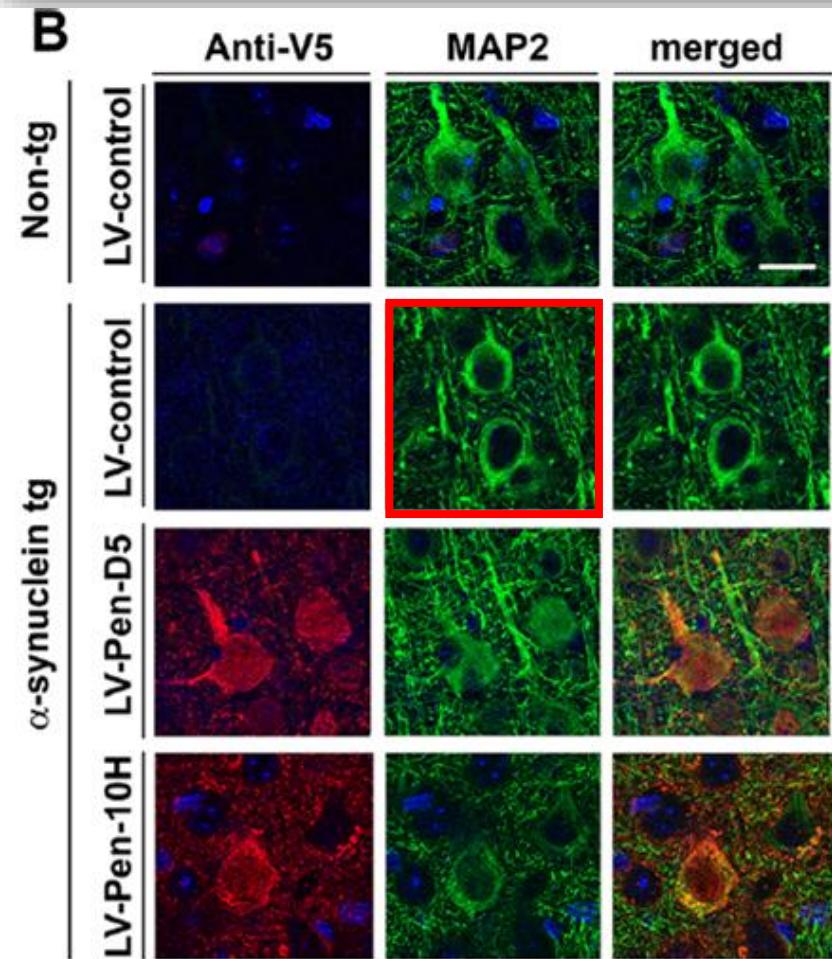


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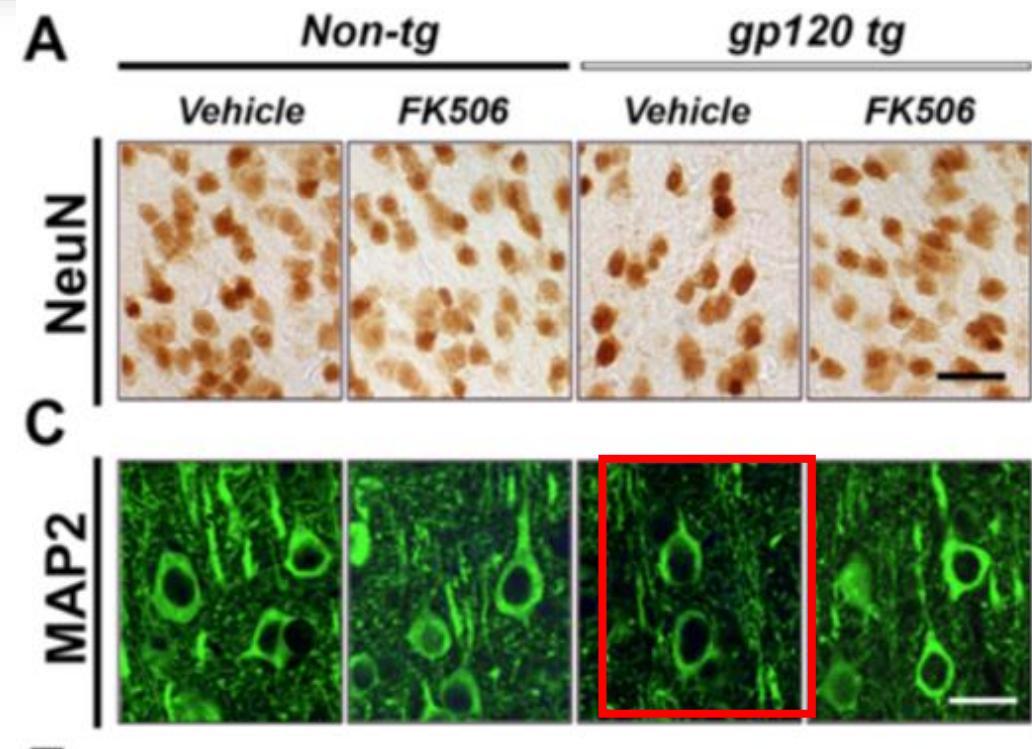


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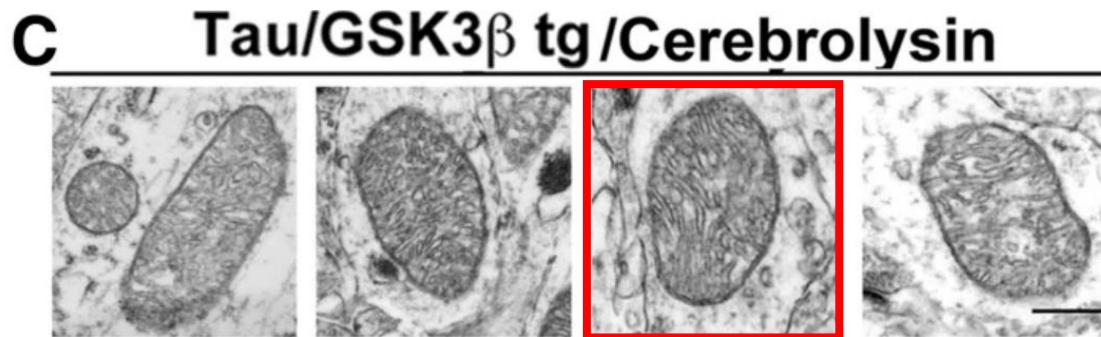


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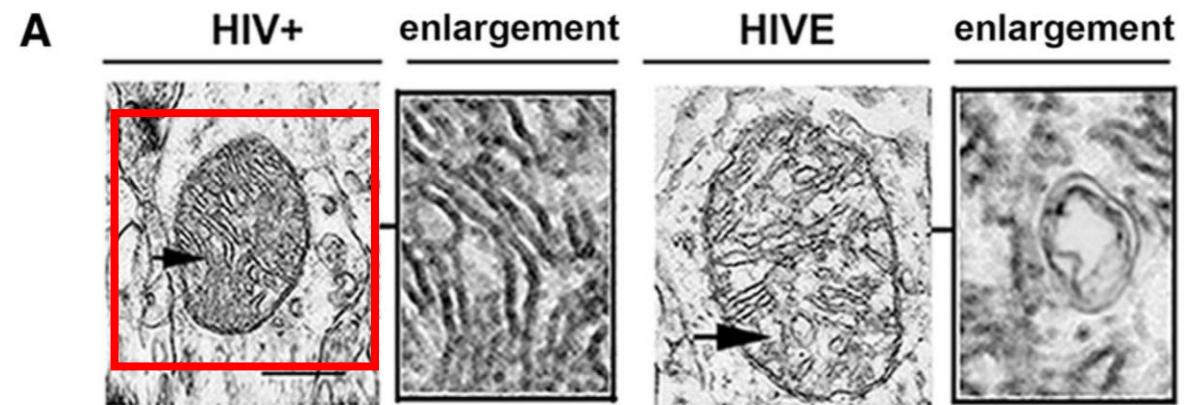


