

Depression, Sleep, and Mindfulness through an Psycho-Neuro-Immunologic Lens

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"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single pitch."

Overview

- ***Depression and biobehavioral risk profiles:***
defining sleep disturbance as a target for depression prevention
- ***Sleep disturbance and the inflammatory biotype of depression:***
examining sleep regulation of inflammatory dynamics to refine clinical profiles and mechanisms of reward-based treatment of depression
- ***Innovative, mechanistically informed, and community based clinical trials:***
testing efficacy of mindfulness treatments to optimize sleep health and reverse inflammation

Depression: public health significance

- #1 illness burden globally by 2030
- Depression leads to increased morbidity including cardiovascular disease and dementia
- Depression is associated with increased rates of mortality
- 20% prevalence rate, with two-fold higher rate in women

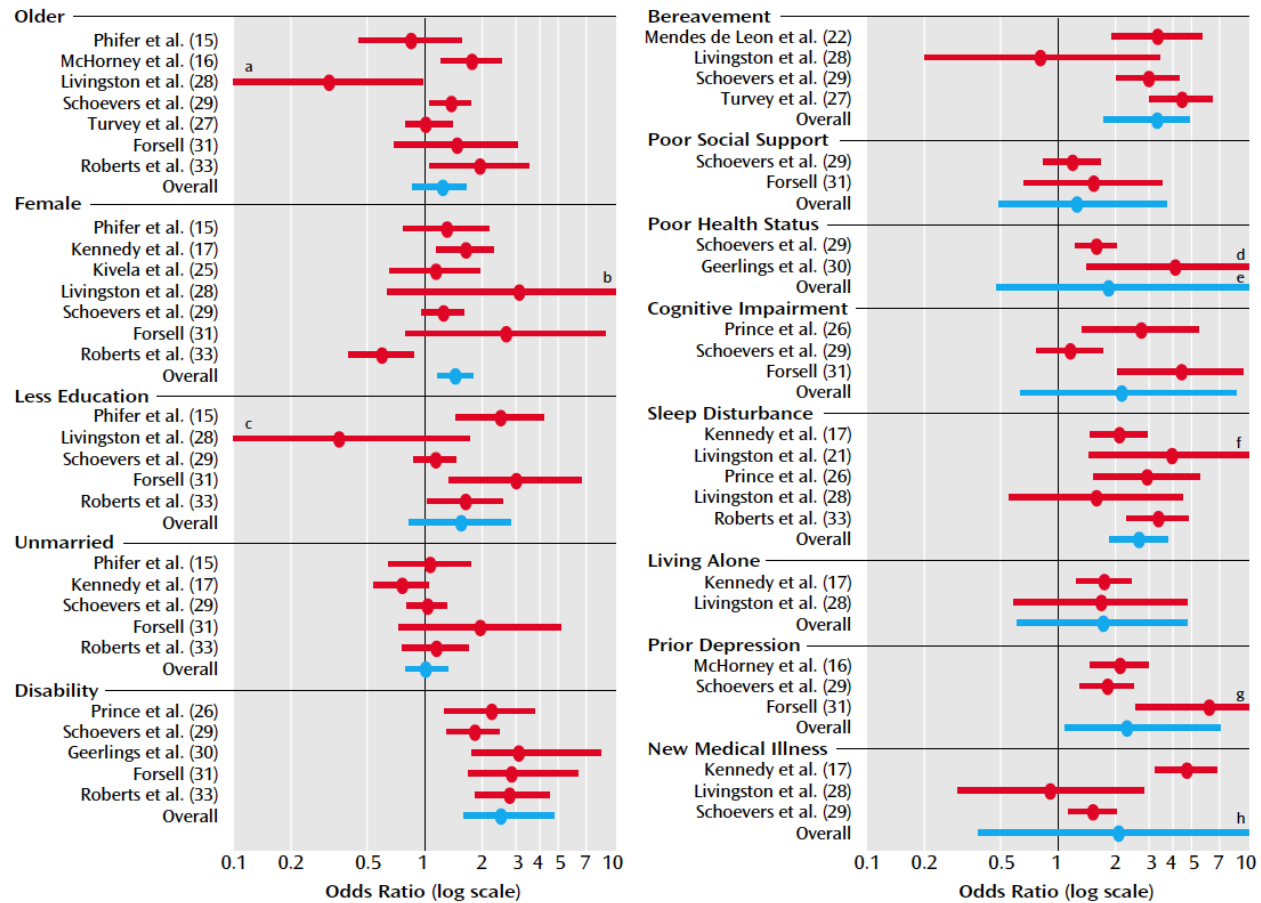
Novel strategies for monitoring risk, treatment, and prevention of depression are needed

- 75% lifetime rate of recurrence
- Only 30% of depressed patients achieve with remission with current treatments
- Identifying modifiable biobehavioral factors of greatest risk salience is needed to guide development of selective monitoring, and targeting depression prevention

*Understanding the insomnia risk profile for depression
to advance precision-based monitoring and
prevention of depression.*

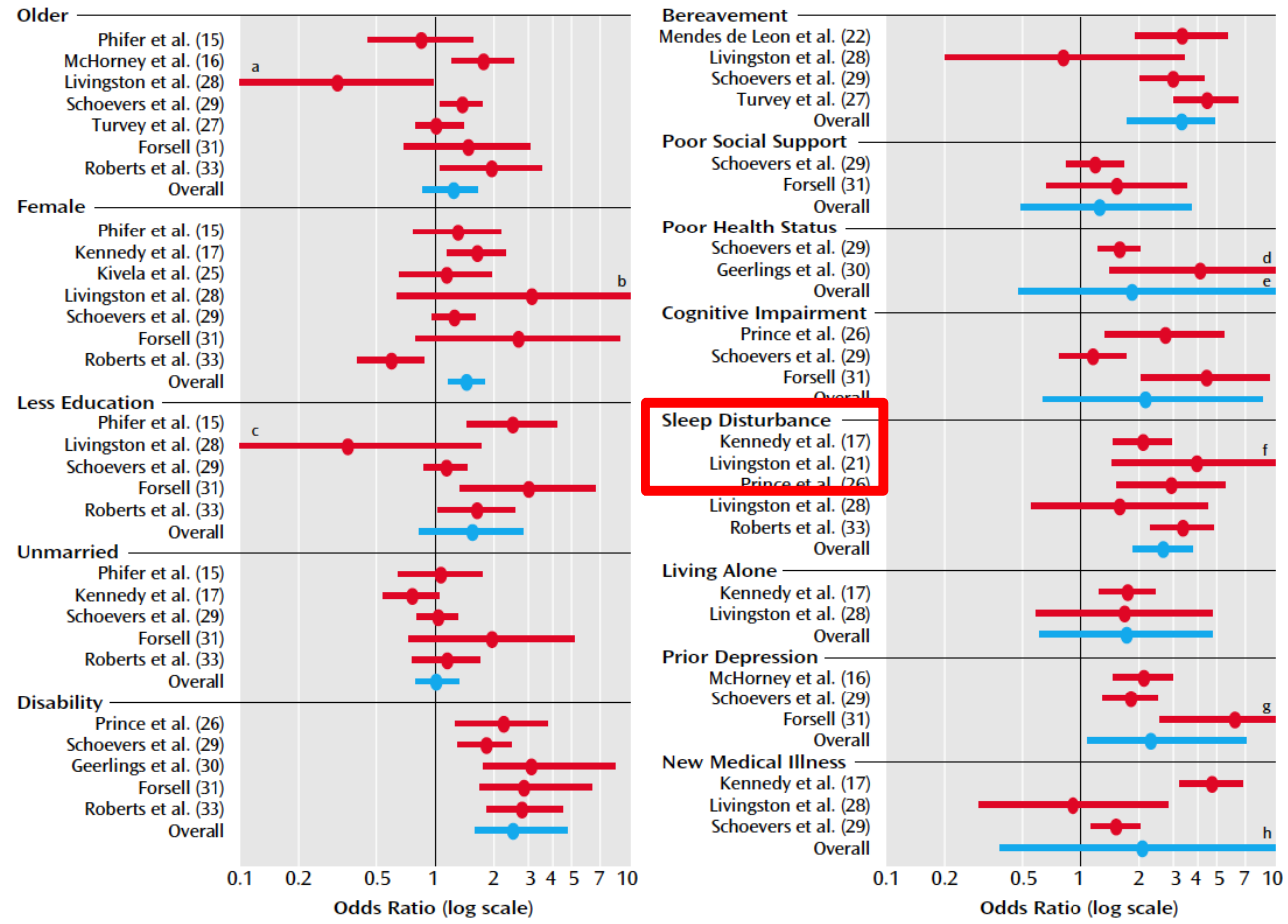
What are the risk factors for depression?

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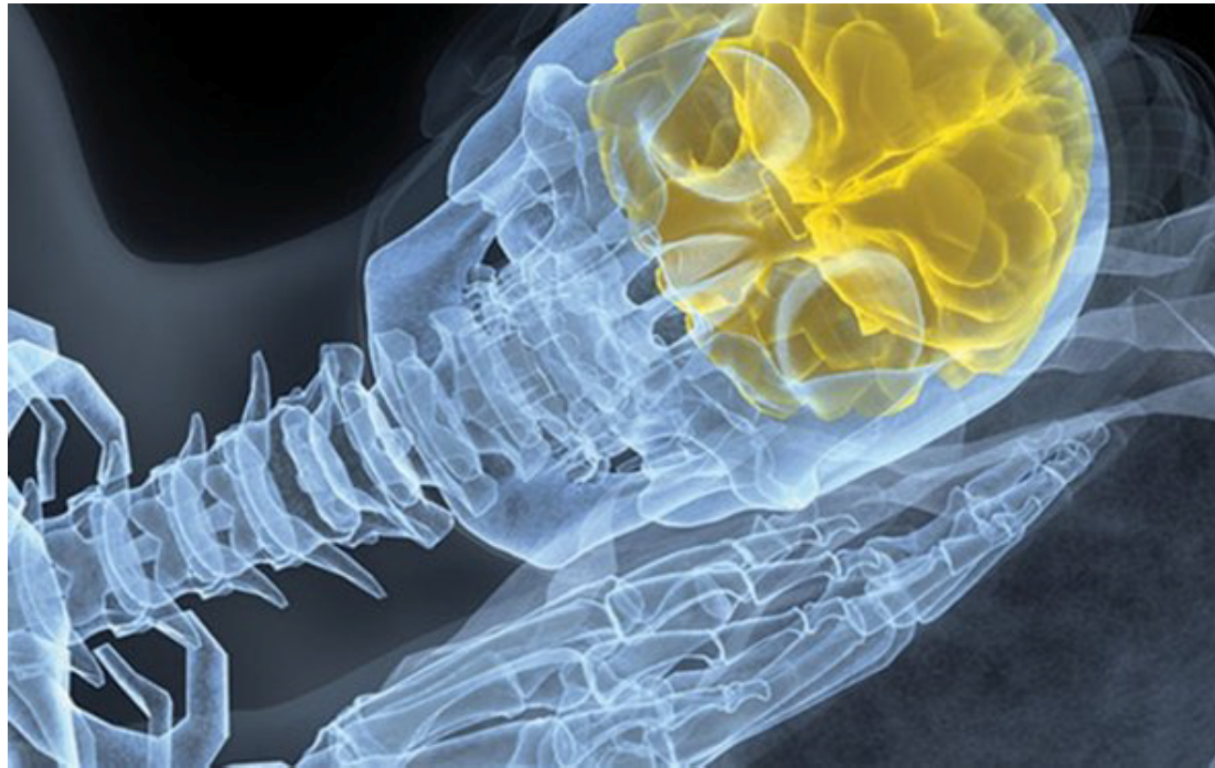


Sleep disturbance: a salient *modifiable* risk factor for depression

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*“....a heavy summon lies like lead upon me
And yet I would not sleep: merciful powers
Restrain in me the cursed thoughts that nature
Gives way to in repose”* Macbeth, William Shakespeare



INSOMNIA JEOPARDY

WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE HAVE WRONGED ME	STRANGE NOISES	DISEASES I PROBABLY HAVE	MONEY TROUBLES	WHY DID I SAY/DO THAT?	IDEAS FOR A SCREENPLAY
\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

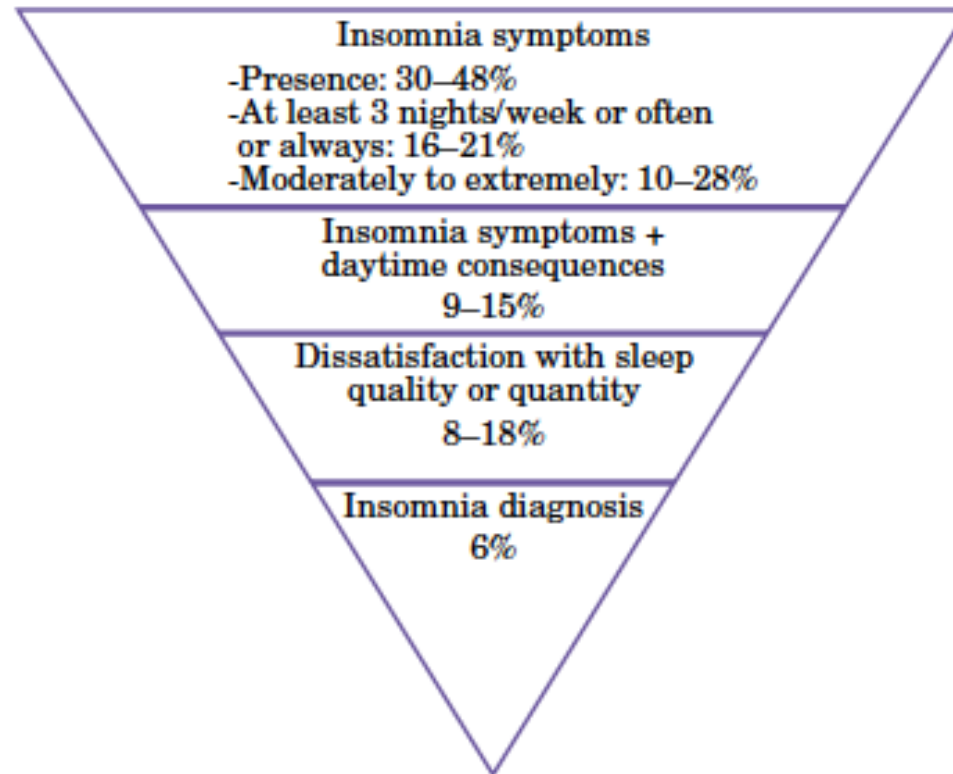
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Insomnia Disorder

Diagnostic Criteria

- A. A predominant complaint of dissatisfaction with sleep quantity or quality, associated with one (or more) of the following symptoms:
 - 1. Difficulty initiating sleep. (In children, this may manifest as difficulty initiating sleep without caregiver intervention).
 - 2. Difficulty maintaining sleep, characterized by frequent awakenings or problems returning to sleep after awakenings. (In children, this may manifest as difficulty returning to sleep without caregiver intervention.)
 - 3. Early-morning awakening with inability to return to sleep.
- B. The sleep disturbance causes clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, educational, academic, behavioral, or other important areas of functioning.
- C. The sleep difficulty occurs at least 3 nights per week.
- D. The sleep difficulty is present for at least 3 months.
- E. The sleep difficulty occurs despite adequate opportunity for sleep.
- F. The insomnia is not better explained by and does not occur exclusively during the course of another sleep-wake disorder (e.g., narcolepsy, a breathing-related sleep disorder, a circadian rhythm sleep-wake disorder, a parasomnia).
- G. The insomnia is not attributable to the physiological effects of a substance (e.g., a drug of abuse, a medication).
- H. Coexisting mental disorders and medical conditions do not adequately explain the predominant complaint of insomnia.

Over 60% of older adults report sleep disturbance



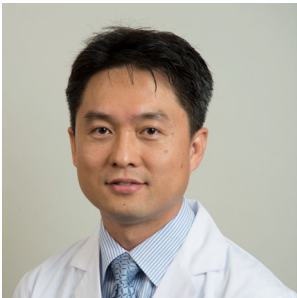
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Insomnia is co-morbid with depression

- Insomnia is among the most frequent sleep disturbance in depressed patients
- Sleep disturbance is viewed as a symptomatic dimension of current depression
- Sleep disturbance often lingers and its persistence can represent a residual phase of major mood disorder

Is insomnia a prodromal symptom of depression, or a risk factor that might be targeted for depression prevention?