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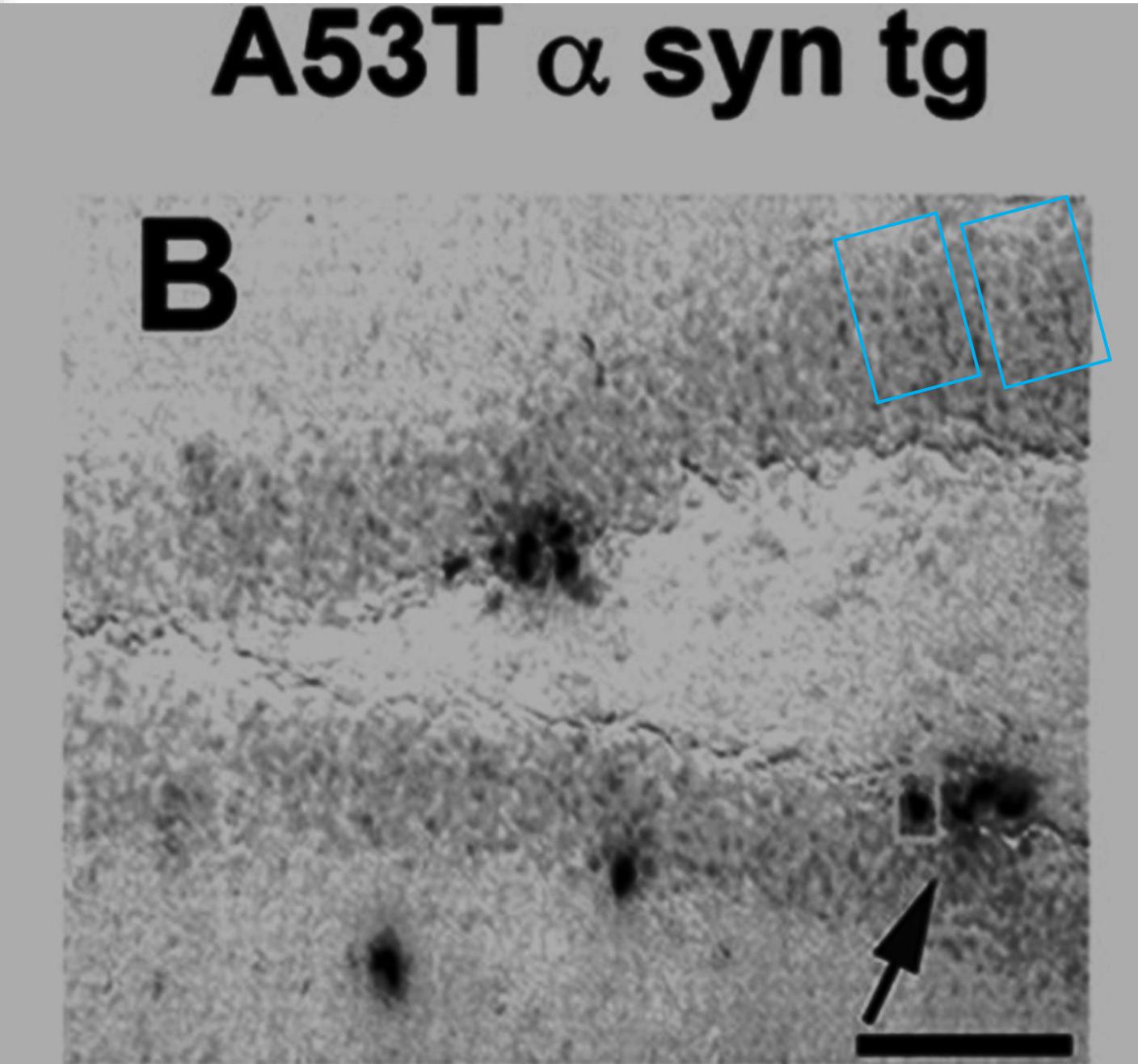
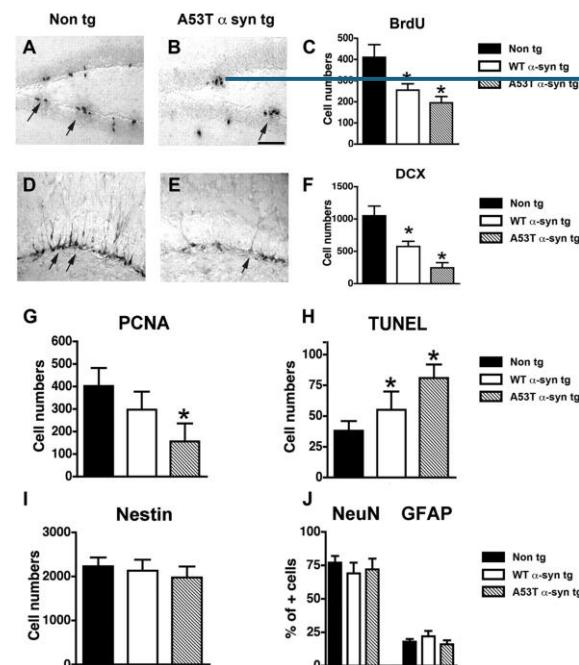
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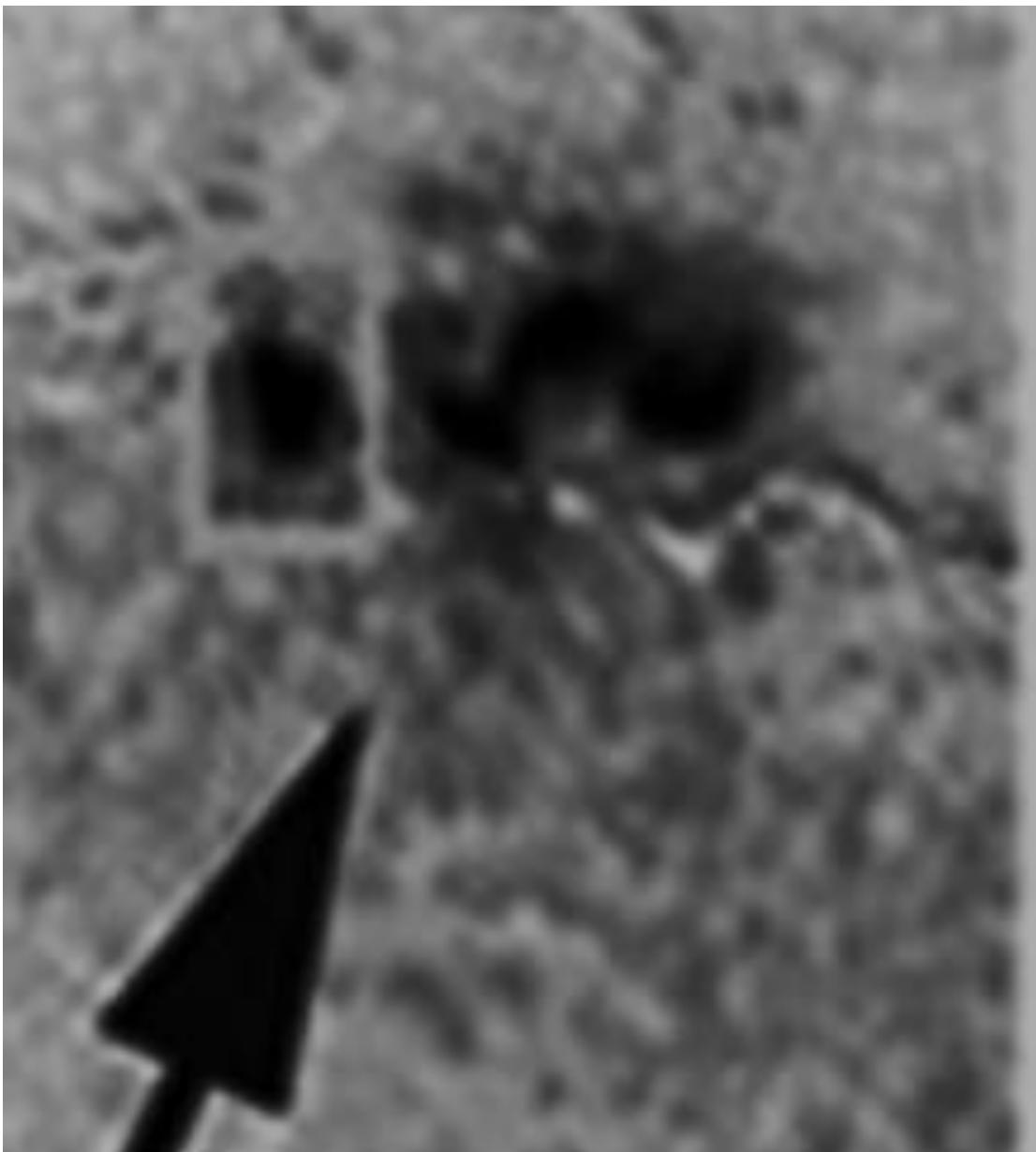
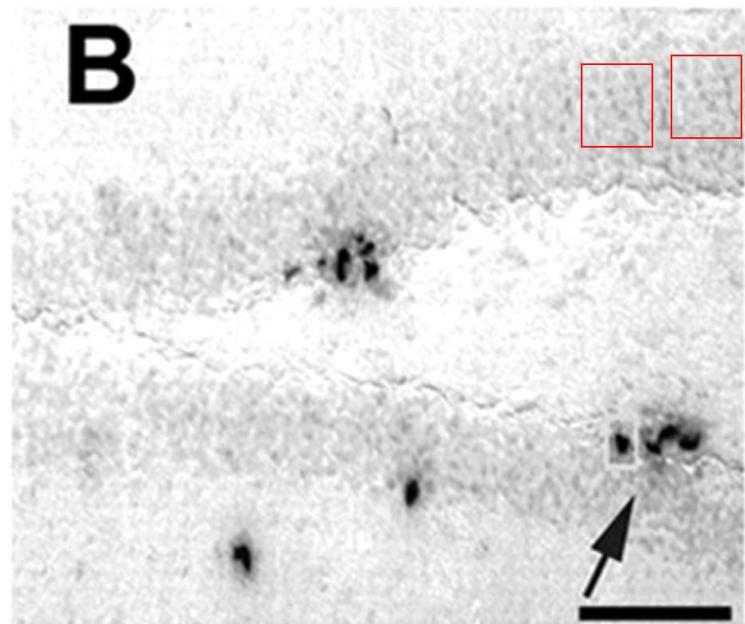
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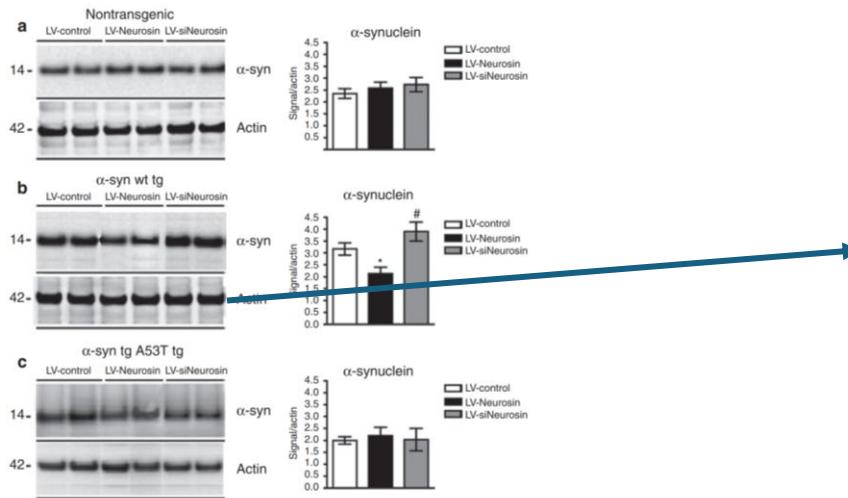