Self-reported sleep disturbance in non-depressed older adults predicts a 3-fold greater risk of major depression



Article

Sleep Disturbance and Depression Recurrence in Community-Dwelling Older Adults: A Prospective Study

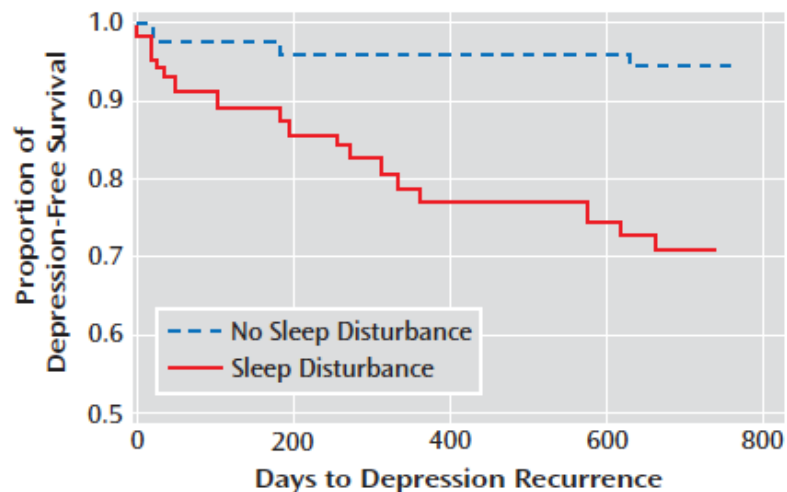
- 2-year prospective study
- 351 community dwelling adults older than 60 years of age
 - 145 with a history of depression
 - 206 without a lifetime history of depression
- DSM-IV diagnosis of depressive episodes

TABLE 2. Baseline Predictors of Depressive Disorders During Follow-Up

Baseline Predictor	Adjusted Odds Ratio ^a	95% CI	p
Group status (comparison versus prior depression)	38.65	4.72–316.43	0.001
Sleep disturbance (no versus yes)	3.05	1.07–8.75	0.04
Depressive symptoms (Beck Depression Inventory without the sleep item)	1.19	1.07–1.33	0.002
Medical disease (Chronic Disease Score)	1.00	0.80–1.24	0.98
Age (years)	1.00	0.93–1.08	0.10
Gender (male versus female)	0.55	0.20–1.49	0.24
Marital status (married versus nonmarried)	2.00	0.77–5.18	0.16
Education (years)	0.83	0.66–1.04	0.10

^a Adjusted for all other variables in the table.

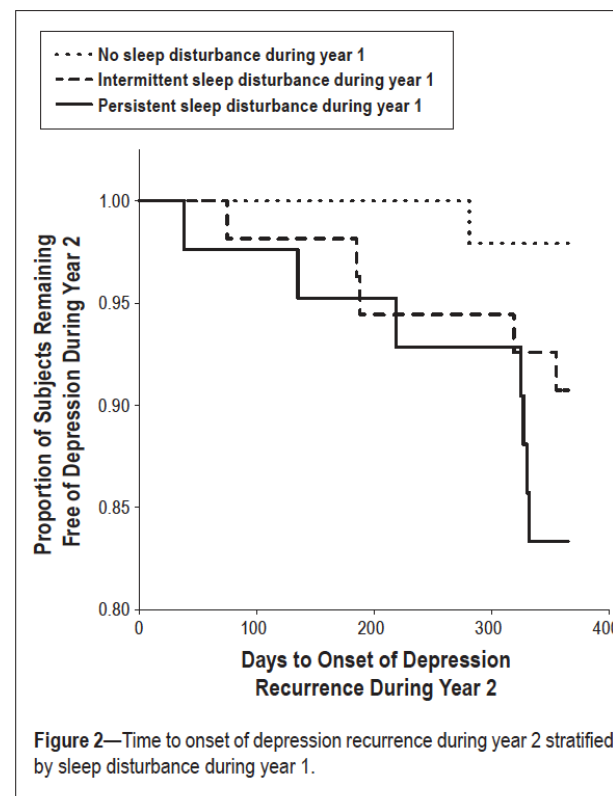
FIGURE 1. Time to Depression for Older Adults With a Prior Depression History According to Sleep Disturbance at Baseline



Persistent sleep disturbance over one year in non-depressed older adults predicts a 16-fold greater risk of major depression over following year

Table 3—Predictors of depression recurrence during year 2

Predictors	Adjusted hazard ratio ^{a,b} (95% CI)	P
Persistent sleep disturbance	16.05 (1.21-213.06)	0.04
Intermittent sleep disturbance	5.61 (0.47-66.96)	0.17
Age ^c	0.84 (0.74-0.96)	0.01
Sex	0.70 (0.19-2.60)	0.59
Marital status ^d	12.24 (1.83-82.08)	0.01
Education ^e	0.55 (0.38-0.79)	0.001
Chronic medical burden	1.00 (0.70-1.44)	0.99
Depressive symptoms ^f	0.81 (0.67-0.97)	0.02
Use of antidepressant medications ^g	5.01 (1.39-18.07)	0.01
Use of sedative-hypnotic medications	1.32 (0.28-6.15)	0.72
Depression group status ^h	6.74 (0.80-56.83)	0.08




Citation: Lee E; Cho HJ; Olmstead R; Levin MJ; Oxman MN; Irwin MR. Persistent sleep disturbance: a risk factor for persistent or recurrent depression in community-dwelling older adults. *SLEEP* 2013;36(11):1685-1691.

A two-hit model of depression: the combined impact of insomnia and inflammation

- Inflammation is a risk factor depression.
- Patients with an inflammatory disorder show a 2-4 fold greater prevalence of depression.
- Similarly, patients with an inflammatory disorder show an over 3-fold greater prevalence of insomnia.

Do insomnia and inflammation interact to increase risk of depression?

Sleep disturbance in HIV infected men who have elevated rates of inflammation leads to a 2-fold greater risk of depression than either sleep disturbance or HIV status alone

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- Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study, a population-based prospective study of men who have sex with men
 - Sample:
 - HIV+(N=1054; 9,556 person-visits)
 - HIV- (N=1217; 12,680 person-visits)
 - Assessments:
 - Every 6 months over 12 years
 - Self-reported sleep disturbance (>2 weeks)
 - Depression defined by Clinical Epidemiologic Scale for Depression >16
 - Analyses:
 - Logistic regression tested whether sleep disturbance predicted depression (CES-D \geq 16) at the immediate subsequent visit, and so on over 12 years
 - Linearly estimated average incidence of depression and normalized cumulative rate of depression over 12 years

Sleep disturbance in HIV infected men who have elevated rates of inflammation leads to a nearly 2-fold greater risk of depression than either sleep disturbance or HIV status alone

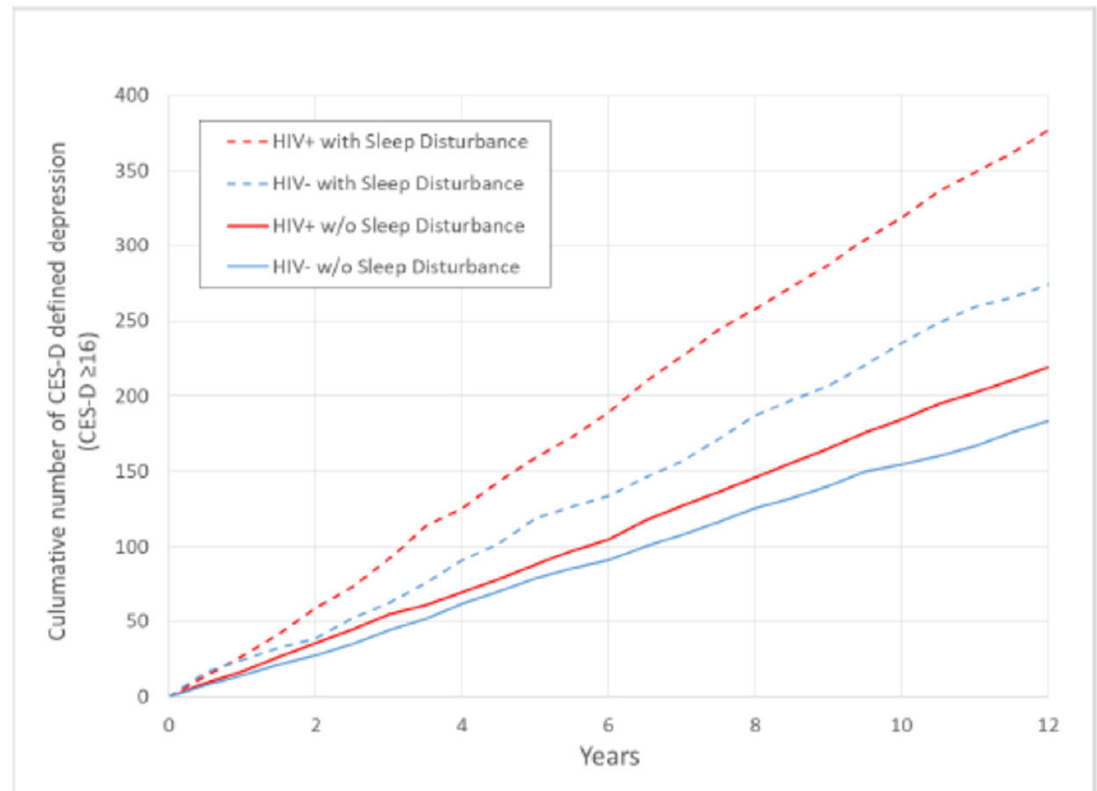
Incidence per 100 subjects:

HIV+ with sleep disturbance, 31.8 per year (95% CI: 31.6-32.0)

HIV+ w/o sleep disturbance, 18.2 per year (95% CI: 18.1-18.4)

HIV- with sleep disturbance, 23.1 (95% CI: 22.8-23.3)

HIV- w/o sleep disturbance, 15.4 (95% 15.3 – 15.5)



Insomnia and regulation of affective mechanisms

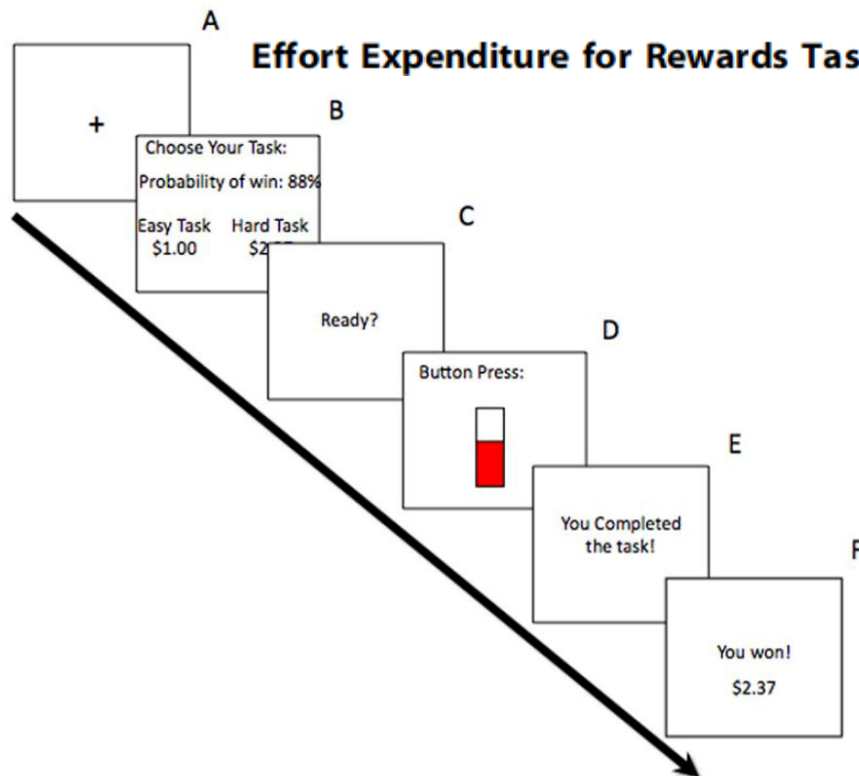
Reward or anhedonia

- Reduced motivation for reward (i.e., reduced “wanting”)
- Reduced sensitivity for reward (i.e., reduced “liking”)
- Reward prospectively predicts depressive symptoms, suicide risk, and depressive episodes

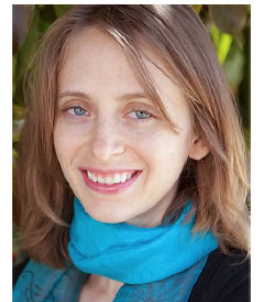
Facial emotion perception

- Sensory ability to detect and discriminate salient emotional information from facial expressions
- Impaired in depressed patients: delay in the ability to recognize sad faces

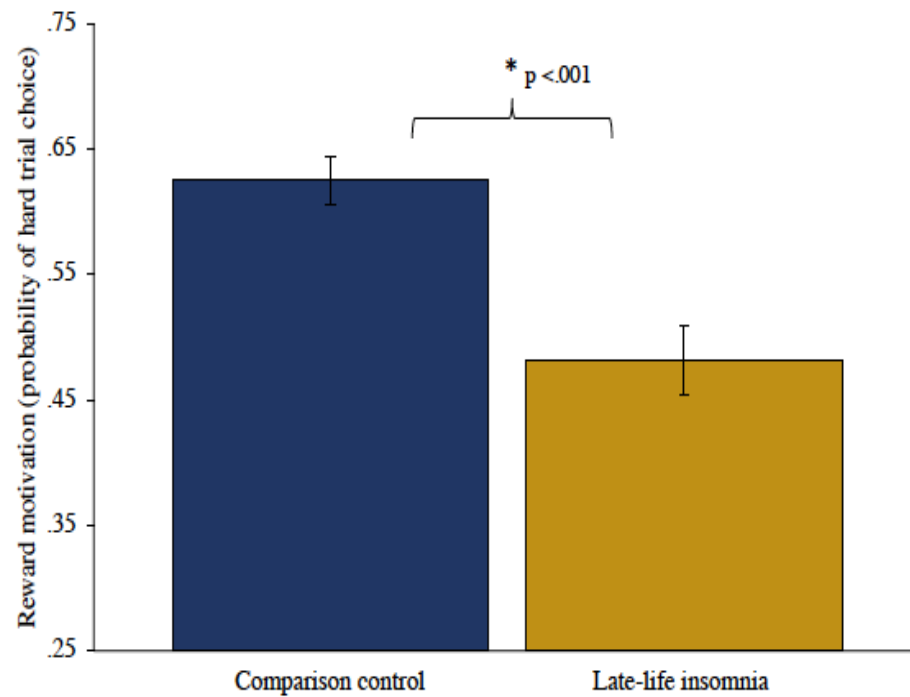
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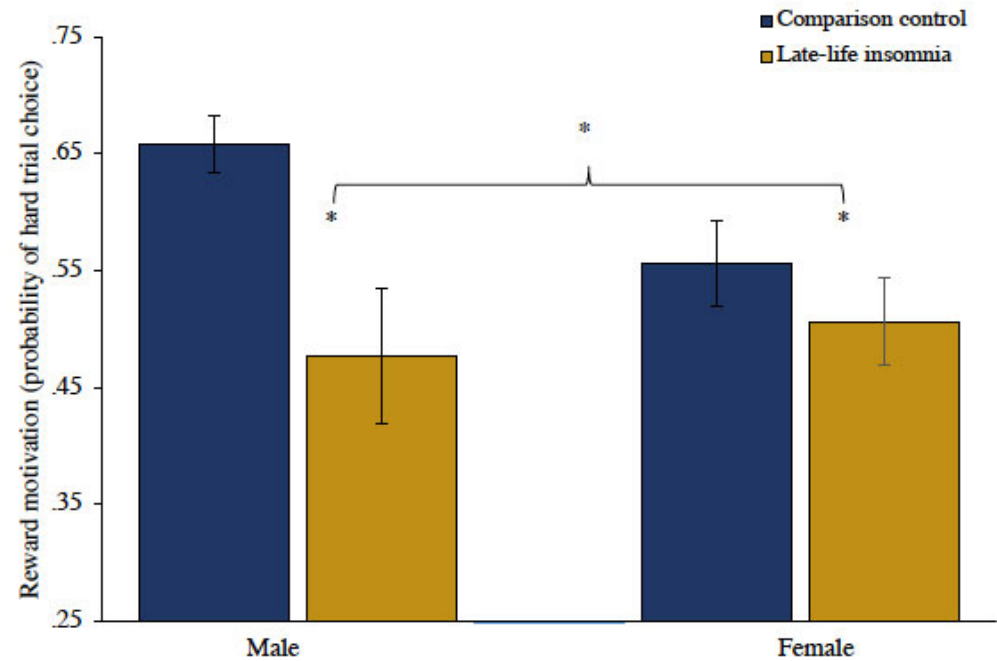
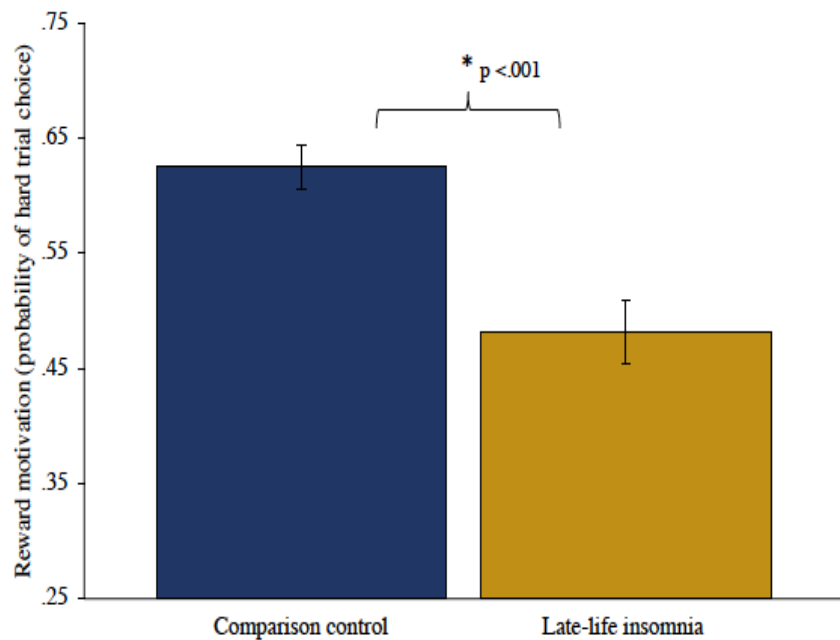
- Community dwelling older adults (n=103; aged 60-80)
Insomnia (n=31)
Comparison controls (n=72)
- Behavioral reward task, EEfRT
- Systemic inflammation: C-reactive protein.



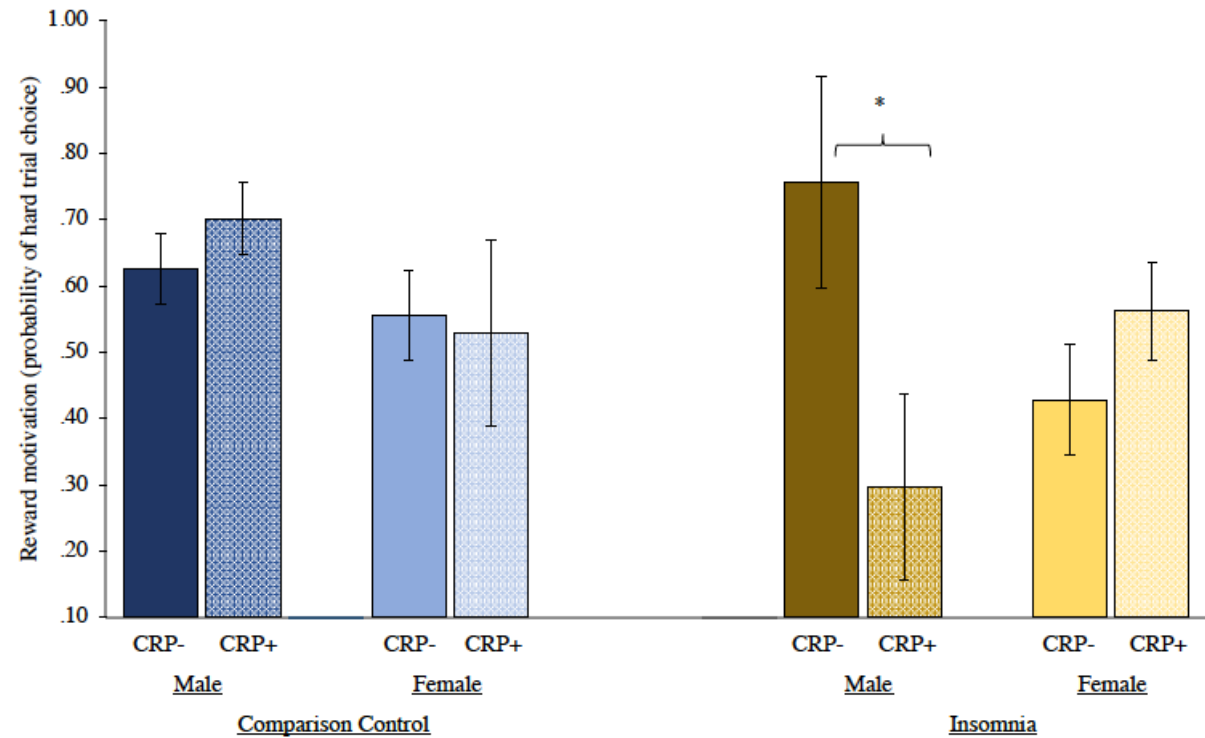
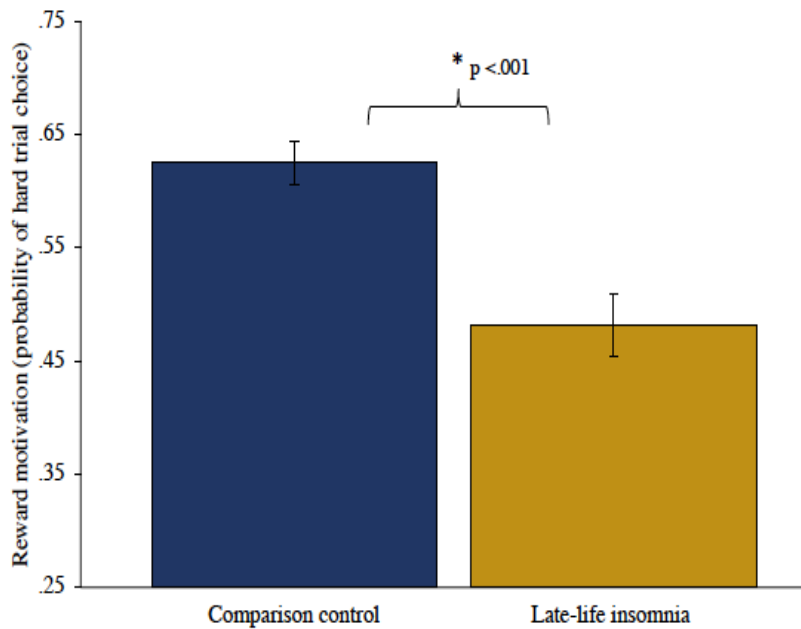
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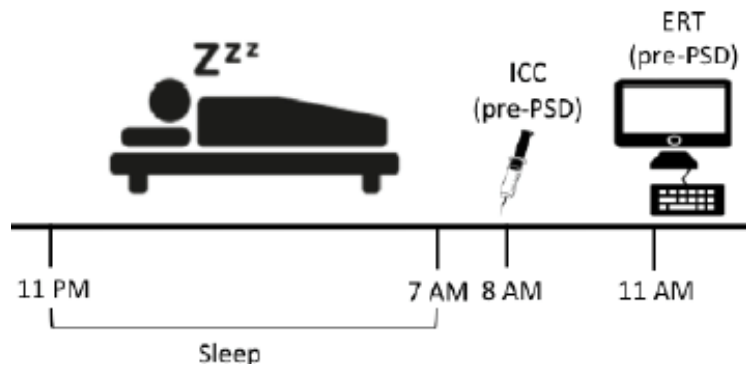
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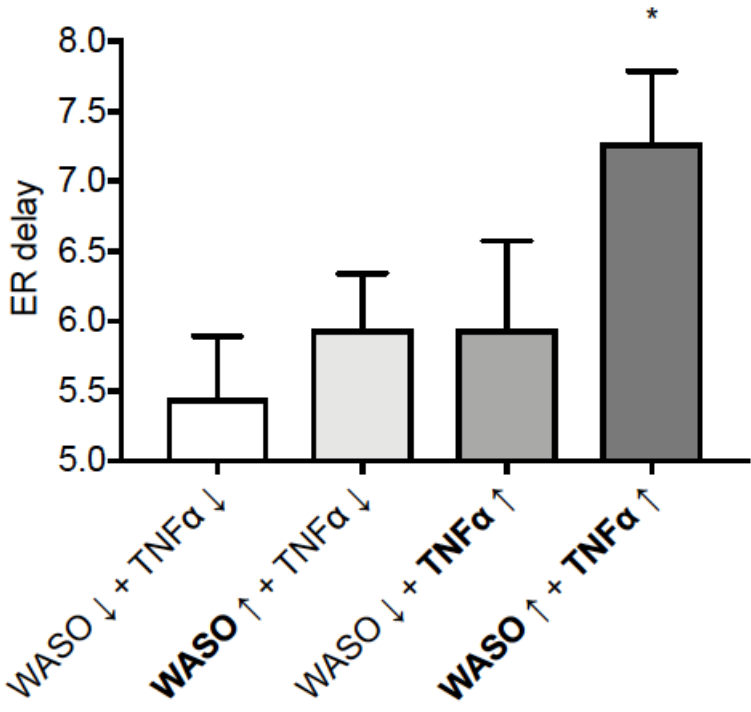
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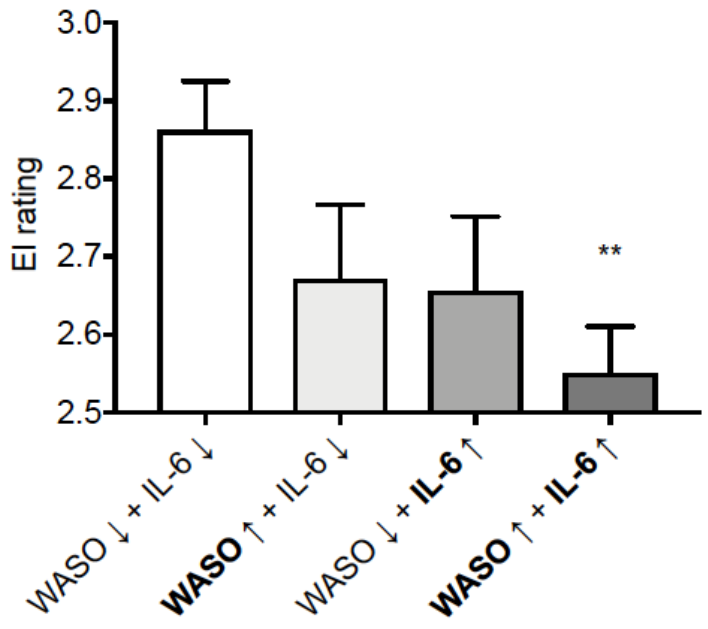
- Older adults (N=39, 71.7±6.8y, 56.4% female)
- Assessment of sleep continuity by polysomnography
- Morning assessment of systemic inflammation (interleukin-6 and tumor necrosis factor alpha)
- Exposure to three facial emotional stimuli (sad, happy, angry) for each task
- Exposure in two tasks: emotion recognition (ER) and perceived emotion intensity (EI)



Disturbance in sleep continuity and inflammation interact to predict impaired recognition of sad facial emotion



Disturbance in sleep continuity and inflammation interact to predict impaired perception of sad facial emotion



“Slumber.....the chief nourisher in life's feast”


William Shakespeare

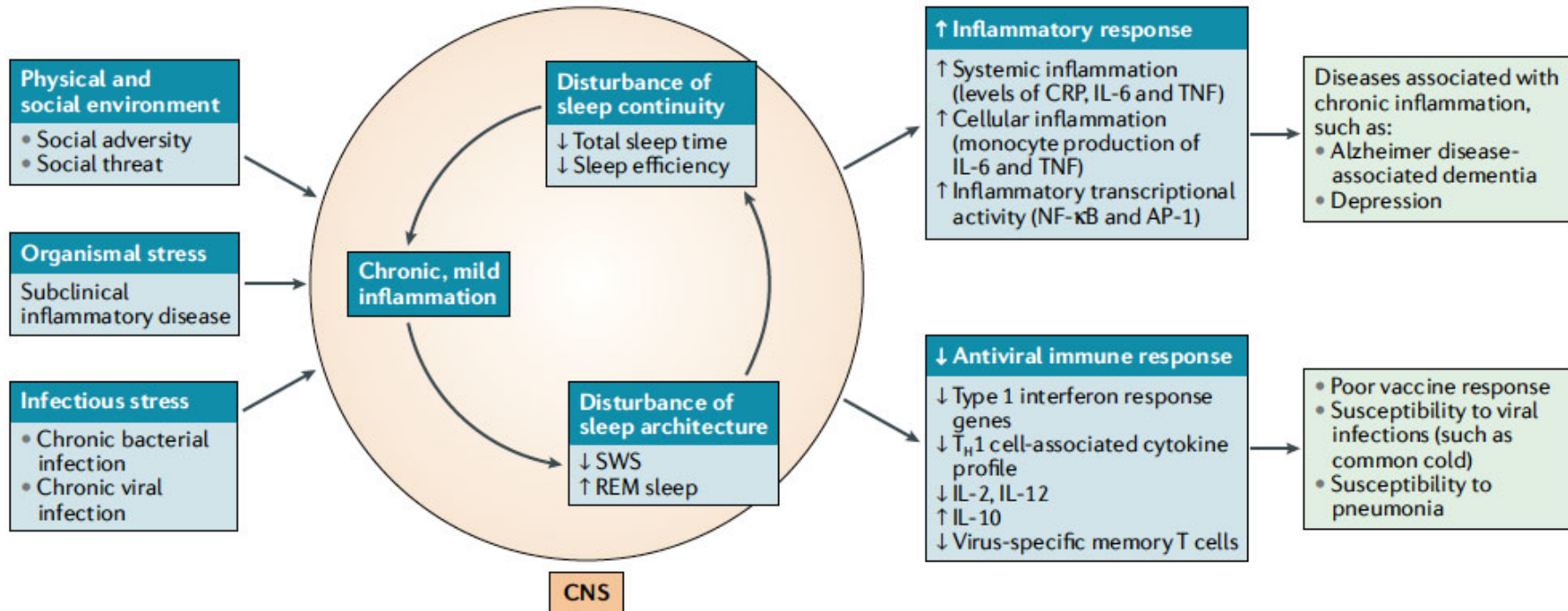
What are the pathways linking sleep disturbance and depression risk?

Does sleep disturbance activate inflammatory mechanisms?