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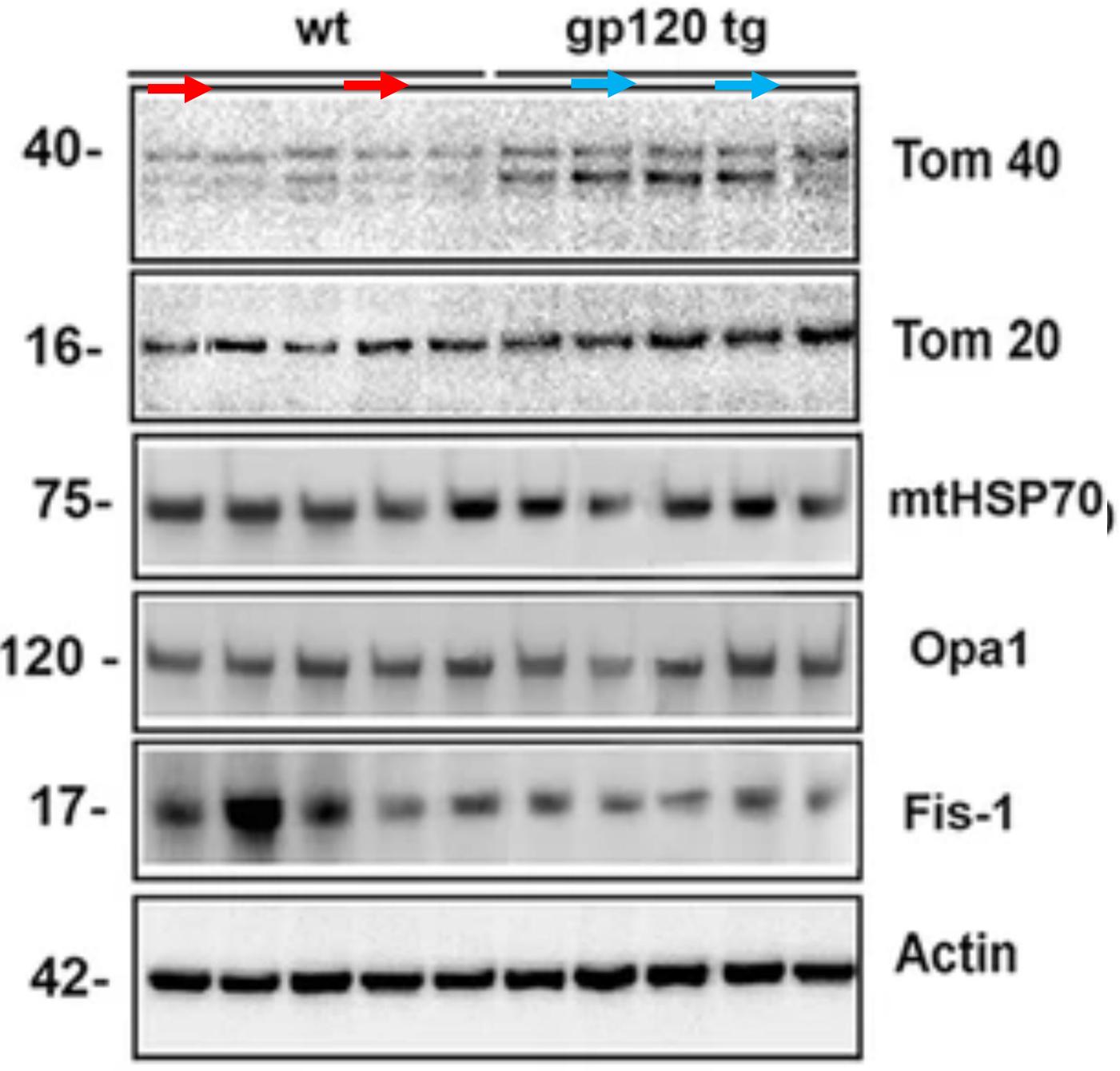
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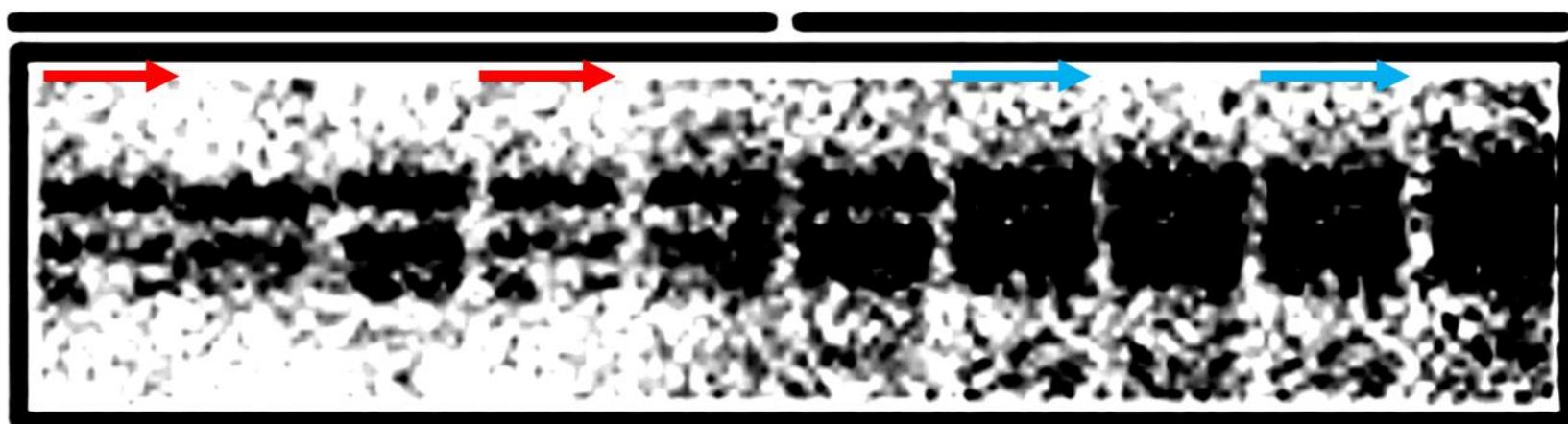
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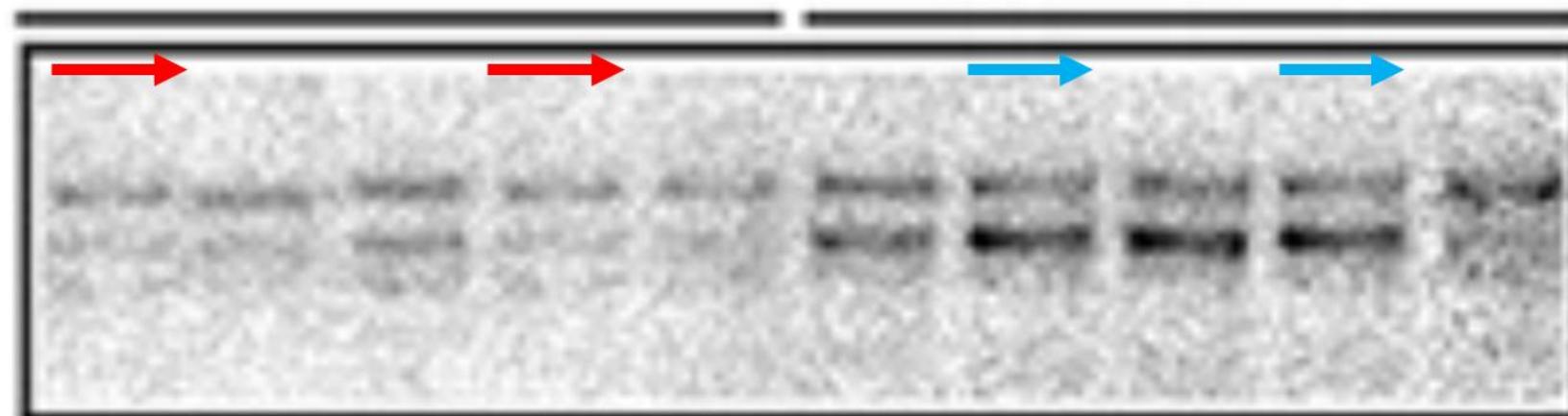
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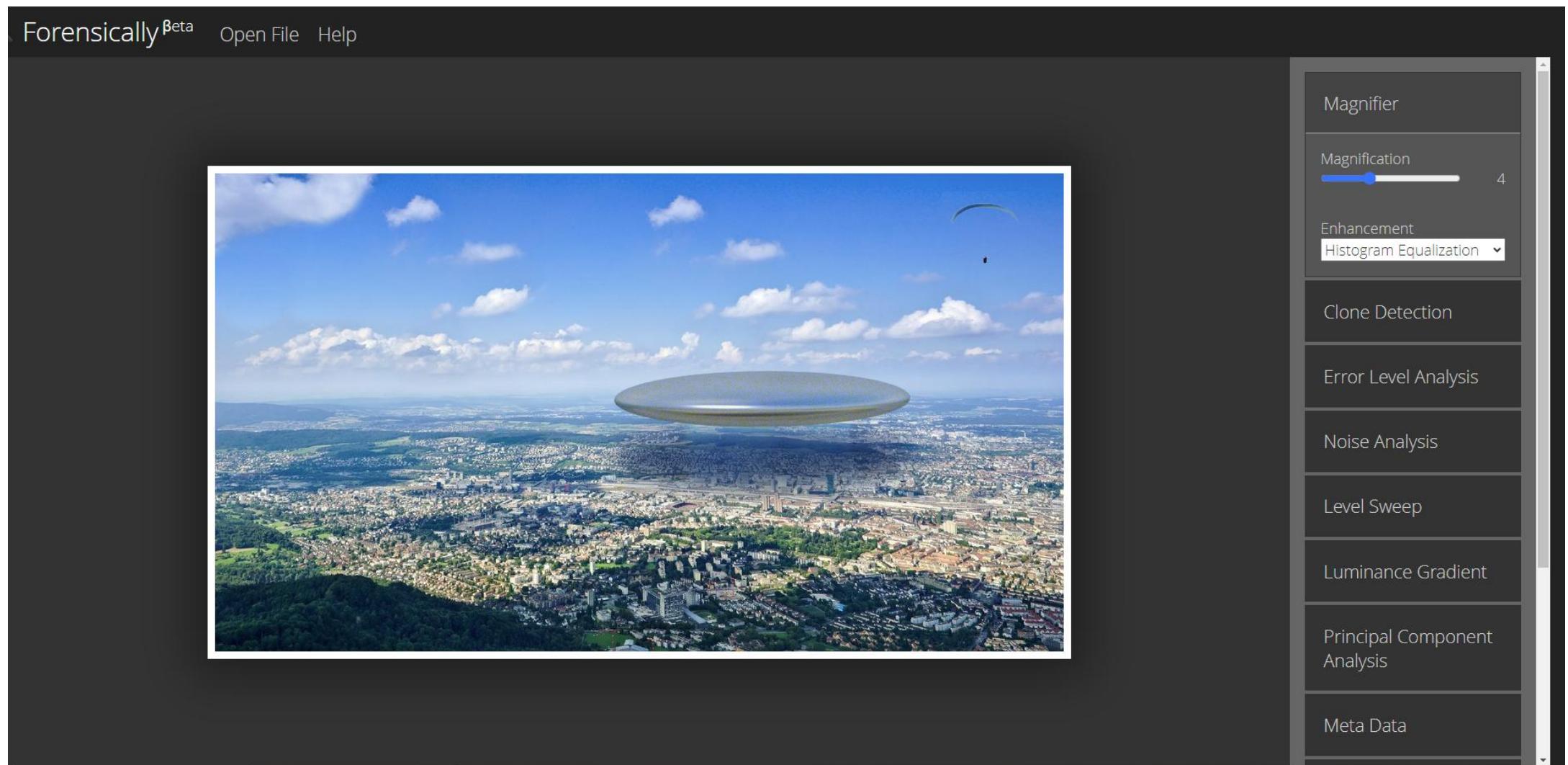
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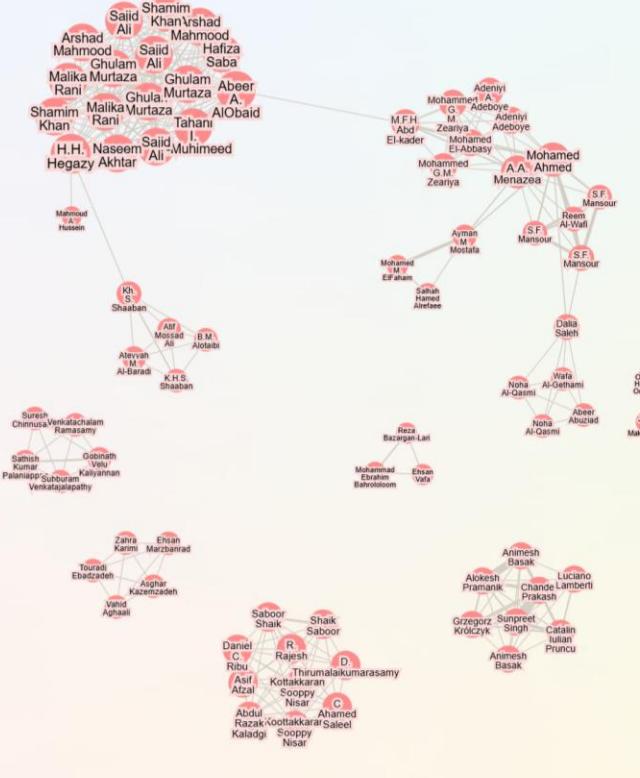
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Research Article

Significant influence of  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$  content on synthesis, physical, structural, optical, thermal, and radiation shielding characteristics properties of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-\text{B}_2\text{O}_3-\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3-\text{SiO}_2$  glasses for optoelectronic applications

Fig 2: All the traces appear identical

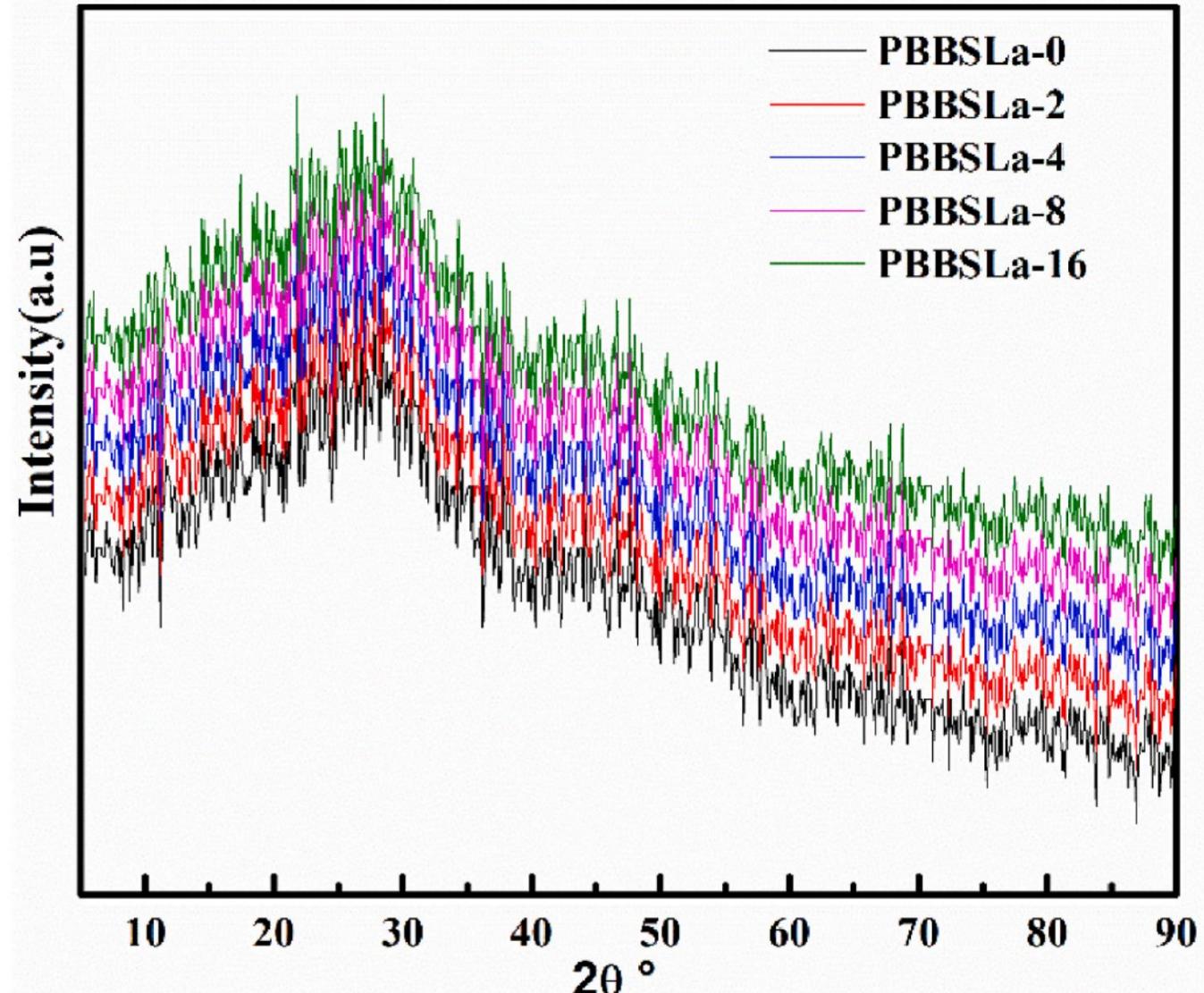
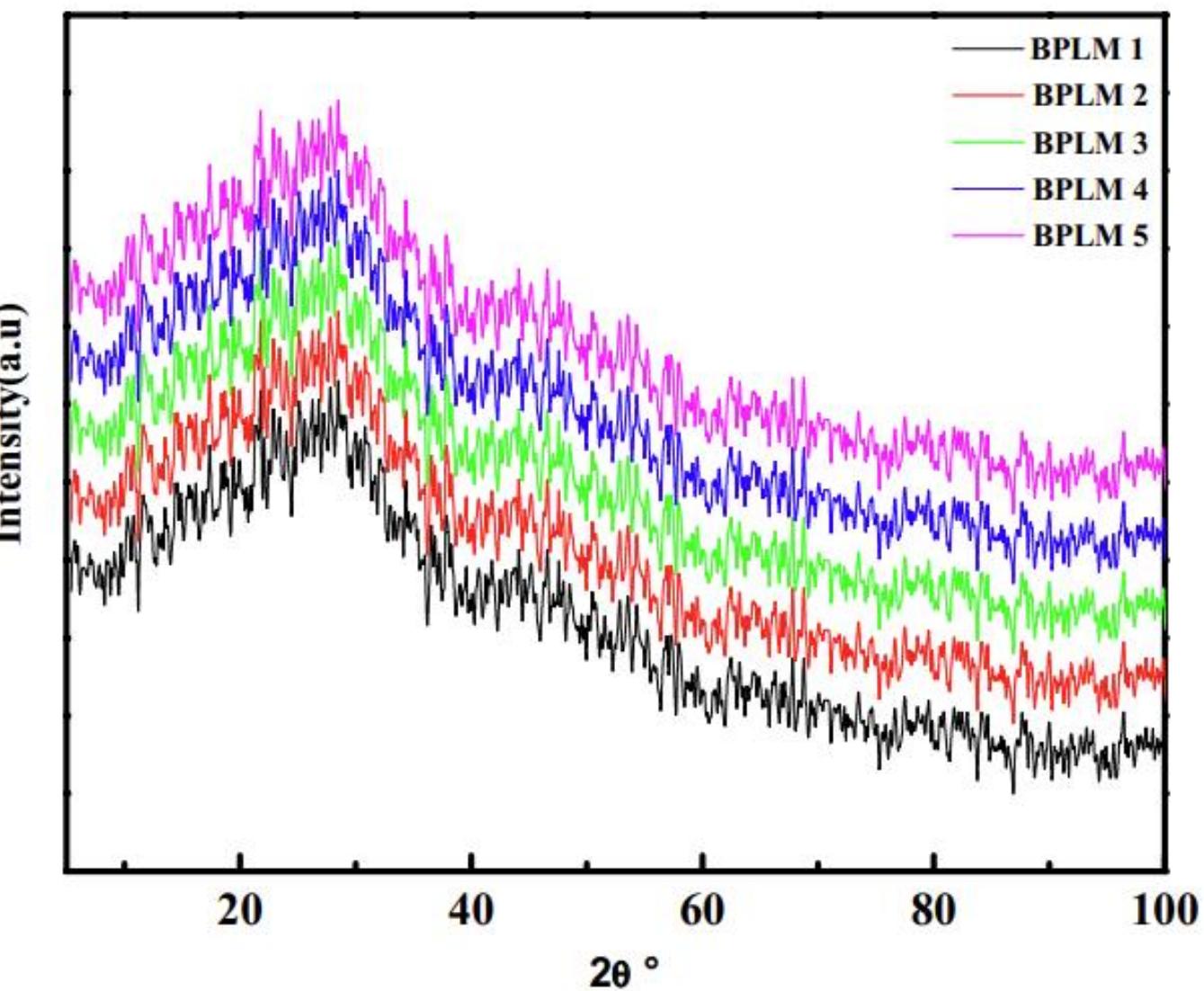