*Interrogating the role of sleep in the regulation of
inflammatory dynamics*

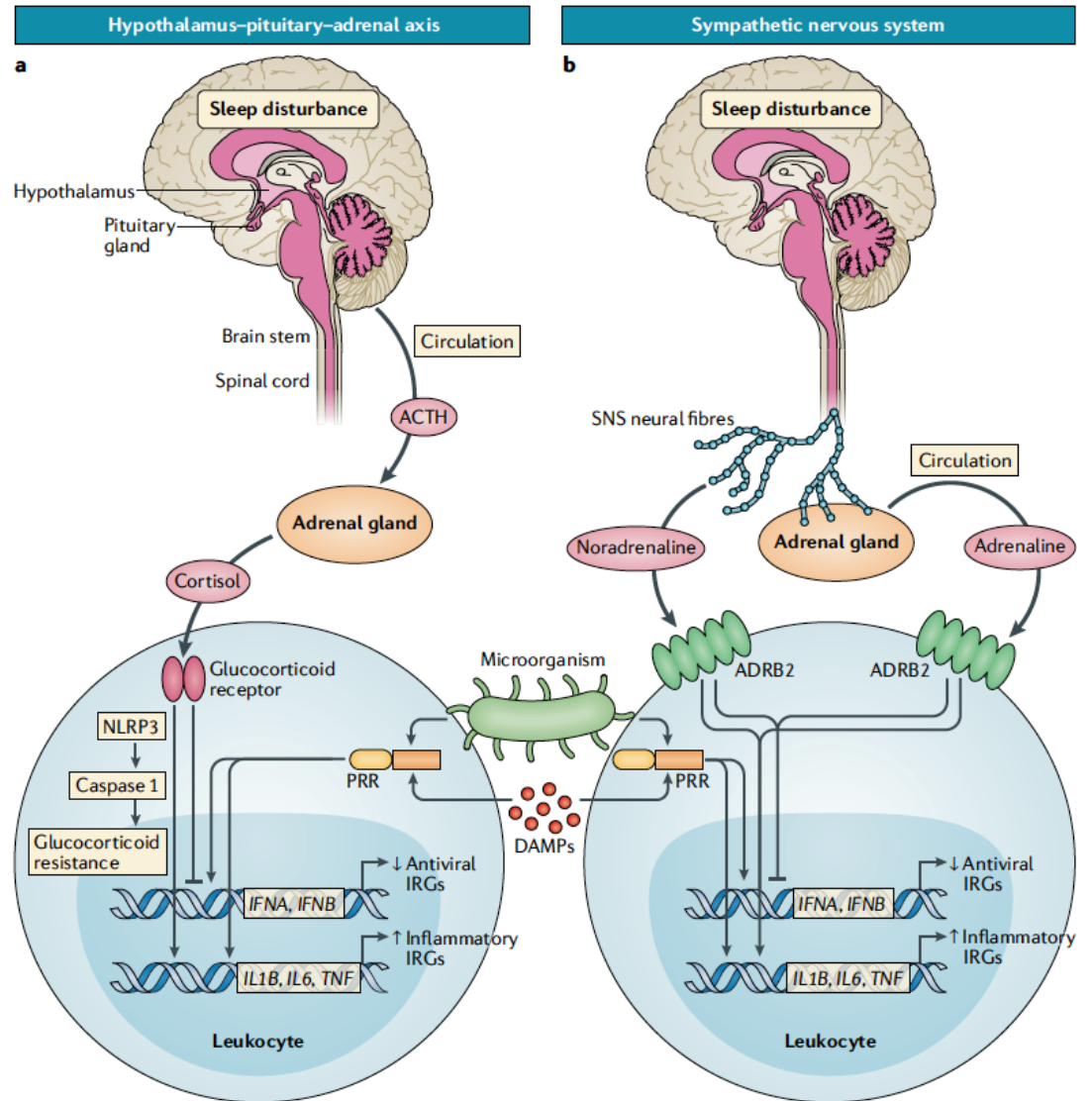
Sleep and inflammation: partners in sickness and in health

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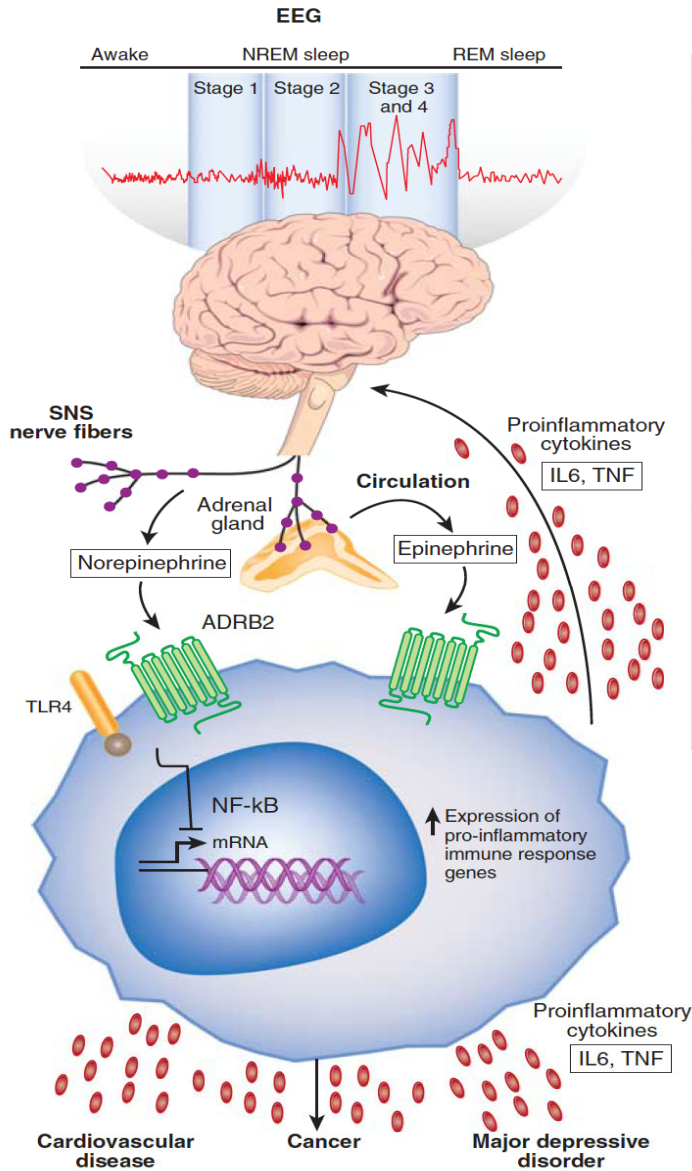


Table 1: Vertically Integrated Comprehensive Assessment of Inflammation/Immune Activation

Level	Source	Assay Type	Outcome
Systemic	Serum, plasma, OMT, CSF	Immunoassay (ELISA, Luminex)	Circulating concentrations of pro-inflammatory (e.g., IL6, IL8, TNF), anti-inflammatory cytokines; other biomarkers of immune activation
Cellular	WBC, PBMC, cell subsets (lymphocytes, monocytes)	Flow cytometry	Number and % of cell population of interest; activation status
		TLR-4 activation	% Monocytes secreting IL6 and/or TNF (in vitro capacity to respond to inflammatory challenge by LPS)
		STAT signaling	Quantitation of transcription factor signaling
	PBMC extracts	NFκB signaling	Quantitation of pro-inflammatory signaling
		Telomerase	Quantitation of telomerase enzyme activity
Molecular/ Genomic	RNA extracts, (PBMC or cell subsets)	Genome-wide gene expression	Bioinformatic analyses of patterns of pro- and anti-inflammatory gene expression; evaluation of senescence-associated secretory phenotype (SASP)
	DNA (WBC, PBMC)	Telomere length	Quantitation of telomere length
		SNP	DNA polymorphisms in inflammation-related and other genes
		DNA methylation	Bioinformatic analyses of biologic age

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Archival Report

Sleep Disturbance, Sleep Duration, and Inflammation: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Cohort Studies and Experimental Sleep Deprivation

Michael R. Irwin, Richard Olmstead, and Judith E. Carroll

Sample: 72 studies (n > 50,000)

Measures:

C-reactive protein, interleukin-6, and tumor necrosis factor alpha

Sleep disturbance: self-reported items, questionnaires, diagnosis

Sleep duration: long (>8 h) and short (<7 h), self report, actigraphy

Sleep disturbance and inflammation: CRP

Symptoms

- Almeida 2011 (26)
- Jackowska 2013 Females (27)
- Jackowska 2013 Males (27)
- Laugsand 2012 Females (28)
- Laugsand 2012 Males (28)
- Lavie 2007 (29)
- Lee 2009 (22)
- Liukkonen 2007 Females (30)
- Liukkonen 2007 Males (30)
- McDade 2006 (31)
- Zhang 2013 (32)

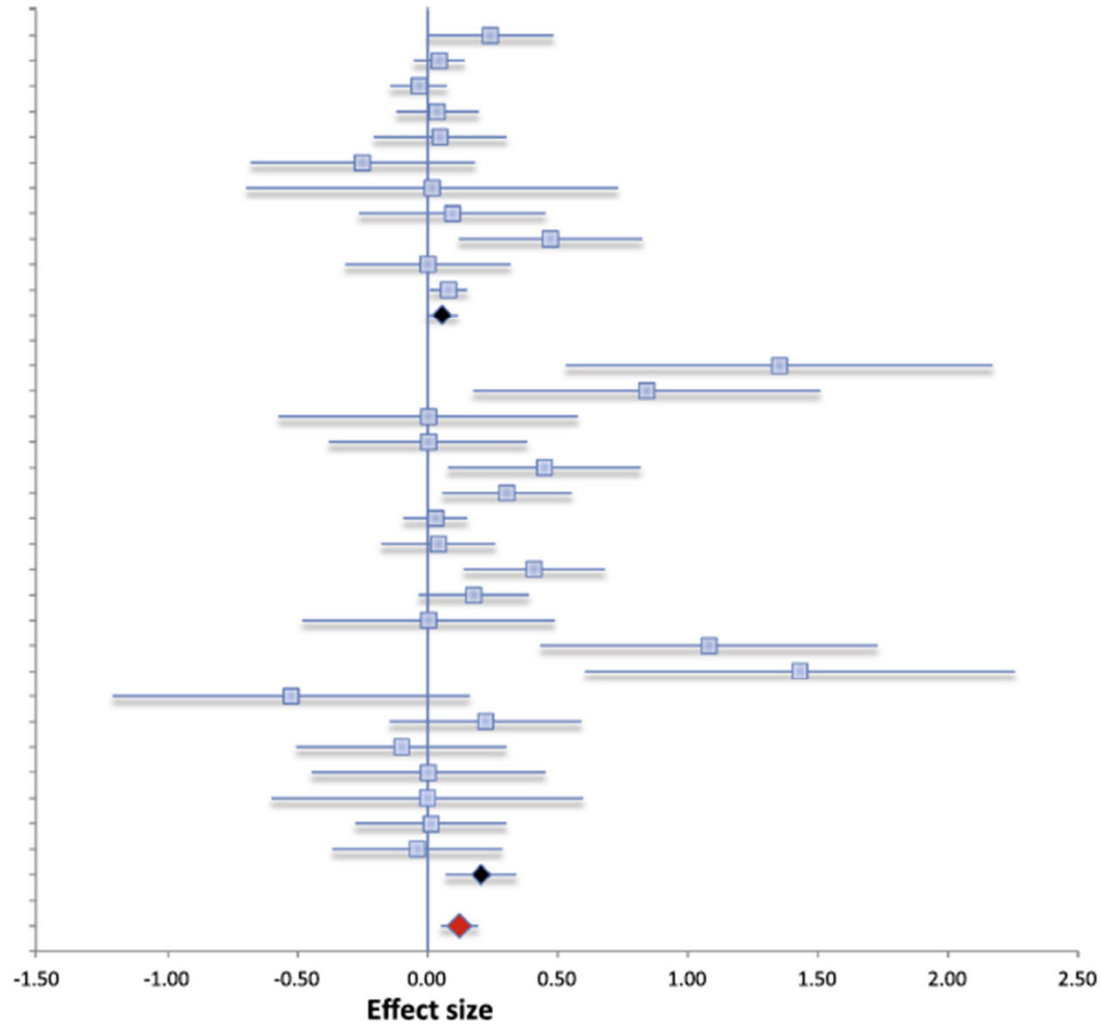
Symptoms ES=-.06; I²=13.6%

Questionnaires

- Afsar 2011 (49)
- Bornivelli 2008 (50)
- Bower 2009 (33)
- Bower 2011 (51)
- Chiu 2009 (35)
- Christian 2011 (36)
- Dowd 2011 (38)
- Graff 2011 (52)
- Li 2012 (53)
- Matthews 2010 (54)
- Okun 2007a Pregnant (63)
- Okun 2009 (42)
- Razeghi 2012 (55)
- Sabbagh 2008 (56)
- Suarez 2008 Females (45)
- Suarez 2008 Males (45)
- Valentine 2009 Females (57)
- Valentine 2009 Males (57)
- Valentine 2011 (46)
- von Kanel 2010 (48)

Questionnaires ES=.20; I²=37.3%

Overall ES =.12; I²=37.3%

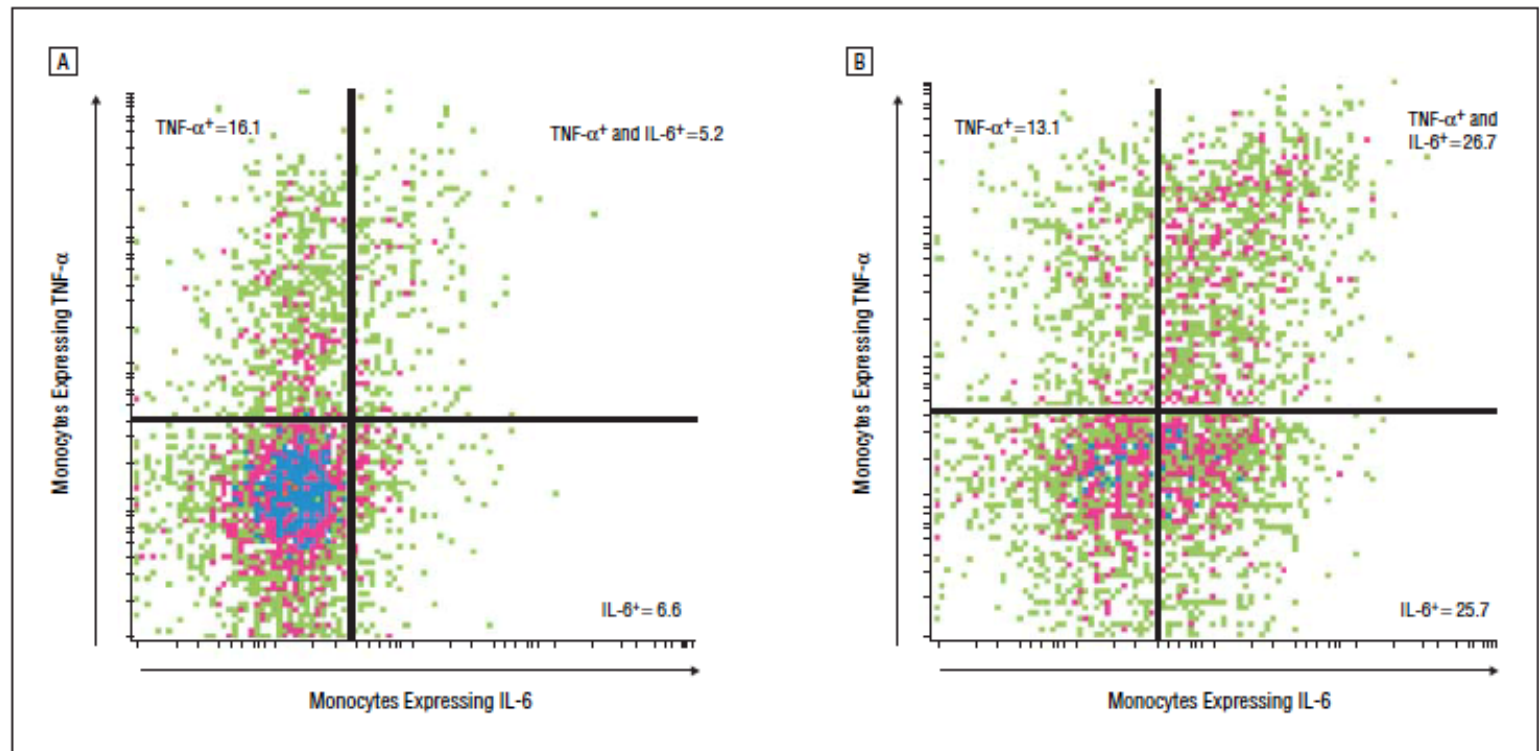


Sleep Deprivation and Activation of Morning Levels of Cellular and Genomic Markers of Inflammation

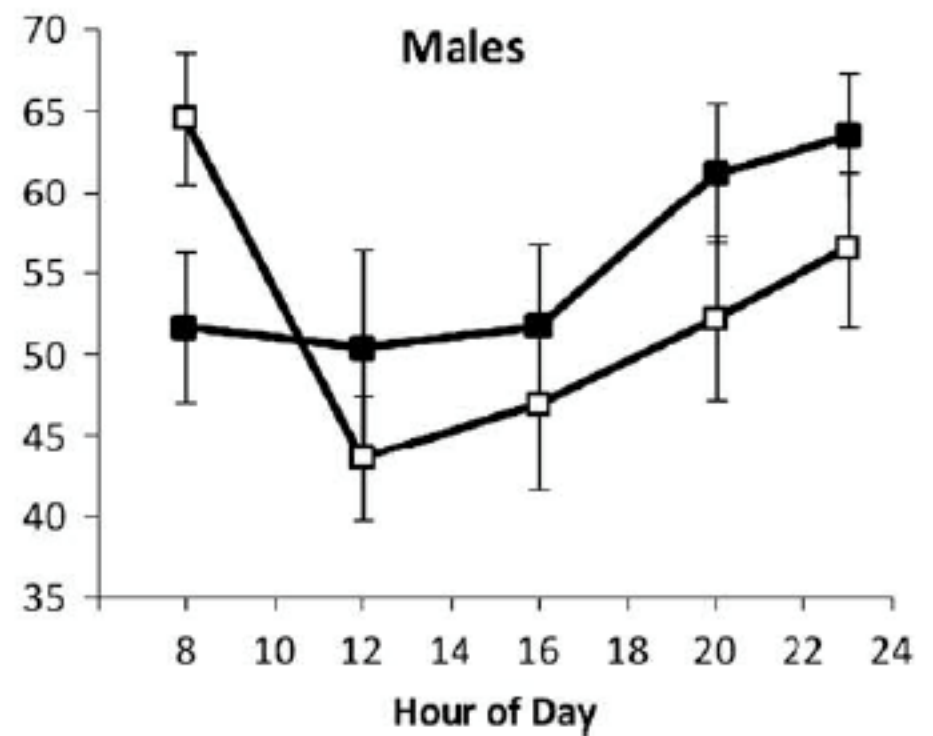
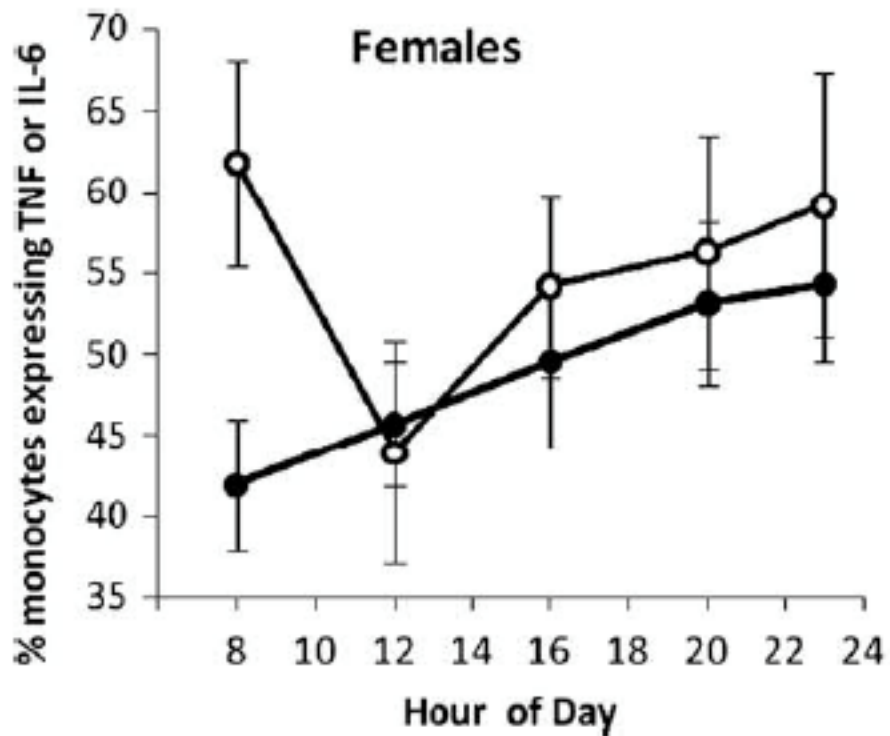
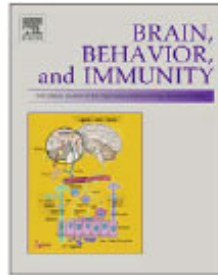
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Uninterrupted sleep: 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

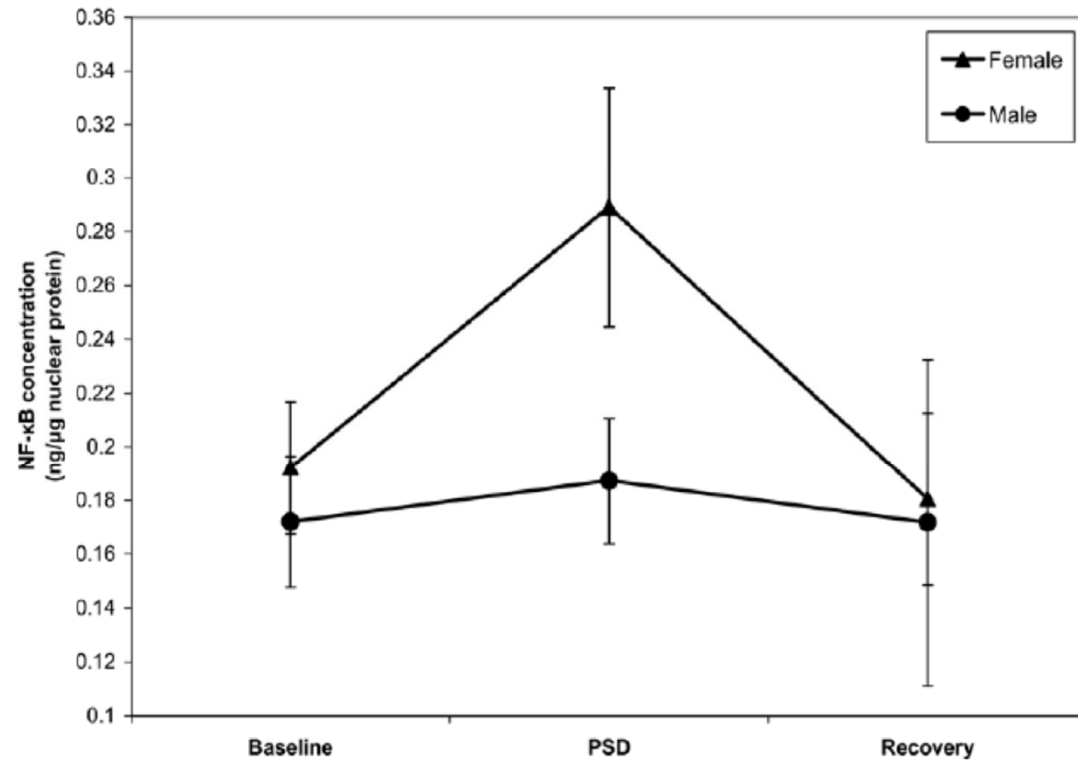
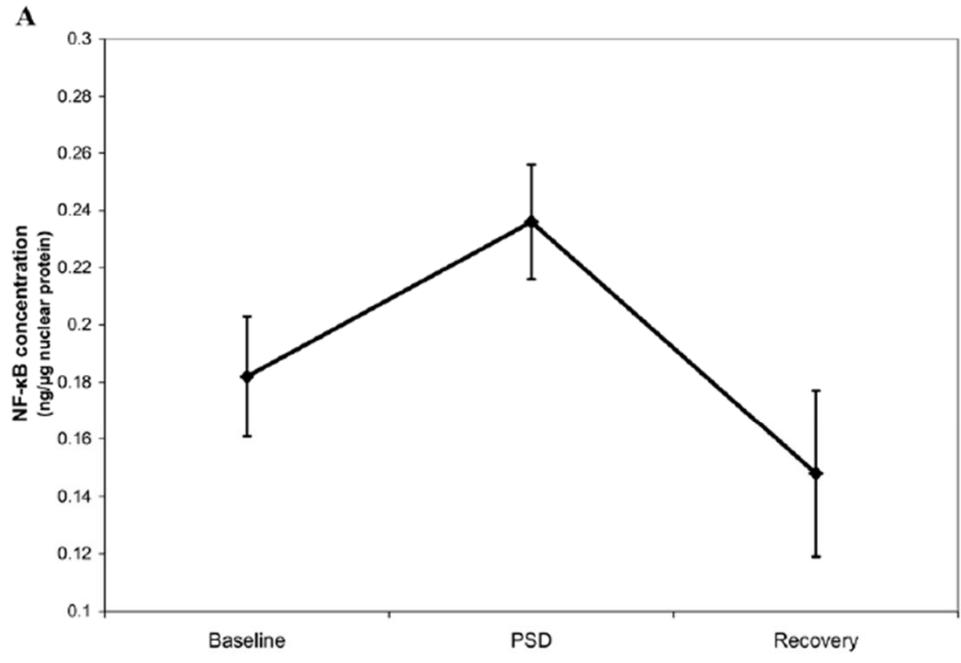
Sleep deprivation: 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.



Sleep loss activates cellular markers of inflammation: Sex differences



Sleep Loss Activates Cellular Inflammatory Signaling



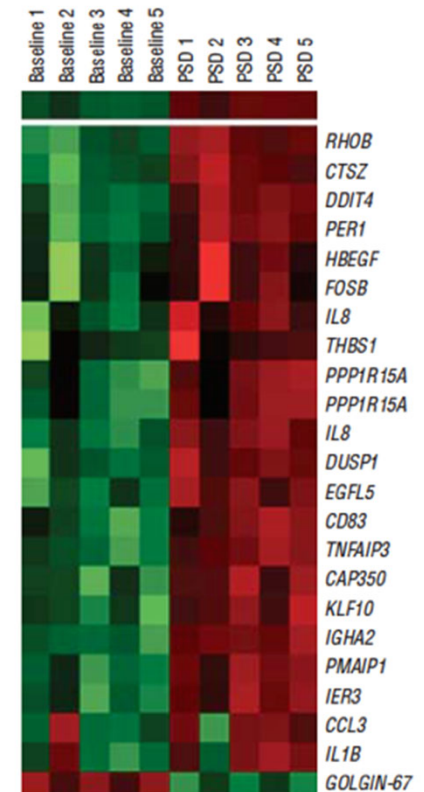


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Table. Gene Transcripts Induced by Sleep Deprivation

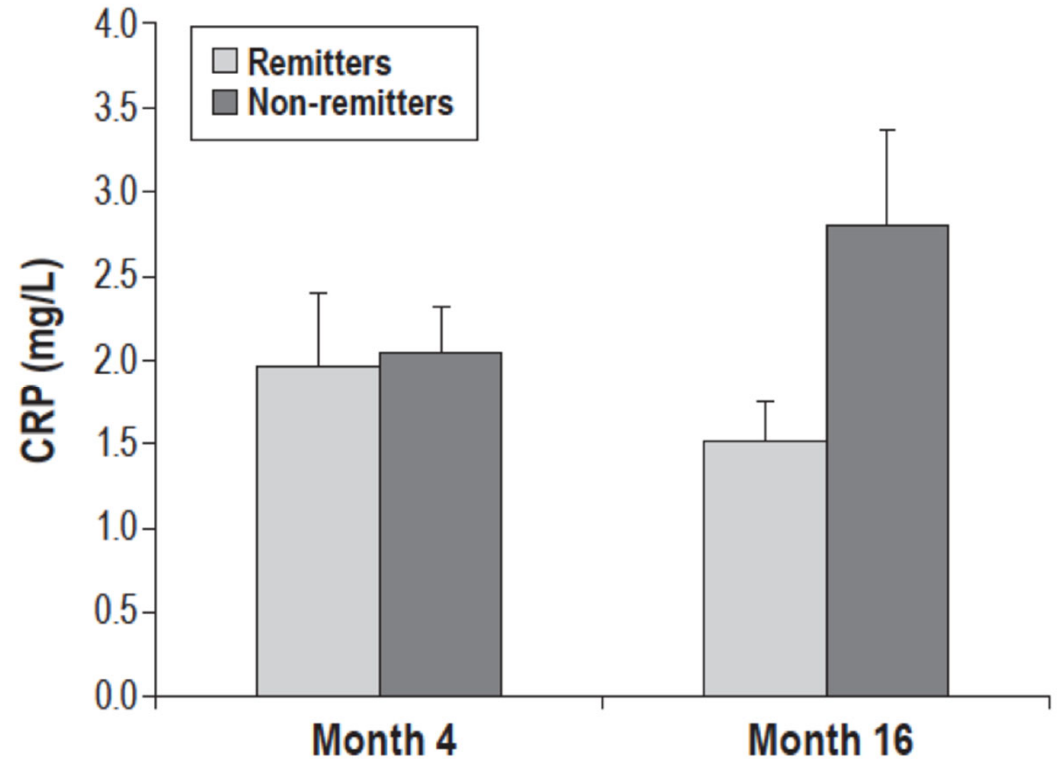
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205067_at	<i>IL1B</i>	IL-1 β †
202014_at	<i>PPP1R15A</i>	Protein phosphatase 1, regulatory (inhibitor) subunit 15A‡
210042_s_at	<i>CTSZ</i>	Cathepsin Z‡
204373_s_at	<i>CAP350</i>	Centrosome-associated protein 350‡
217022_s_at	<i>IGHA2</i> /// <i>MGC27165</i>	Immunoglobulin heavy constant α 2 (A2m marker) /// hypothetical protein MGC27165‡
37028_at	<i>PPP1R15A</i>	Protein phosphatase 1, regulatory (inhibitor) subunit 15A‡
204440_at	<i>CD83</i>	CD83 antigen (activated B lymphocytes, immunoglobulin superfamily)‡
204285_s_at	<i>PMAIP1</i>	Phorbol-12-myristate-13-acetate-induced protein 1‡
201110_s_at	<i>THBS1</i>	Thrombospondin 1‡
205114_s_at	<i>CCL3</i> /// <i>CCL3L1</i> /// <i>MGC12815</i>	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 3 /// chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 3-like 1 /// chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 3-like, centromeric‡
202393_s_at	<i>KLF10</i>	Kruppel-like factor 10‡
201631_s_at	<i>IER3</i>	Immediate early response 3‡
202859_x_at	<i>IL8</i>	IL-8‡
202887_s_at	<i>DDIT4</i>	DNA damage-inducible transcript 4‡
212099_at	<i>RHOB</i>	<i>ras</i> Homologue gene family, member B‡
202768_at	<i>FOSB</i>	FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homologue B‡
212830_at	<i>EGFL5</i>	EGF-like domain, multiple 5‡
38037_at	<i>HBEGF</i>	Heparin-binding EGF-like growth factor‡
211506_s_at	<i>IL8</i>	IL-8‡
201044_x_at	<i>DUSP1</i>	Dual-specificity phosphatase 1‡
202861_at	<i>PER1</i>	Period homologue 1 (<i>Drosophila</i>)‡