Fig. 2. XRD of PBBSLa samples.



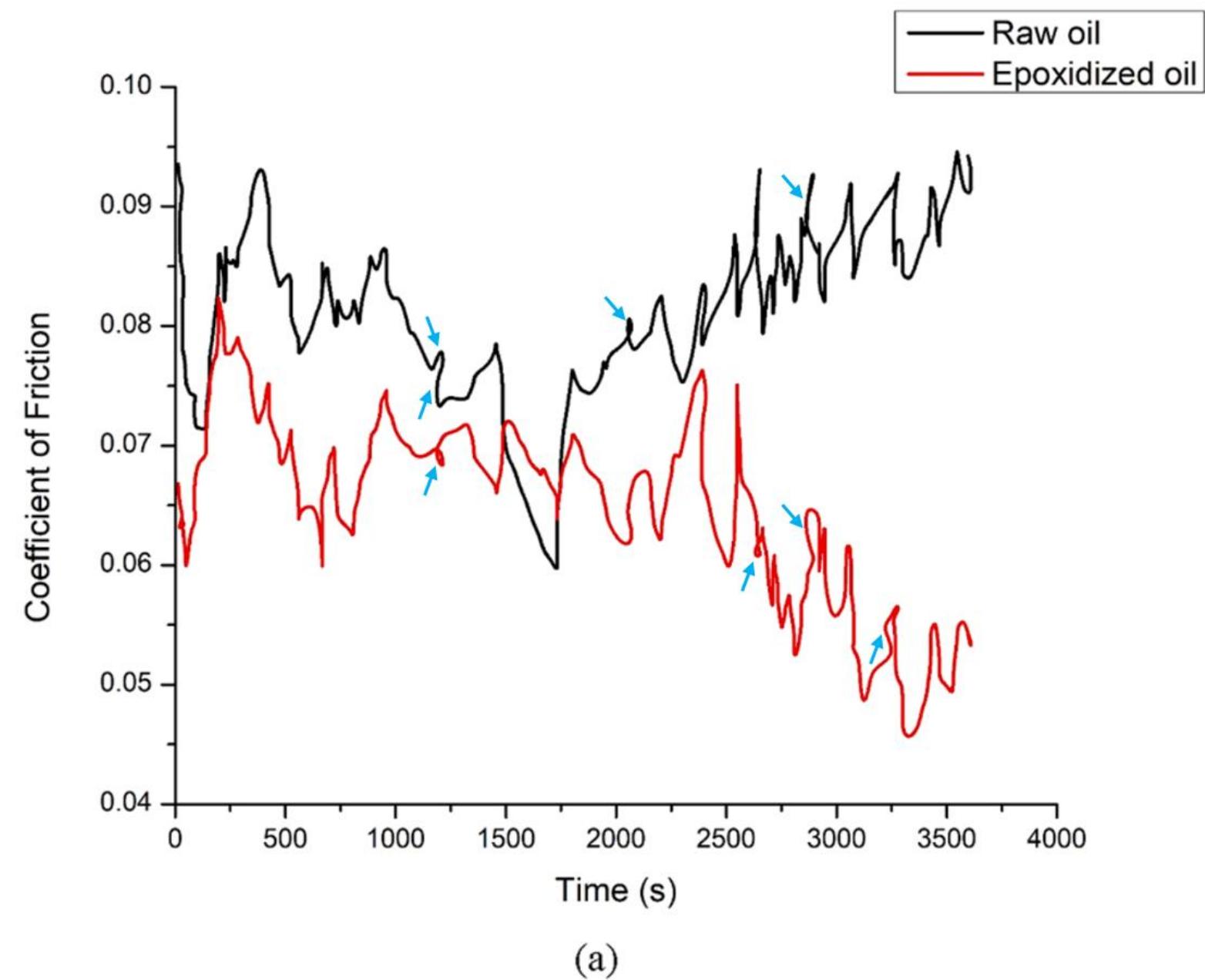
Mechanical and radiation-shielding properties  
of  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3\text{-P}_2\text{O}_5\text{-Li}_2\text{O}\text{-MoO}_3$  glasses



**Fig. 1** XRD of the studied glasses



Full Length Article

Effect of ZnO nanoparticles concentration as additives to the epoxidized *Euphorbia Lathyris* oil and their tribological characterization



Synthesis, characterization, corrosion and bioactivity investigation of nano-HA coating deposited on biodegradable Mg-Zn-Mn alloy

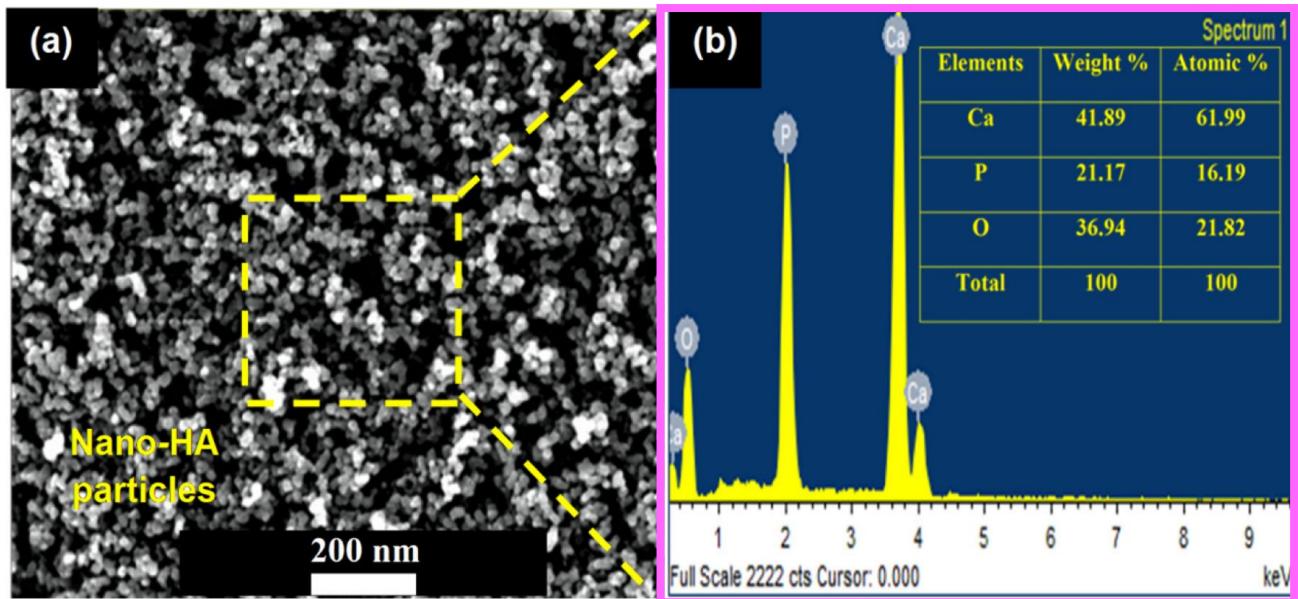


Fig. 1. SEM photograph showing (a) the morphology of nano-hydroxyapatite powder and (b) the corresponding EDS spectrum.



Deposition of HA-TiO<sub>2</sub> by plasma spray on  $\beta$ -phase Ti-35Nb-7Ta-5Zr alloy for hip stem: Characterization, mechanical properties, corrosion, and in-vitro bioactivity

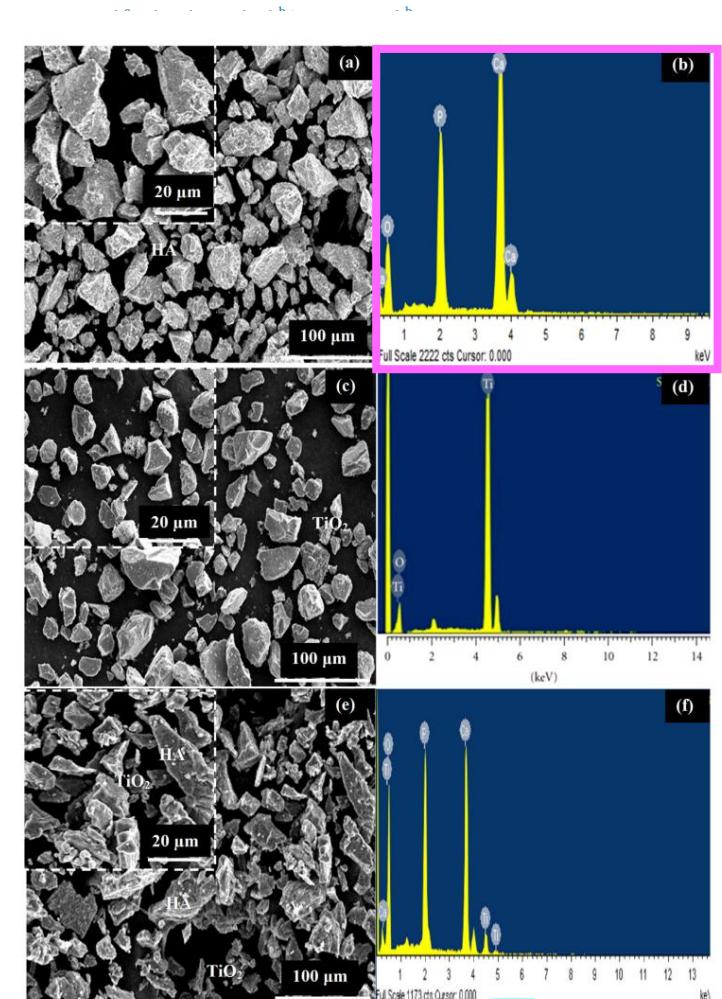
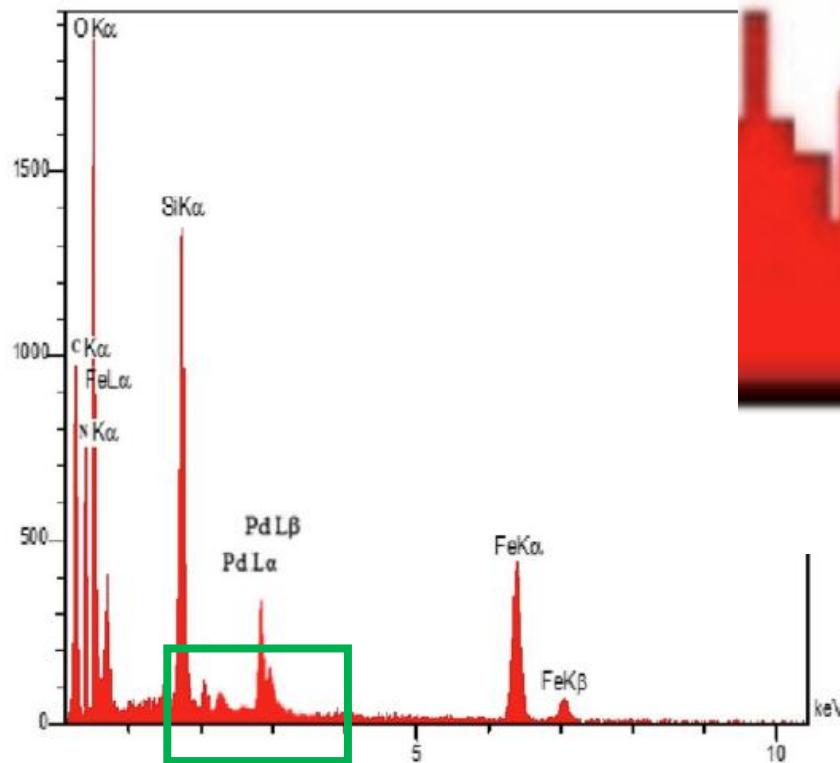


Fig. 1. SEM image and EDS spectrum of raw powder and feedstock: (a-b) HA, (c-d) TiO<sub>2</sub>, (e-f) HA-TiO<sub>2</sub>.



Green synthesis and antibacterial, antifungal activities of 4H-pyra  
tetrahydro-4H-chromenes and spiro2-oxindole derivatives by high  
efficient  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2@\text{NH}_2@\text{Pd}(\text{OCOCH}_3)_2$  nanocatalyst



**Fig. 5.** EDS pattern of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2@\text{PrNH}_2@\text{Pd}(\text{OCOCH}_3)_2$ .



# Photocatalytic degradation of methylene blue dye and magneto-optical studies of magnetically recyclable spinel $\text{Ni}_x\text{Mn}_{1-x}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$ ( $x = 0.0\text{--}1.0$ ) nanoparticles

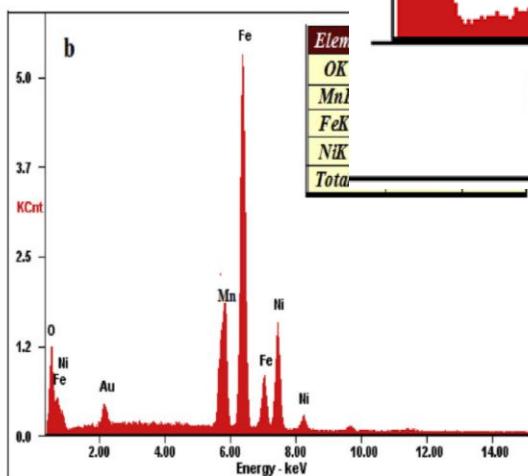
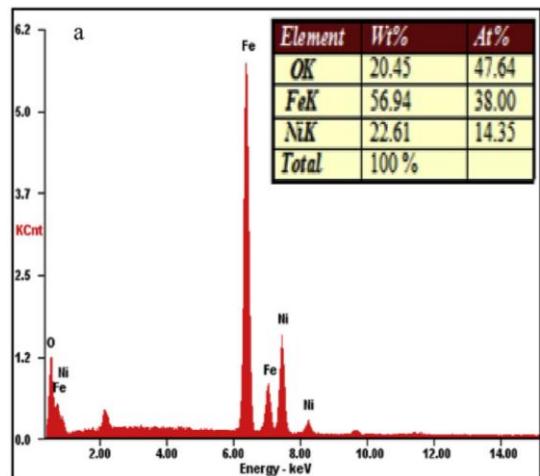
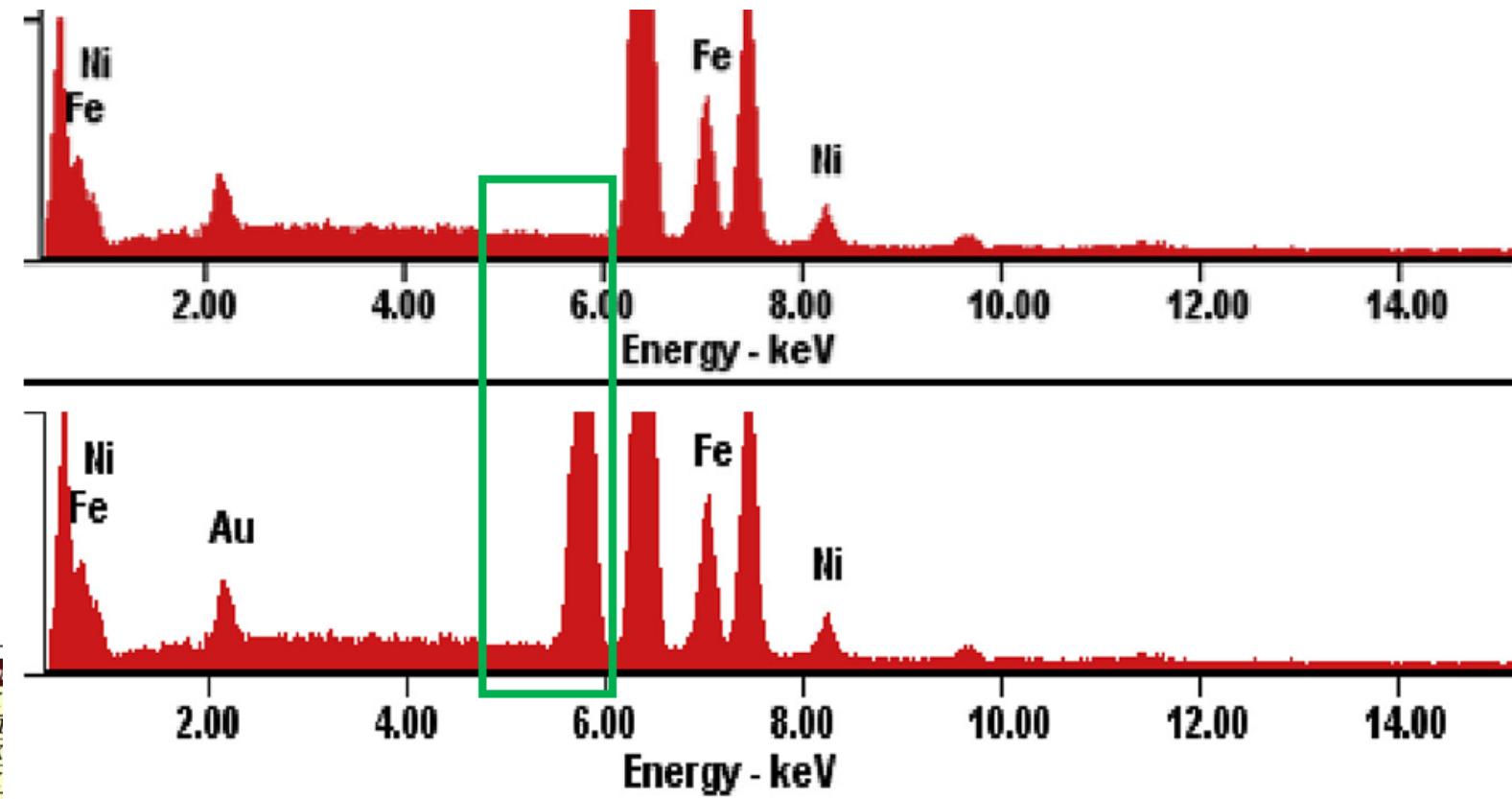


Fig 3: a and b are pixel-identical except for the region between 5 and 6 KeV



**Fig. 3.** EDX spectra of spinel (a)  $\text{NiFe}_2\text{O}_4$  (b)  $\text{Ni}_{0.6}\text{Mn}_{0.4}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles.



Preparation, characterization, and anticancer evaluation of polydatin conjugated with zinc MOF and encapsulated by liposomes as a potential nanotool-induce apoptosis

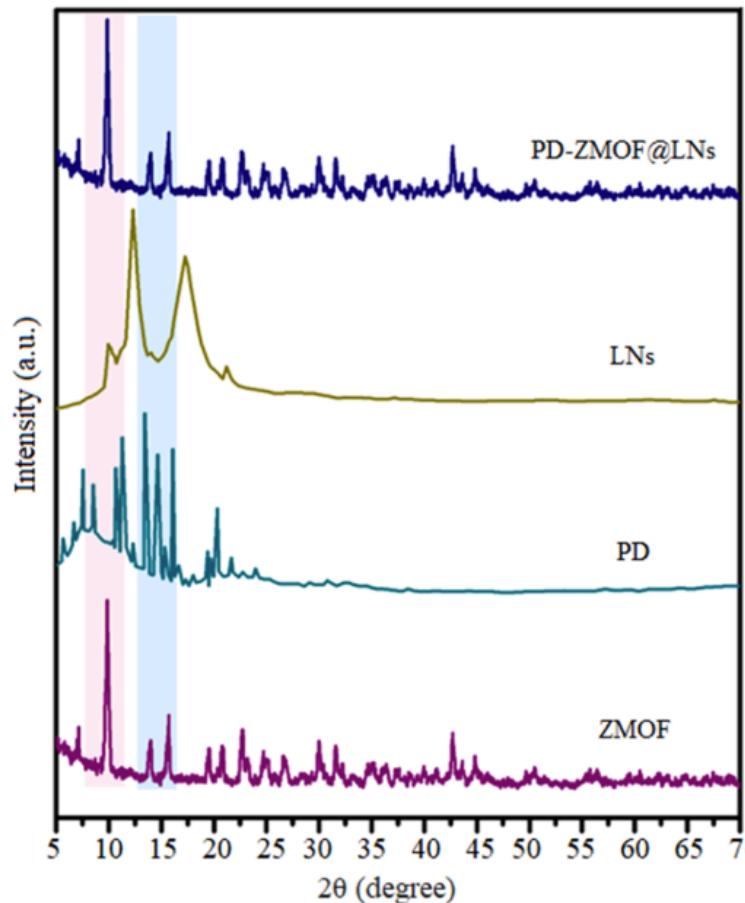
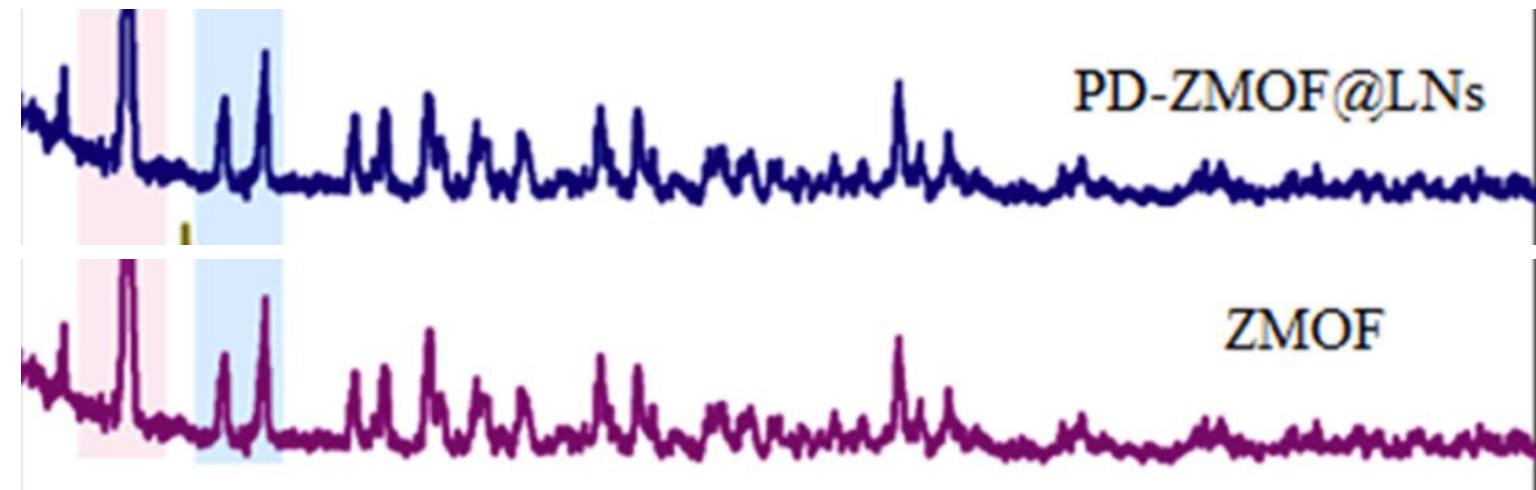