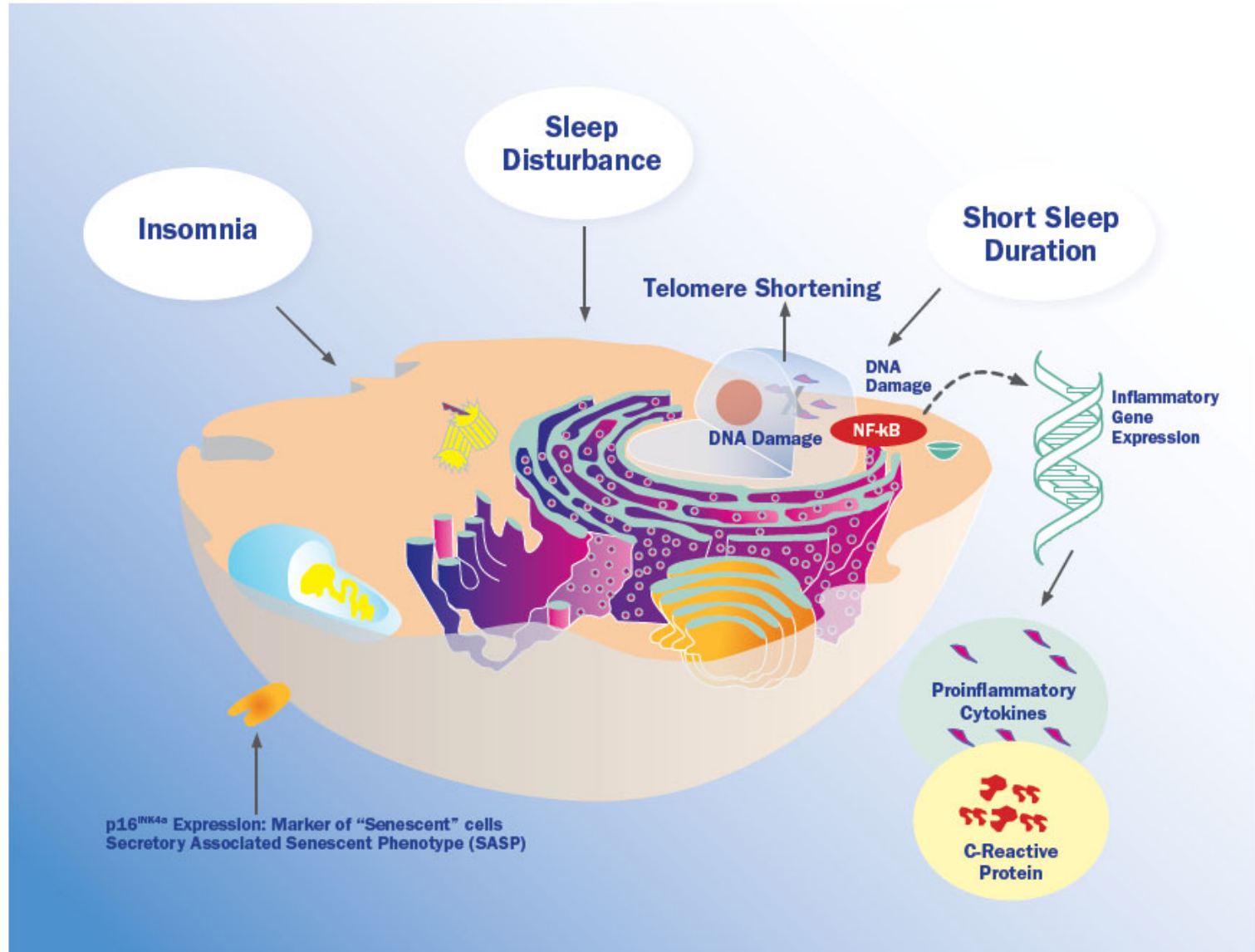
Treatment remission of insomnia reverses inflammation

CBT VS. TAI CHI FOR LATE LIFE INSOMNIA AND INFLAMMATORY RISK

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy vs. Tai Chi for Late Life Insomnia and Inflammatory Risk: A Randomized Controlled Comparative Efficacy Trial

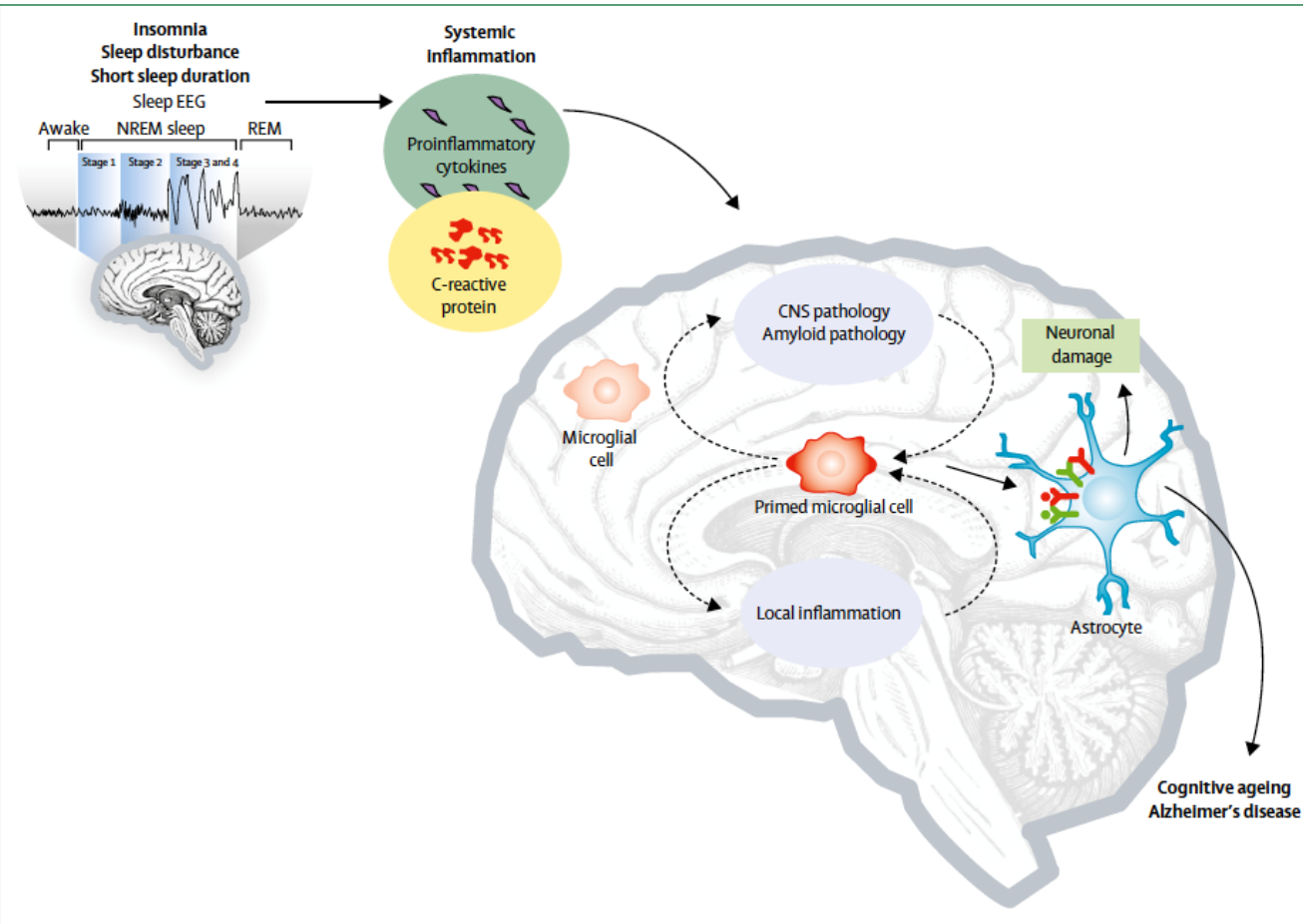


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Implications of sleep disturbance and inflammation for Alzheimer's disease dementia

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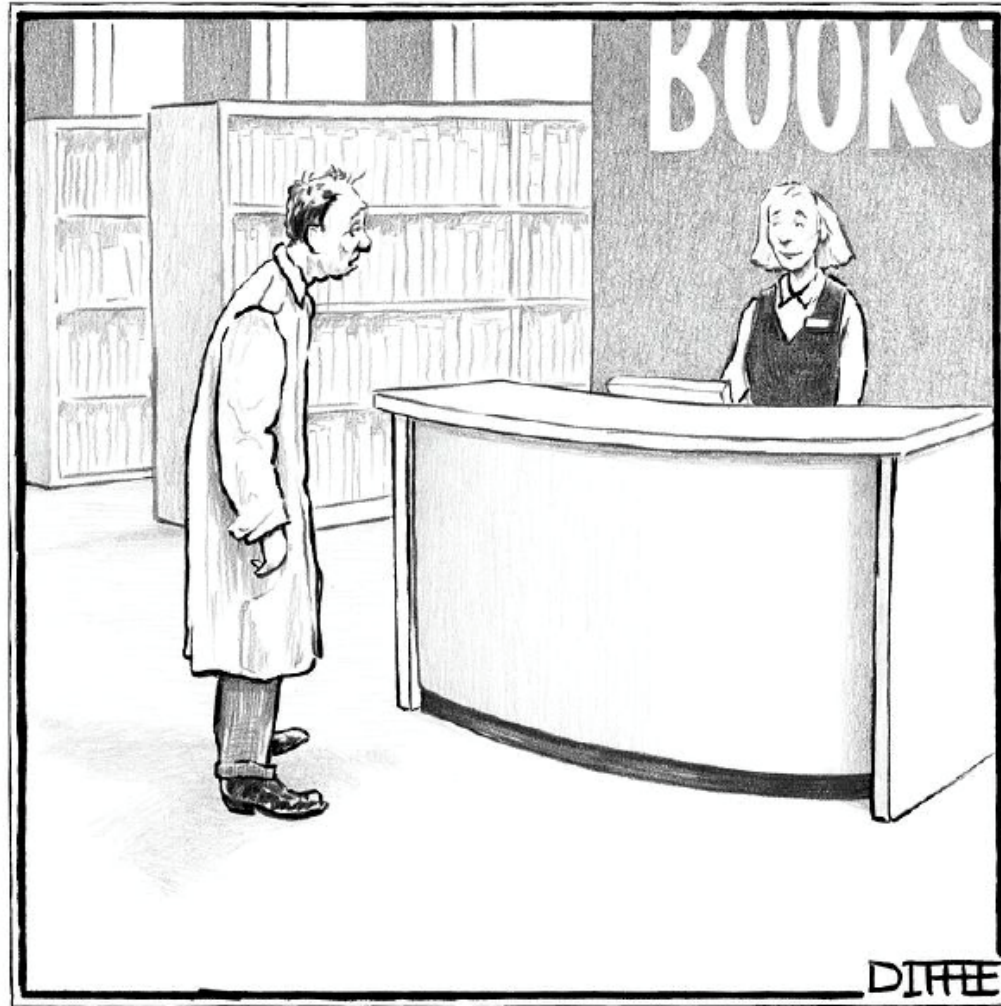
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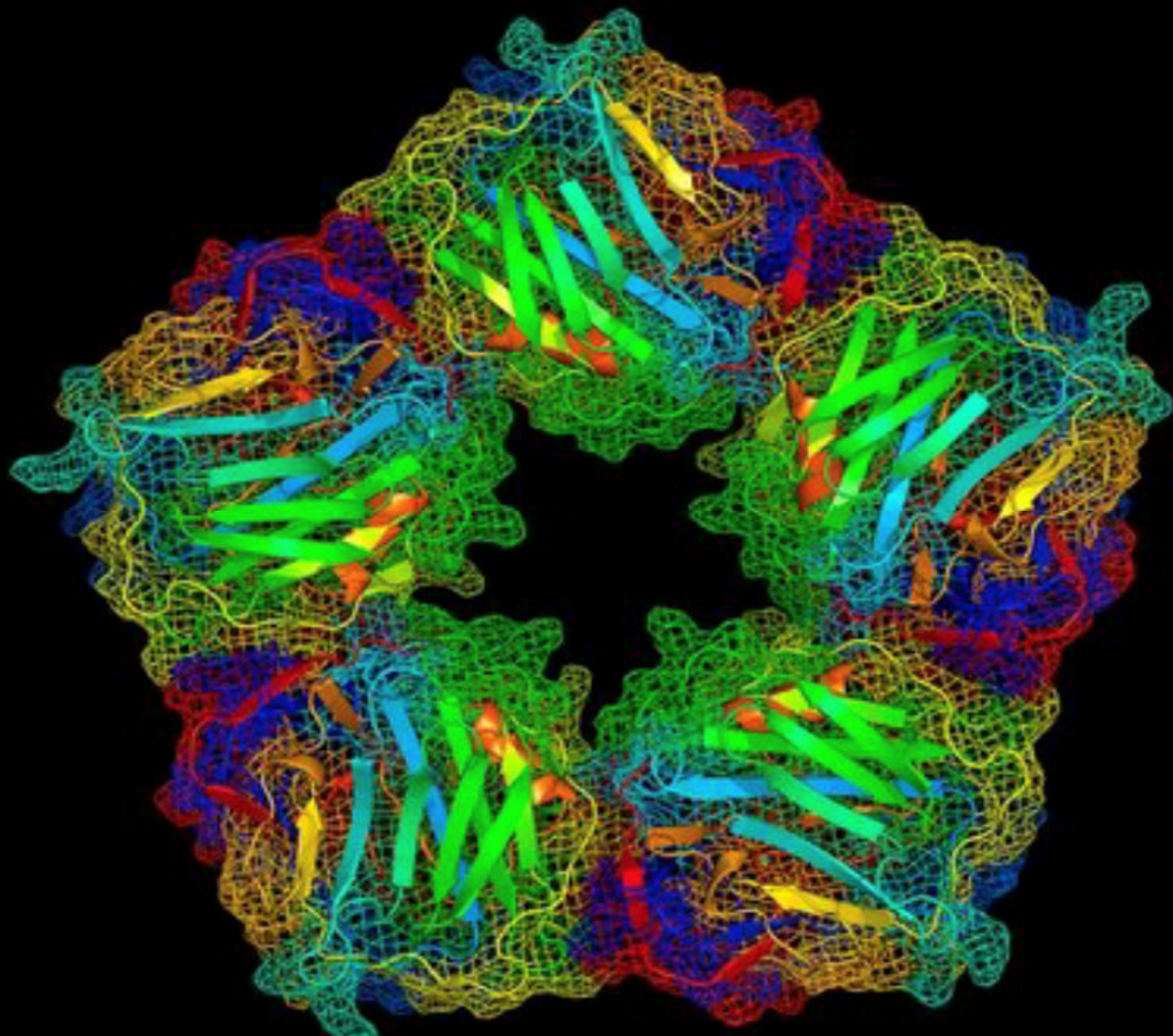
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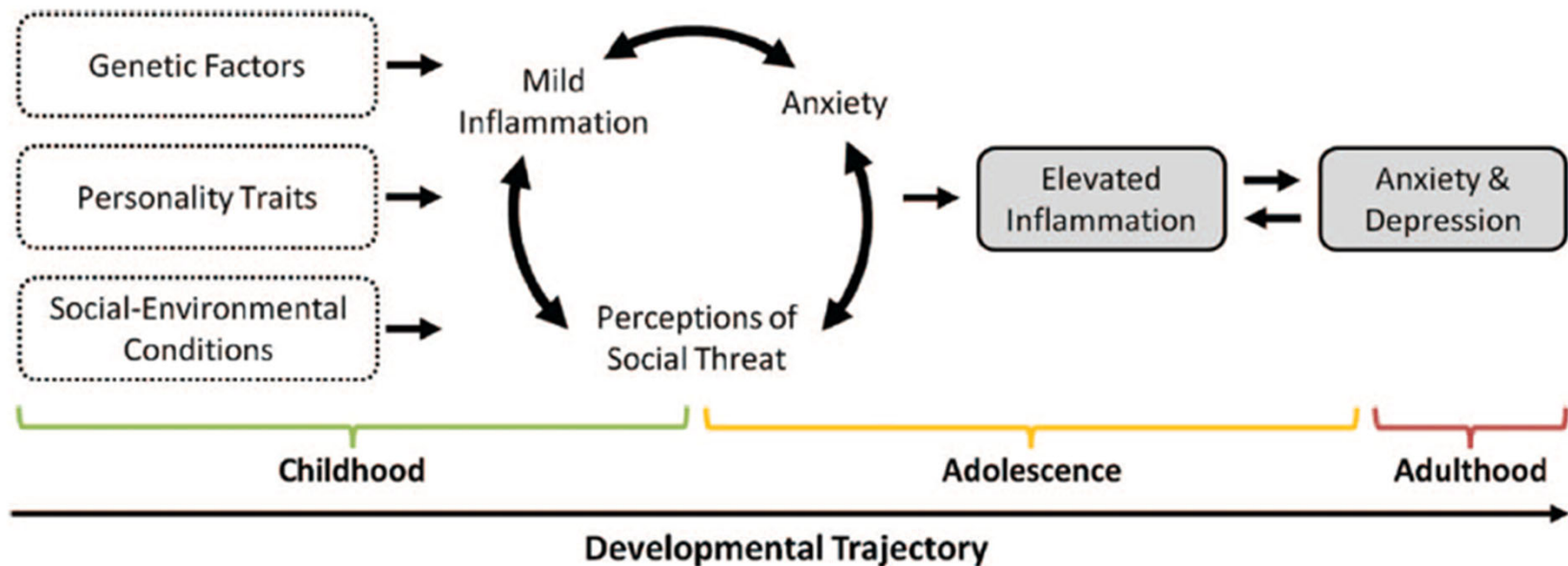
"Do you have any why-to books?"





From Stress to Inflammation and Major Depressive Disorder: A Social Signal Transduction Theory of Depression

George M. Slavich and Michael R. Irwin



Link between inflammation and depression

- Elevated levels of inflammatory cytokines are found in depressed patients
- Inflammation alters neurotransmitter systems involved in regulation of mood and behavior
- Inflammation induces depressive symptoms and prospectively predicts depression
- Inflammatory markers predict depression treatment response*
- Anti-inflammatory strategies show potential in depression treatment



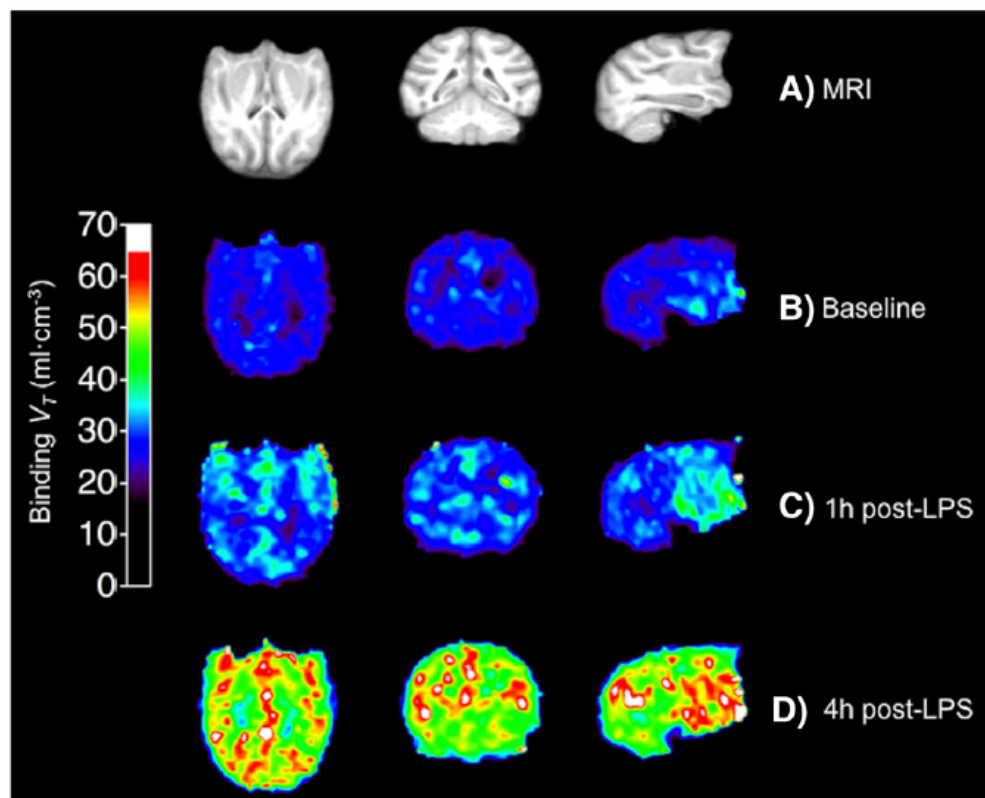
Experimentally examining the inflammatory
biotype of depression to define mechanisms
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Human Endotoxin Administration as an Experimental Model in Drug Development

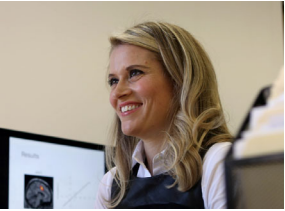
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Linking human physiology to inflammatory mechanisms discovered *in vitro* or in animal models is essential to determine their importance. Innate immunity underlies many of these inflammatory responses in health and disease. Bacterial endotoxin is the quintessential trigger of innate immune responses. When administered to humans, endotoxin has been an important means of demonstrating key inflammatory mechanisms *in vivo*. Furthermore, endotoxin challenges have provided opportunities to test the effects of novel inflammation-modifying agents in humans.

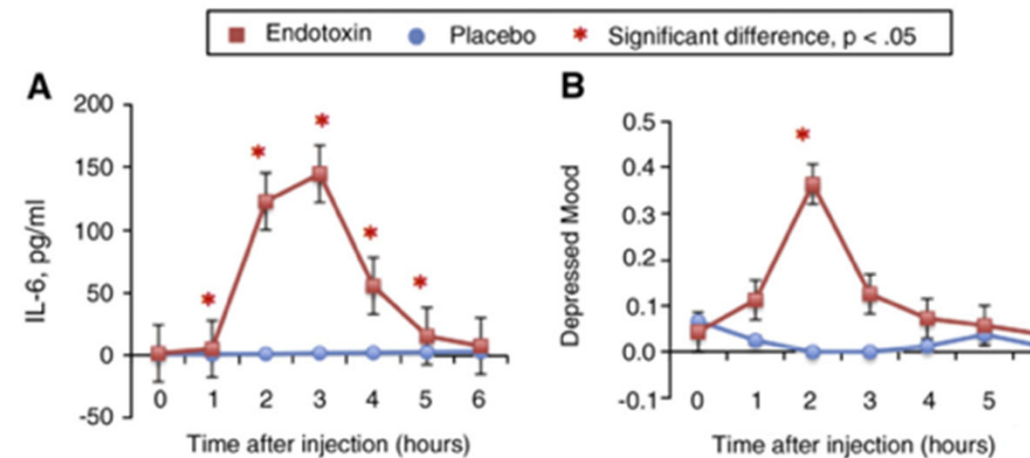
Endotoxin-induced systemic inflammation activates microglia: [^{11}C]PBR28 positron emission tomography in nonhuman primates



Inflammation is a molecular signal to induce depressed mood

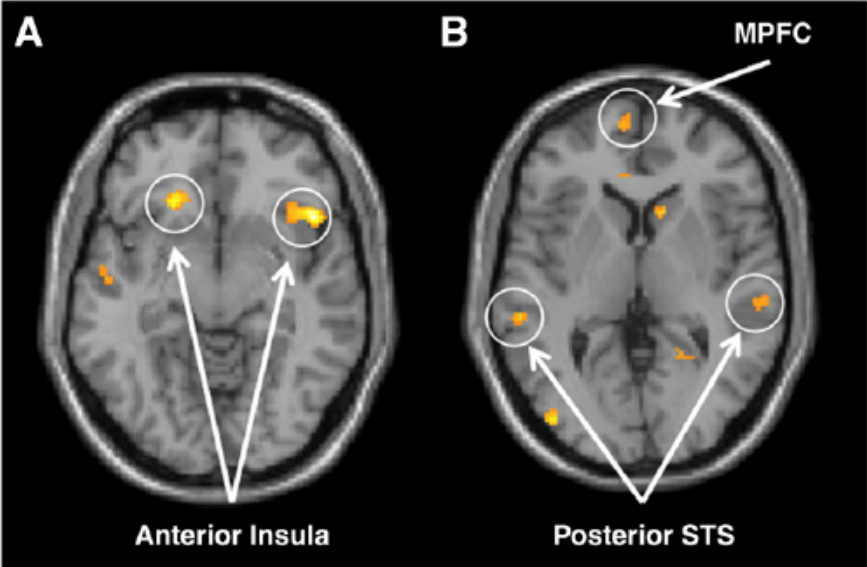


An fMRI study of cytokine-induced depressed mood and social pain:
The role of sex differences

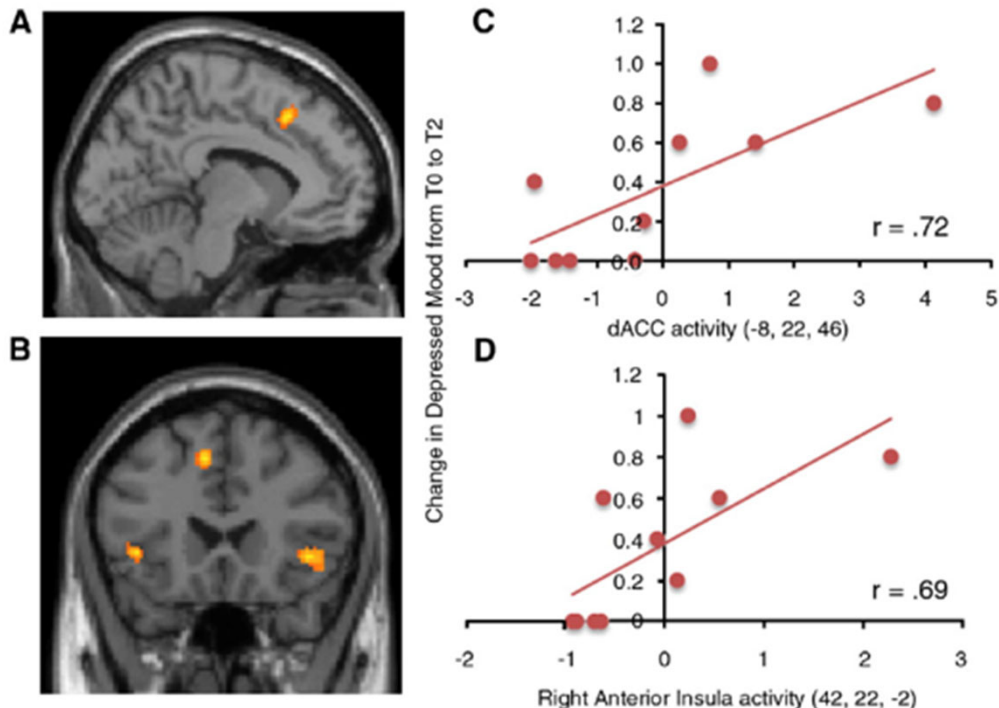


- Adults (n=39; females, n=20)
- Double-blind, placebo-controlled randomized controlled trial of low dose endotoxin
- Behavioral measures of social distress and depressed mood
- Neuroimaging session to assess reactivity to social exclusion

Inflammation: a molecular signal that induces depressed mood



Increases in IL-6 correlated with activation of anterior Insula, medial prefrontal cortex, and posterior superior temporal sulcus

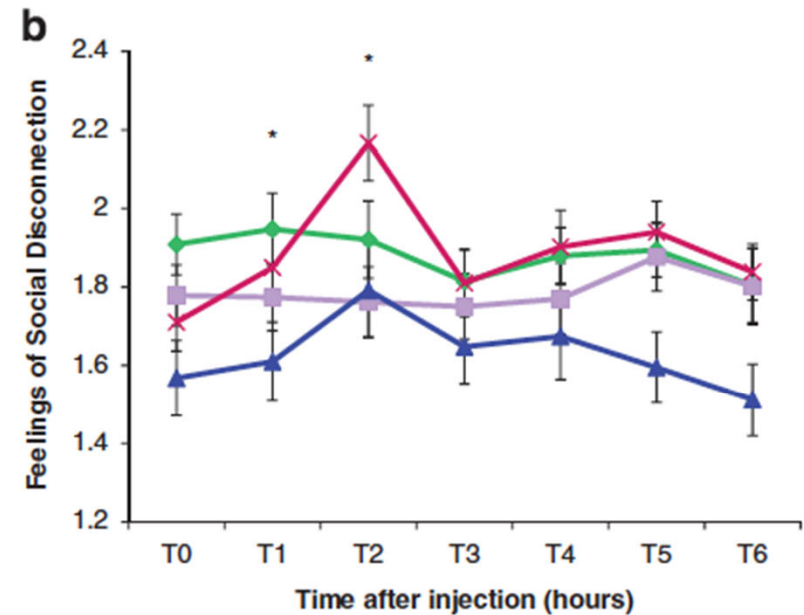
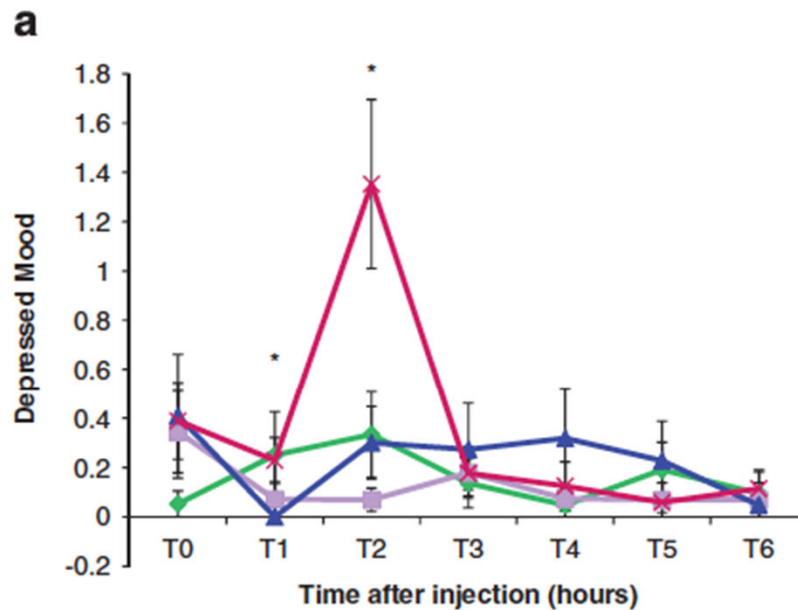


Only in females, IL-6 correlated with activity in the dACC and anterior insula, which correlated with depressed mood



Sex Differences in Depressive and Socioemotional Responses to an Inflammatory Challenge: Implications for Sex Differences in Depression