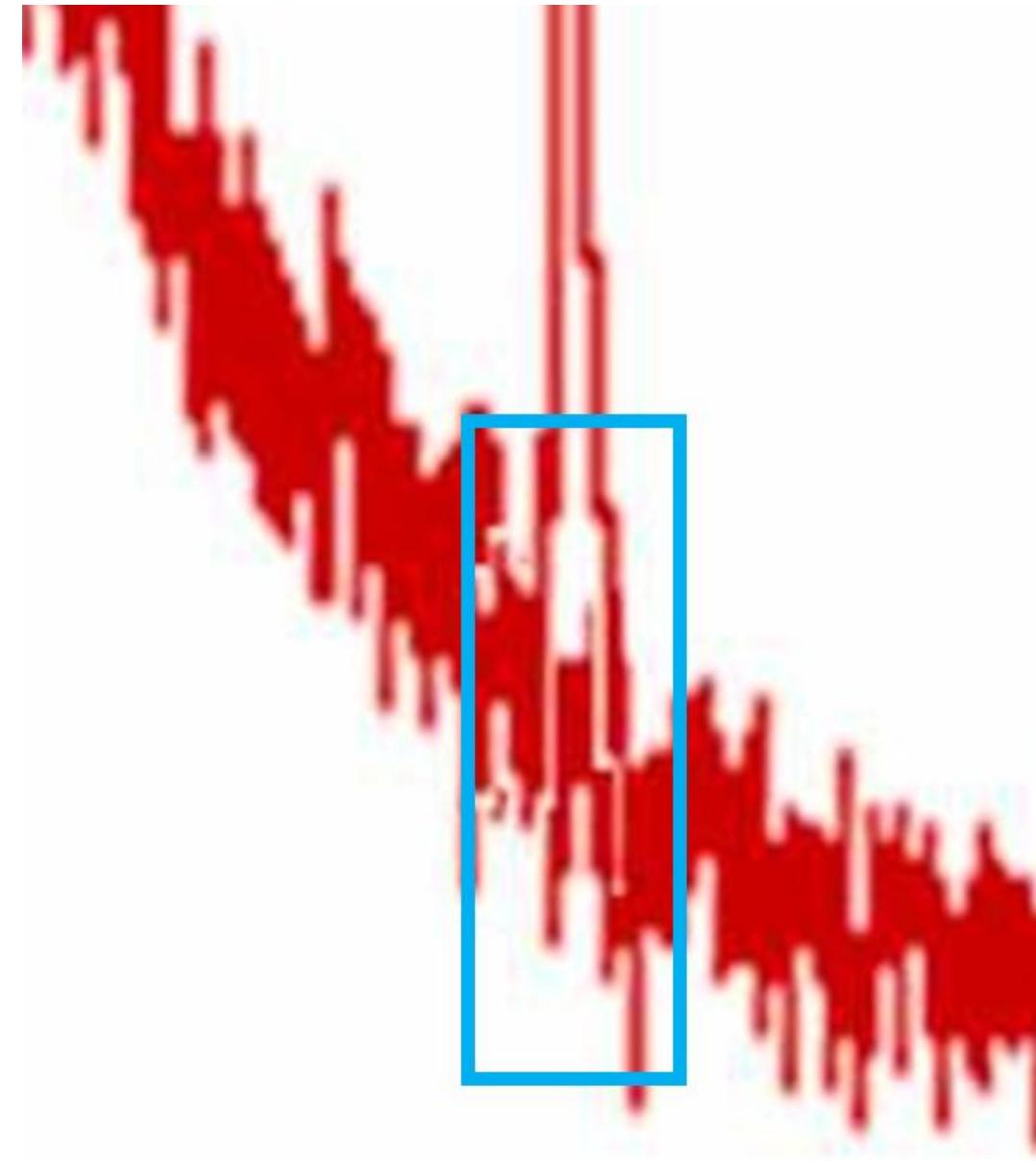
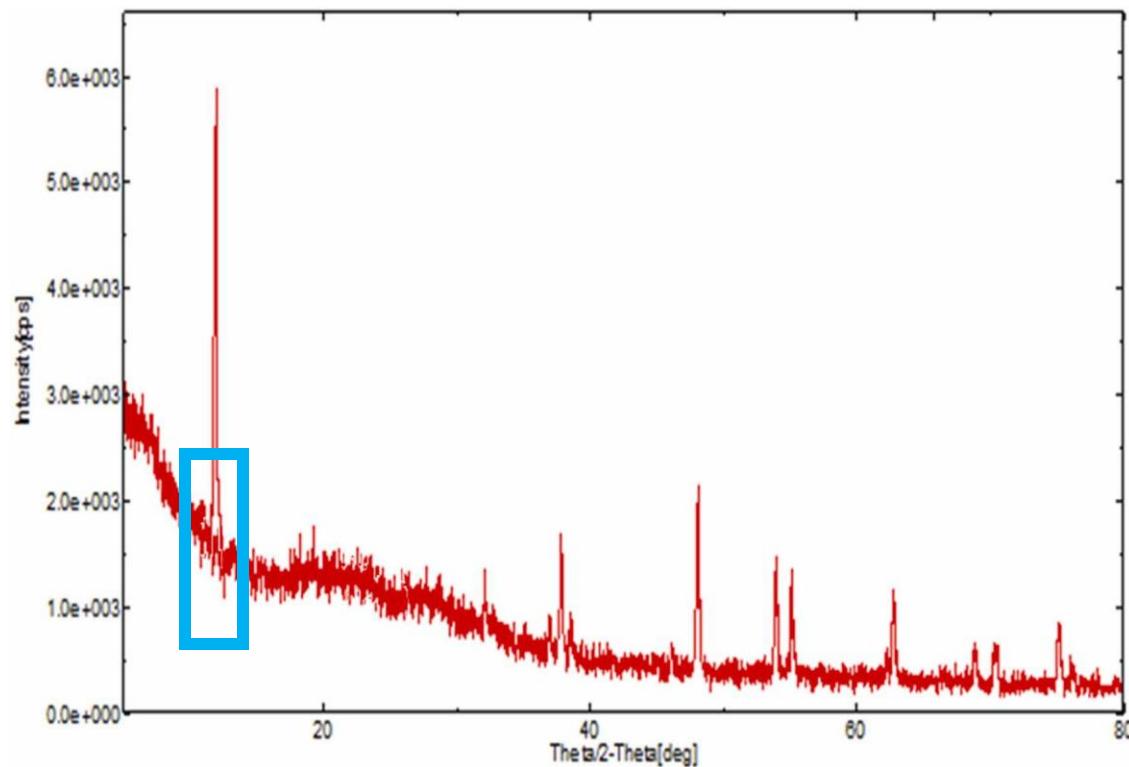
Fig. 1. The XRD profile of ZMOF, PD, LNs, and PD-ZMOF@LNs.

Fig 1: PD-ZMOF@LNs and ZMOF traces have identical noises





Sulfonated reduced graphene oxide catalyzed fatty acid methyl ester production from macroalgae *Dictyota dichotoma* in supercritical conditions





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## Figure 4C: Ti does not seem to have peaks between 2 and 4 KeV

Table 1-2. Energies of x-ray emission lines (continued).

Element	K $\alpha_1$	K $\alpha_2$	K $\beta_1$	L $\alpha_1$	L $\alpha_2$	L $\beta_1$	L $\beta_2$	L $\gamma_1$	M $\alpha_1$
22 Ti	4,510.84	4,504.86	4,931.81	452.2	452.2	458.4			

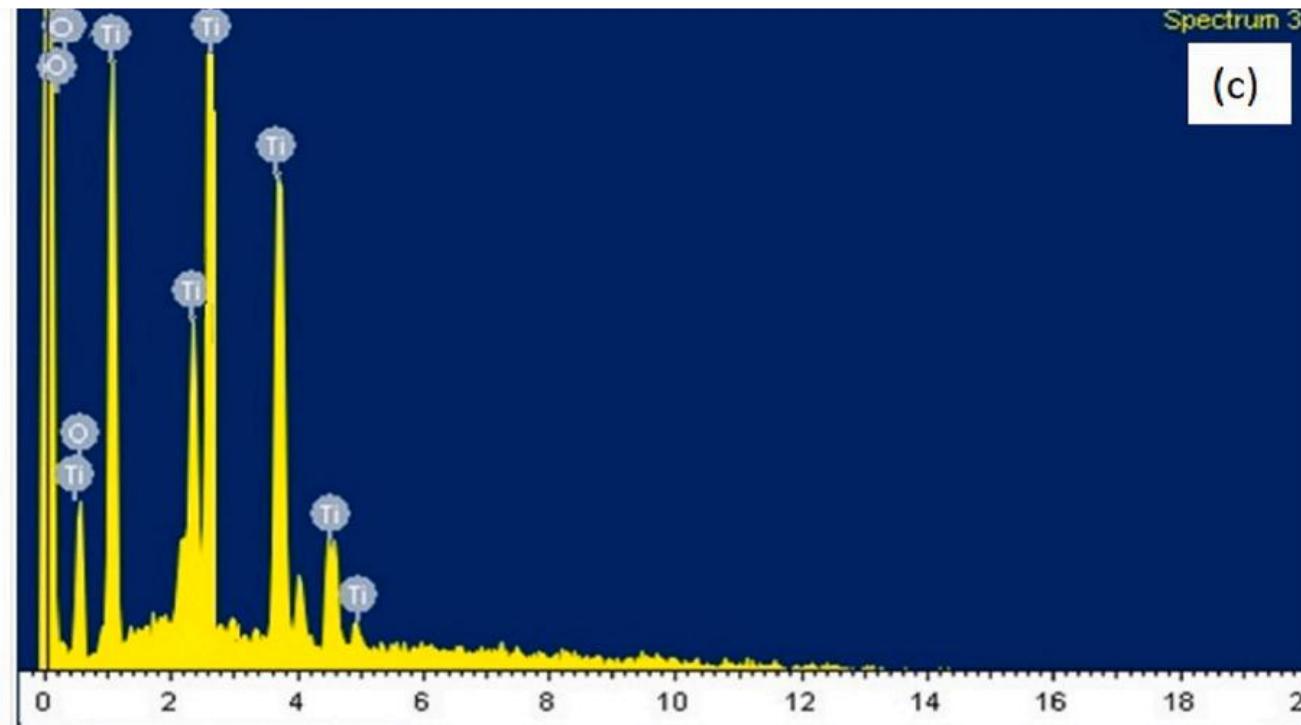


Fig. 4. (a) FE-SEM image of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles (b) Frequency distribution of histogram (c) Elemental analysis of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles.

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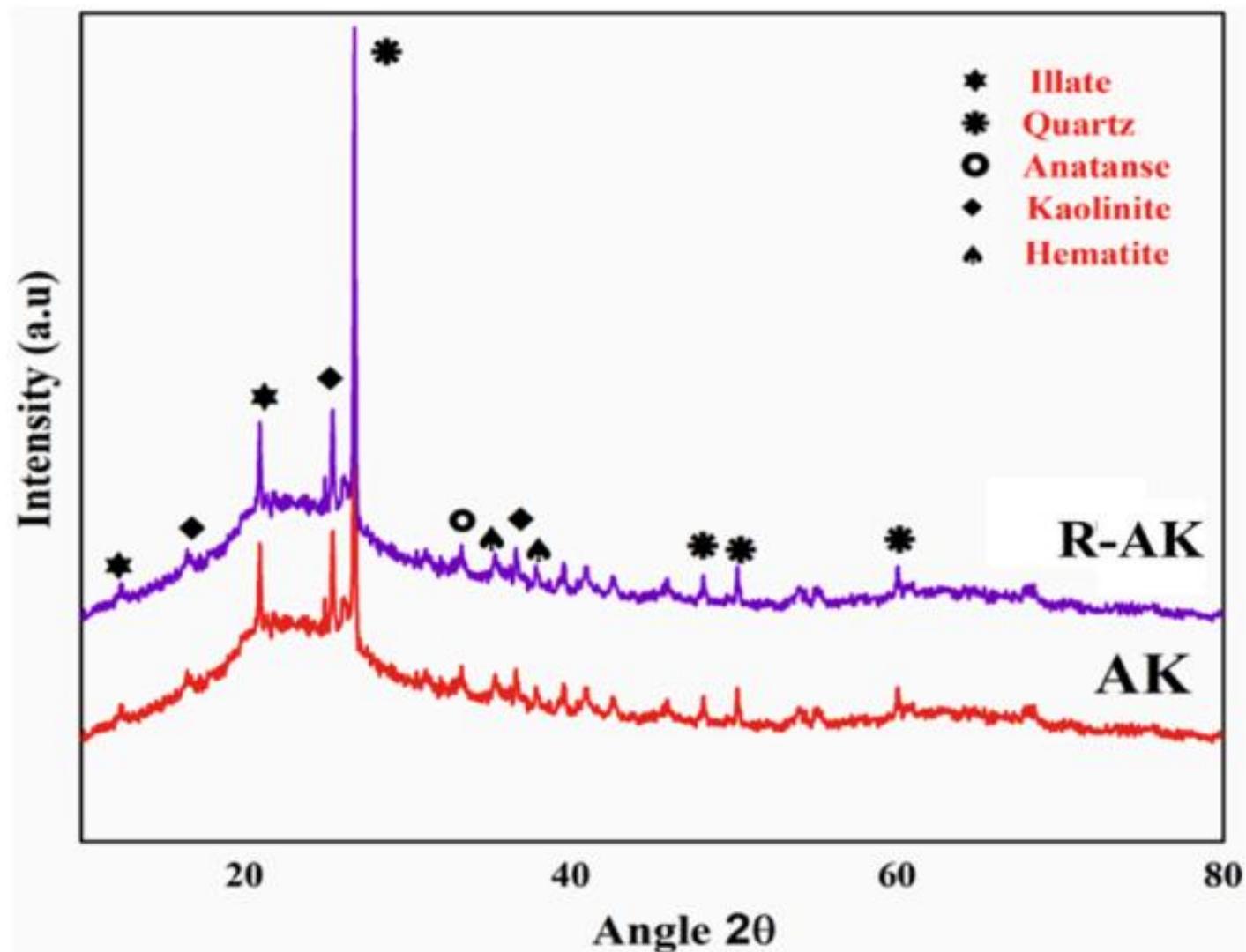
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A study on the role of surface functional groups of metakaolin in the removal of methylene blue: Characterization, kinetics, modeling and RSM optimization

Fig 1: The two traces are identical



**Fig. 1.** XRD pattern of adsorbent (AK) and regenerated adsorbent (R-AK).

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Green synthesis and characterization of titanium dioxide nanoparticles using leaf extract of *Pouteria campechiana* and larvicidal and pupicidal activity on *Aedes aegypti*

**Table 2: 0.577 occurred 18 times as SE****Table 2**Larvicidal activity of biosynthesized *P. campechiana* TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs against different instar larvae of *Ae. aegypti* after 24 h.

Larval stages	Concentration ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	24 h mortality % $\pm$ SE	LC <sub>50</sub> LCL- UCL ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	LC <sub>90</sub> (LCL- UCL) ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	$\chi^2$
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Instar</b>	100	0.00 $\pm$ 0.577	1.041 (930.805 $\pm$ 121.976)	1.742 (149.4784 $\pm$ 216.2498)	2.495
	200	0.666 $\pm$ 0.577			
	300	2.666 $\pm$ 0.577			
	400	2.333 $\pm$ 0.577			
	500	3.00 $\pm$ 0.00			
	600	3.666 $\pm$ 0.577			
	700	4.333 $\pm$ 0.577			
	800	5.00 $\pm$ 0.00			
	900	6.333 $\pm$ 0.577			
	Control	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Instar</b>	100	1.333 $\pm$ 0.577	950.148 (837.532 $\pm$ 117.0825)	1.936 (159.7334 $\pm$ 257.3061)	0.274
	200	1.00 $\pm$ 1.00			
	300	8.00 $\pm$ 1.00			
	400	7.333 $\pm$ 0.577			
	500	10.00 $\pm$ 1.00			
	600	9.00 $\pm$ 0.00			
	700	11.333 $\pm$ 0.577			
	800	12.333 $\pm$ 0.577			
	900	12.666 $\pm$ 0.577			
	Control	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Instar</b>	100	1.666 $\pm$ 0.577	1.207 (103.4000 $\pm$ 153.4765)	2.109 (172.160 $\pm$ 287.0732)	0.929
	200	6.333 $\pm$ 1.527			
	300	5.666 $\pm$ 1.527			
	400	7.666 $\pm$ 0.577			
	500	9.666 $\pm$ 0.577			
	600	15.0 $\pm$ 1.00			
	700	15.333 $\pm$ 0.577			
	800	20.00 $\pm$ 1.00			
	900	19.333 $\pm$ 0.577			
	Control	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00			

Control (deionized water) - Nil mortality value are mean and standard deviation ( $\pm$  SE) of six replicate. LCL lower confidence limits, UCL Upper confidence limit,  $\chi^2$  chi-square test.



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## Development of SnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> spinel supported on the rGO nanosheet with the improved electrochemical performance of OER activity

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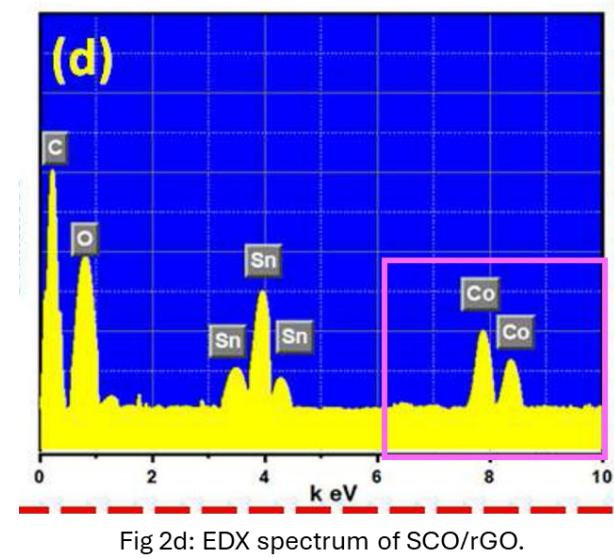


Fig 2d: EDX spectrum of SCO/rGO.



*Short communication*  
Facile synthesis of silver doped WO<sub>3</sub> nanocomposite with 2-D reduced graphene oxide to boost photocatalytic efficiency

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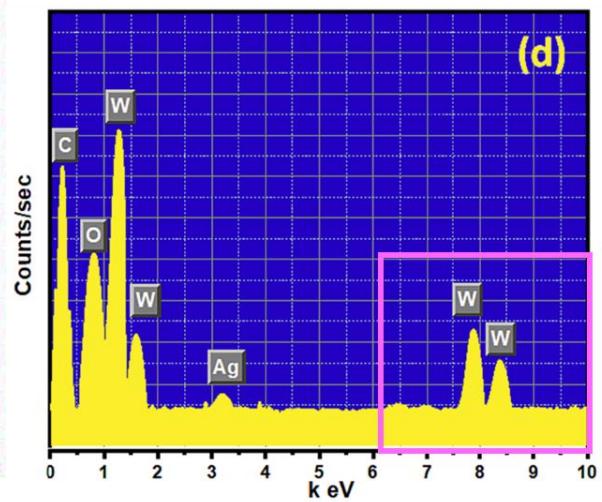


Fig 5(d): EDX spectrum of all materials



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## Developing $\text{TiCo}_2\text{O}_4$ spinel based on rGO nanosheet to enhance electrochemical performance of OER activity

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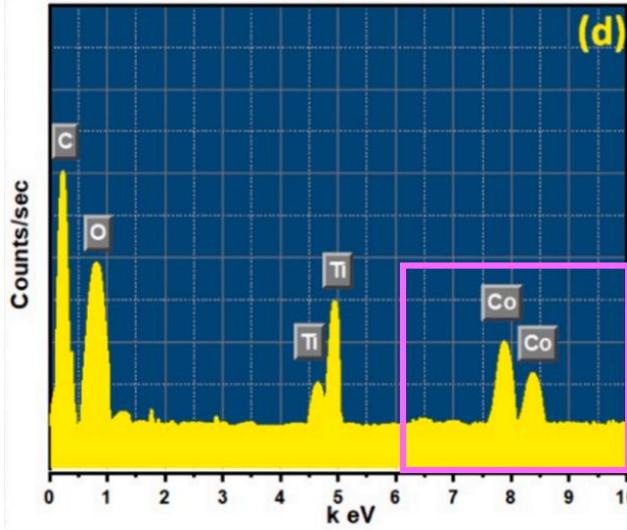


Fig 2(d): EDX spectrum of TCO/rGO nanohybrid.



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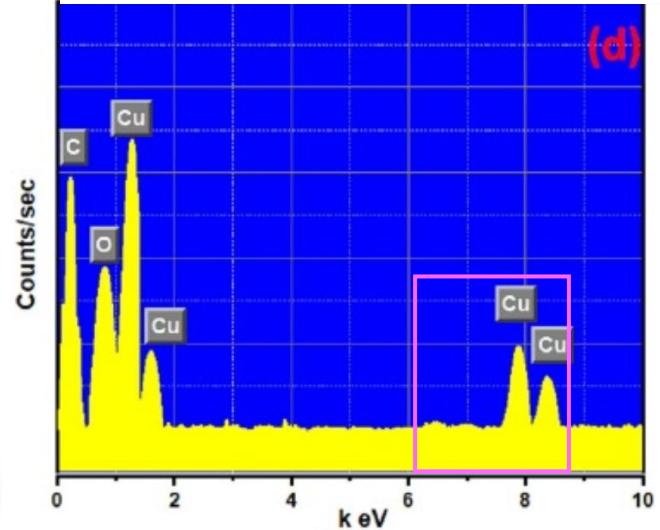
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## Facile synthesis of CuCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> spinel with rGO nanocomposite via hydrothermal approach for solid state supercapacitor application

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Synthesis and characterization of copper-based spinel ferrites for high frequency applications

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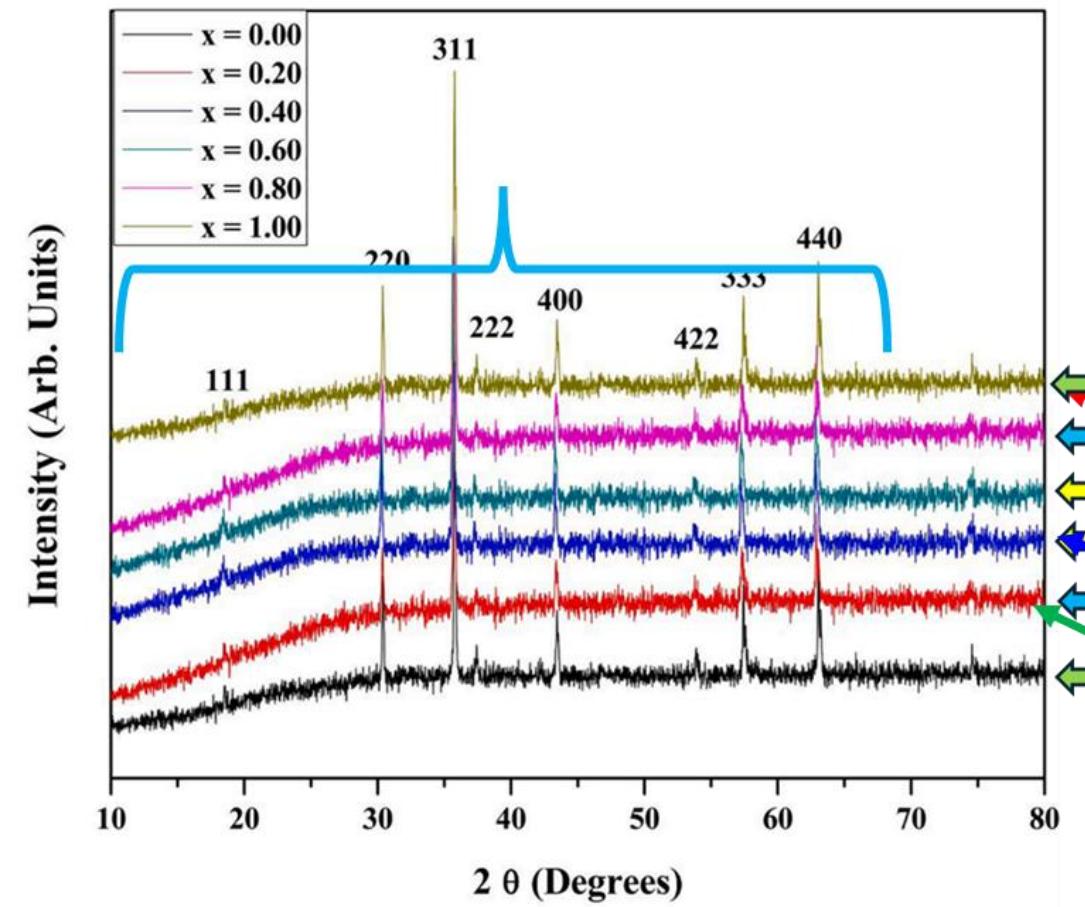
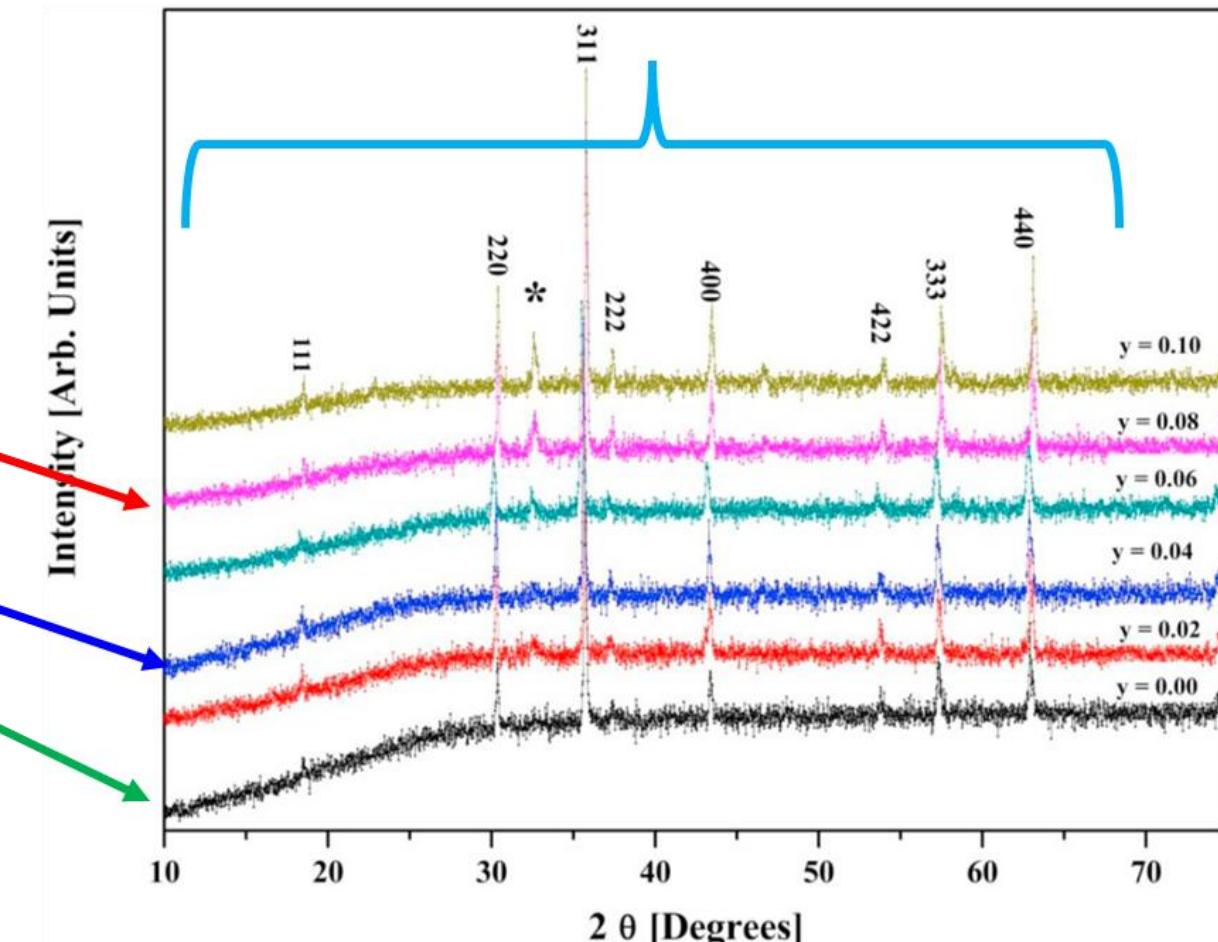


Fig. 2. X-ray diffraction patterns of spinel ferrites.



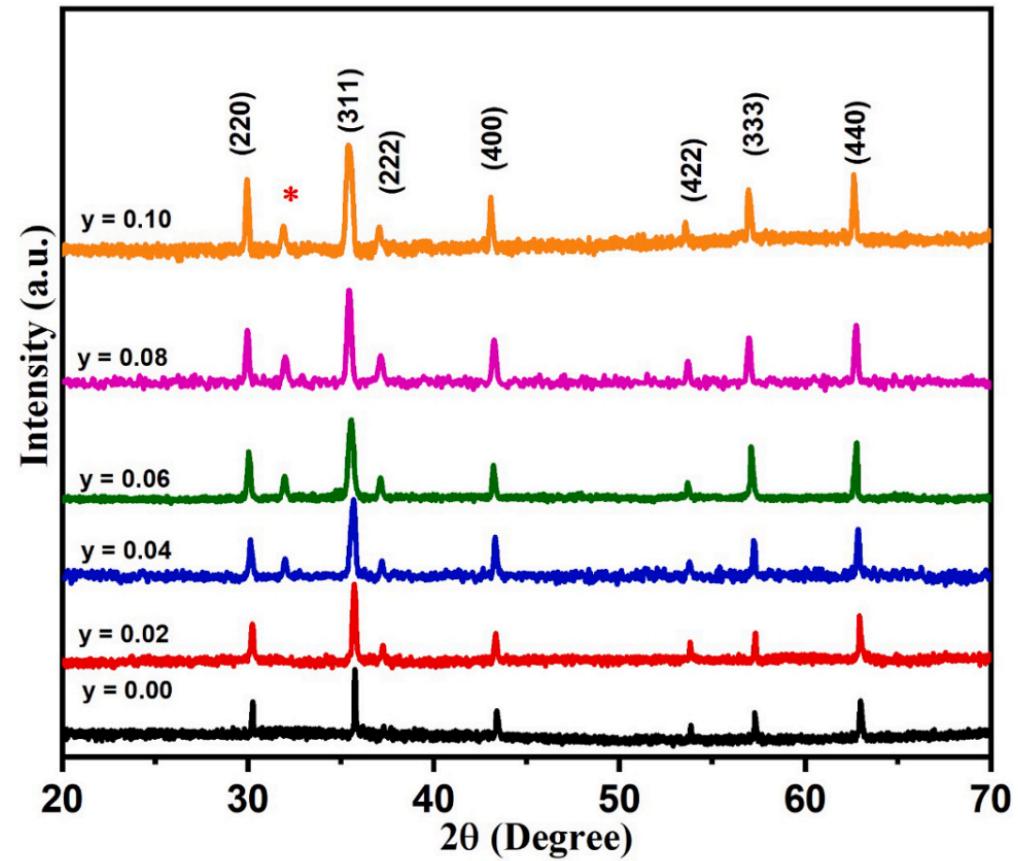


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## Effect of yttrium ion on electrical and magnetic properties of barium based spinel ferrites

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## Effect of Titanium Dioxide Nanogel Surface Charges and Particle Size on Anti-Corrosion Performances of Epoxy Coatings

International Journal of Electrochemical Science (2017) - 4 Comments  
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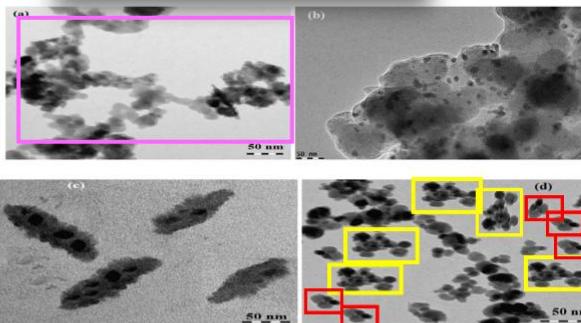


Figure 1. TEM micrographs of (a)  $\text{TiO}_2$ , (b)  $\text{TiO}_2$ -APTAC/AMPS-Na, (c)  $\text{TiO}_2$ -APTAC/NIPAm and (d)  $\text{TiO}_2$ -APTAC/AA nanogel composites.

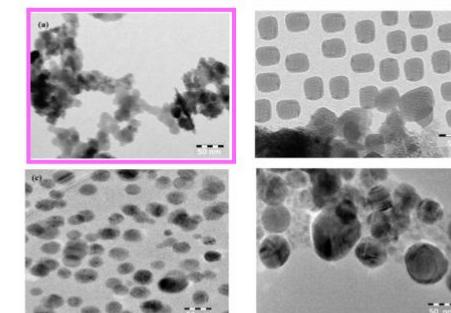
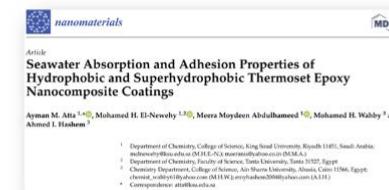


Figure 4. TEM micrographs of (a)  $\text{CaCO}_3$ -EOA, (b)  $\text{CaCO}_3$ -EOA, (c)  $\text{Ag}$ -OA, and (d)  $\text{Ag}$ -EOA NPs.

# Glucose-Sensitive Hydrogel Optical Fibers Functionalized with Phenylboronic Acid

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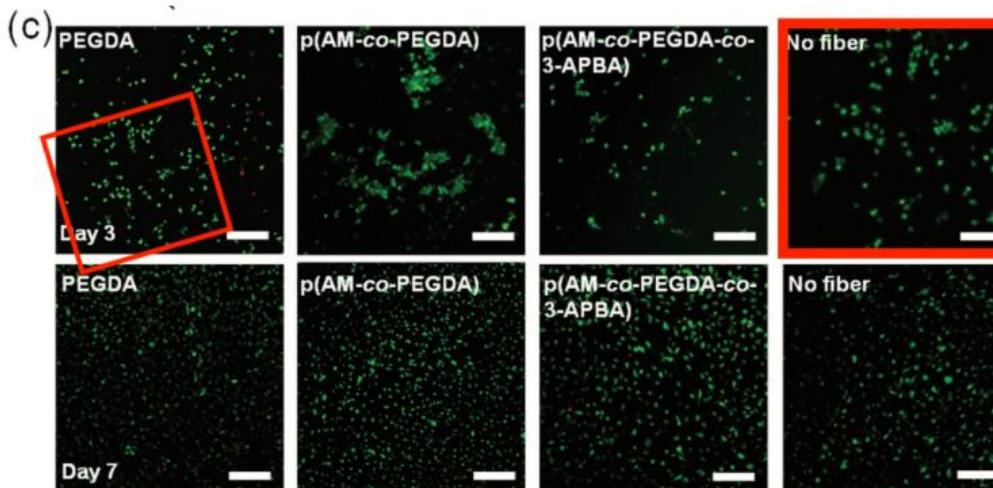
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Concern about **Figure 7C:**

- Red boxes: In the Day 3 row, the PEGDA and No fiber panels appear to overlap, with a rotation and a change in magnification.



**Figure 7.** Biological study of NIH-3T3 fibroblasts for fiber samples: PEGDA, p(AM-co-PEGDA), p(AM-co-PEGDA-co-3-APBA), and no fiber. a) Cellular metabolic activity measured with PrestoBlue assay and compared to control confirming normal proliferation of cells exposed to the 3-APBA functionalized fibers. b,c) LIVE/DEAD assay for assessing cellular viability on day 3 and day 7, where live cells are stained in green and dead cells in red. Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m. ( $n = 3$  in a,b)

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