Placebo Males Placebo Females Endotoxin Males Endotoxin Females



Adults: N=115
Females: N=69
Males: N=46

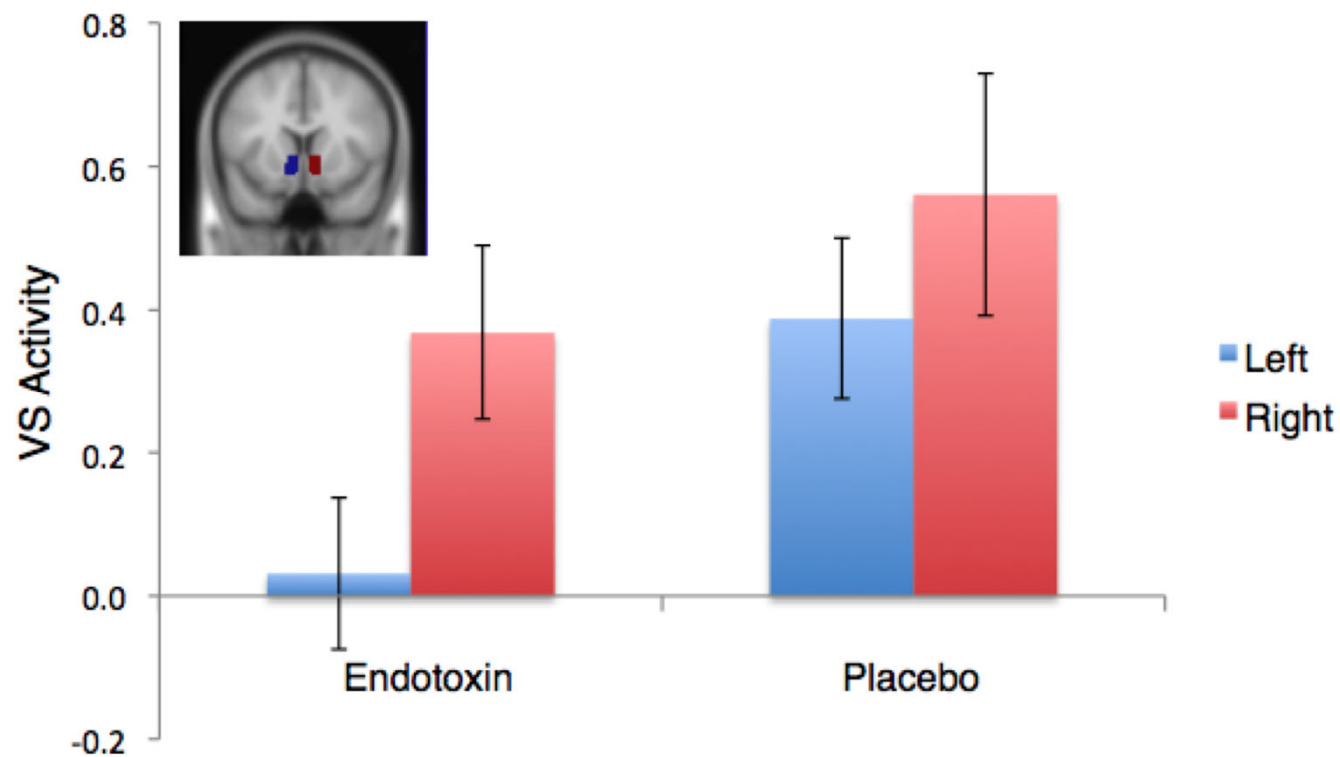
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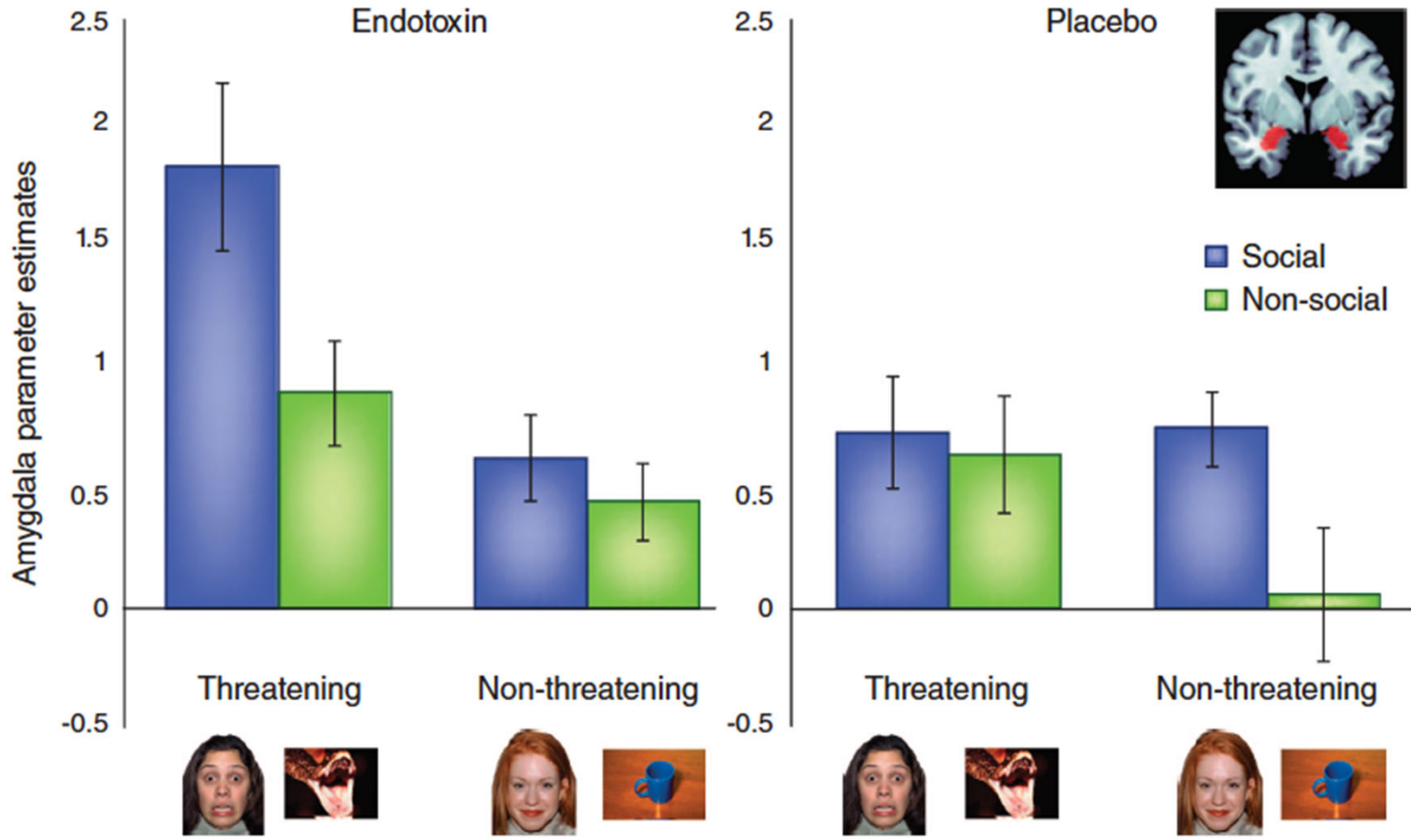
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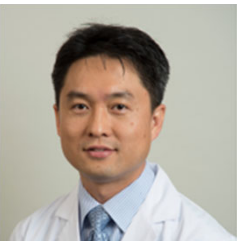


Inflammation-Induced Anhedonia: Endotoxin Reduces Ventral Striatum Responses to Reward

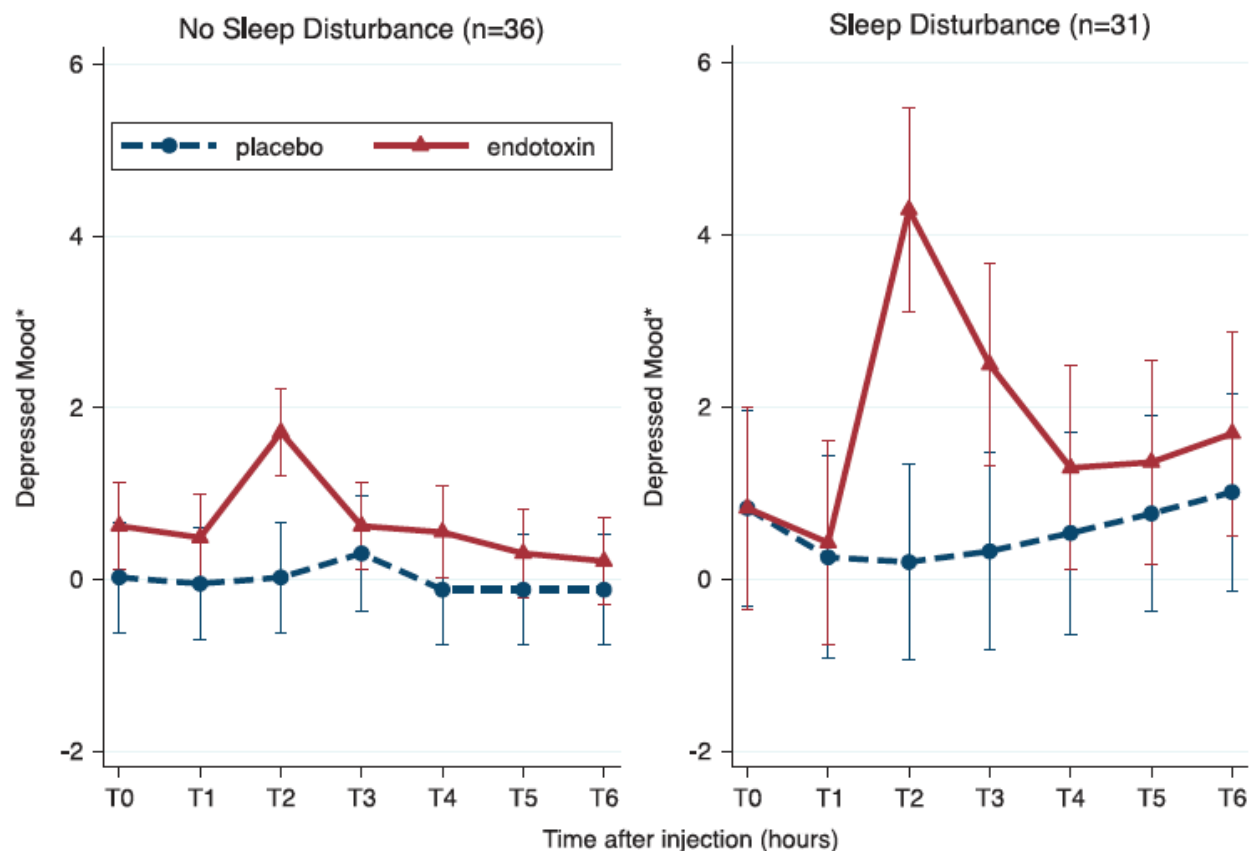


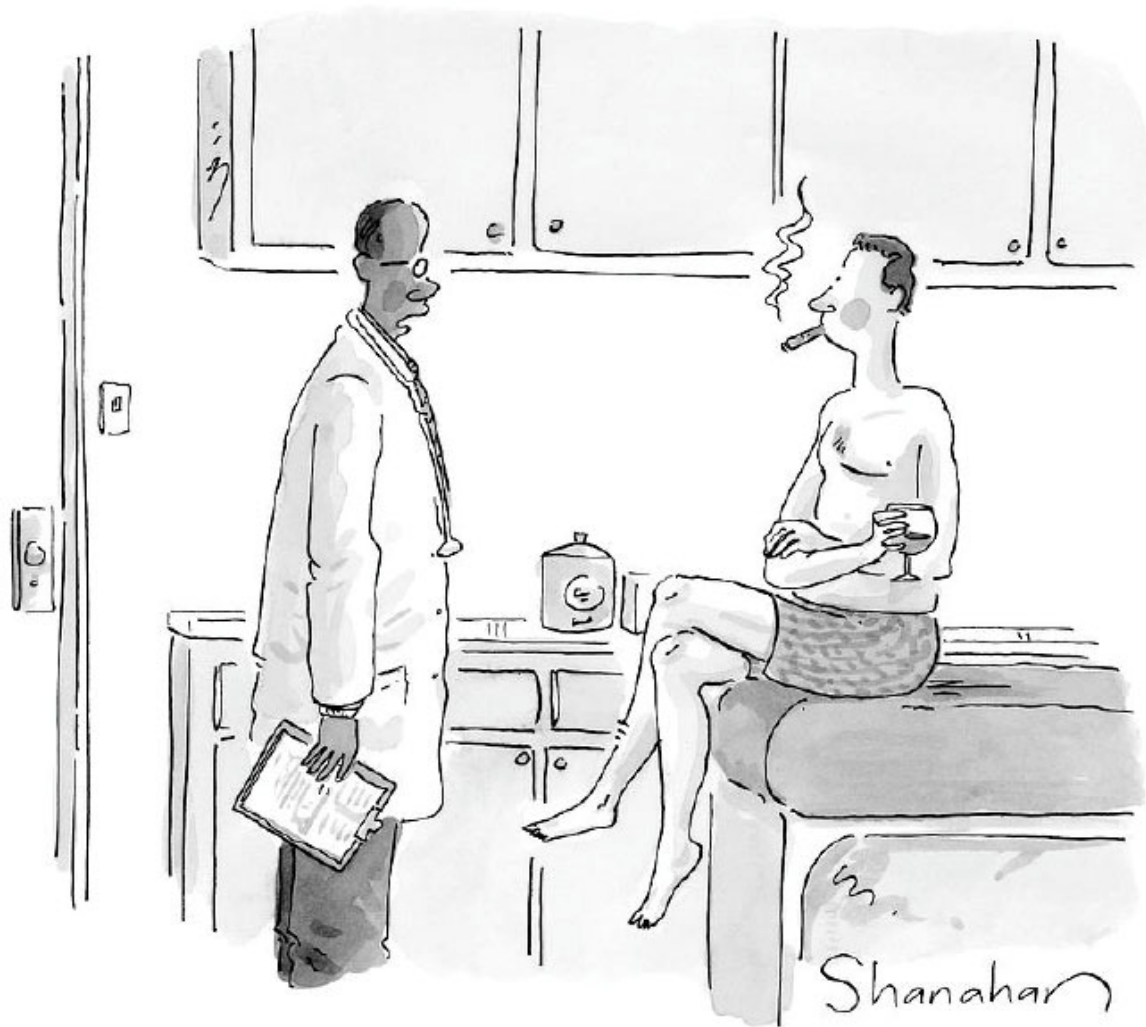
Inflammation selectively enhances amygdala activity to socially threatening images





Preexisting mild sleep disturbance as a vulnerability factor for inflammation-induced depressed mood: a human experimental study

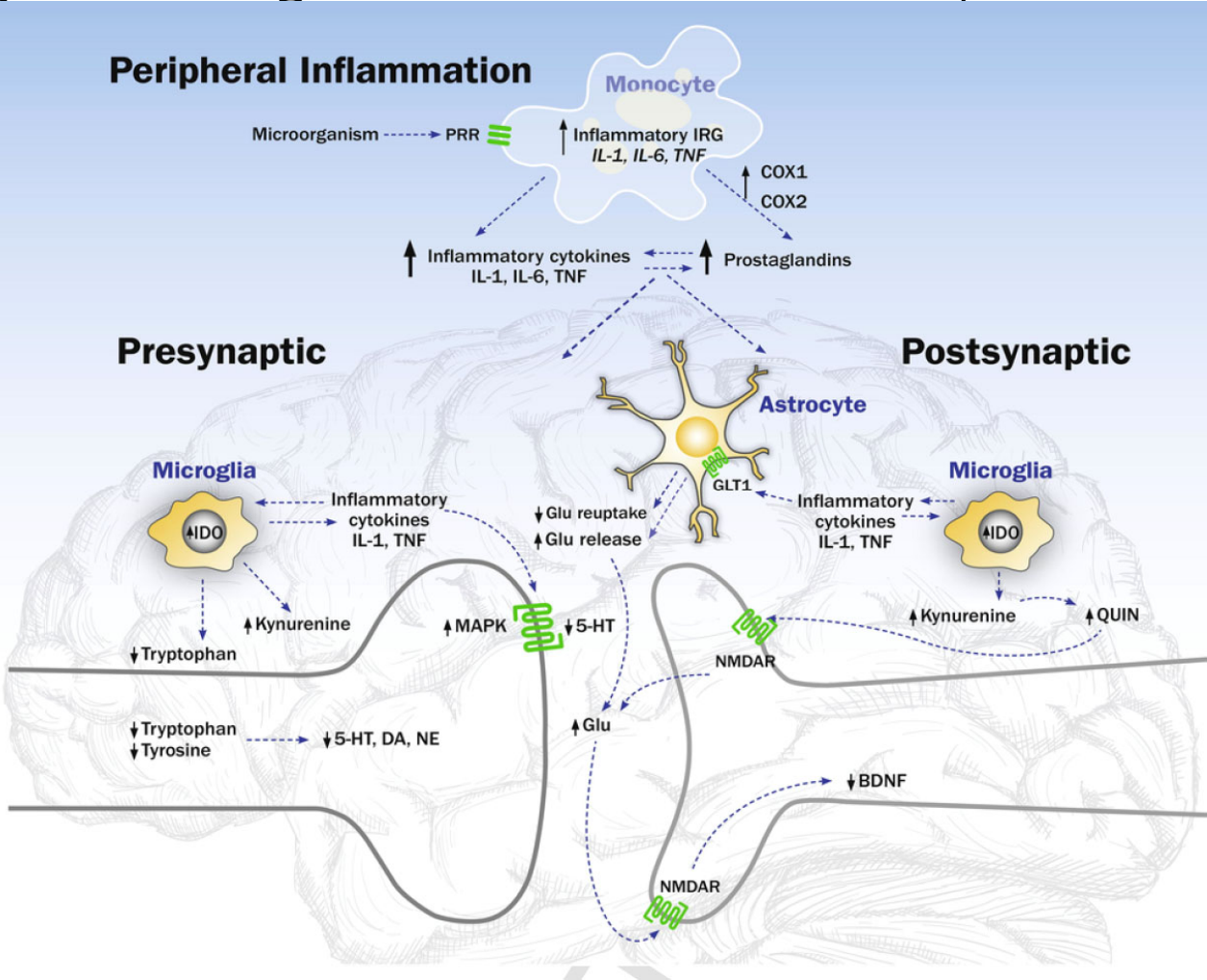




"You should relax less."

*Building an evidence base to accelerate sleep-health
in the community by treating insomnia,
reducing depression risk, and reversing inflammation*

Peripheral and CNS inflammatory signaling alters monoamine and glutaminergic neurotransmission implicated in depression



Might anti-inflammatory treatments improve depressive symptoms, or mitigate prodromal symptoms and risk of depression?



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Novel neuroimmunologic therapeutics in depression: A clinical perspective on what we know so far

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Neuroimmunologic therapeutics examined:

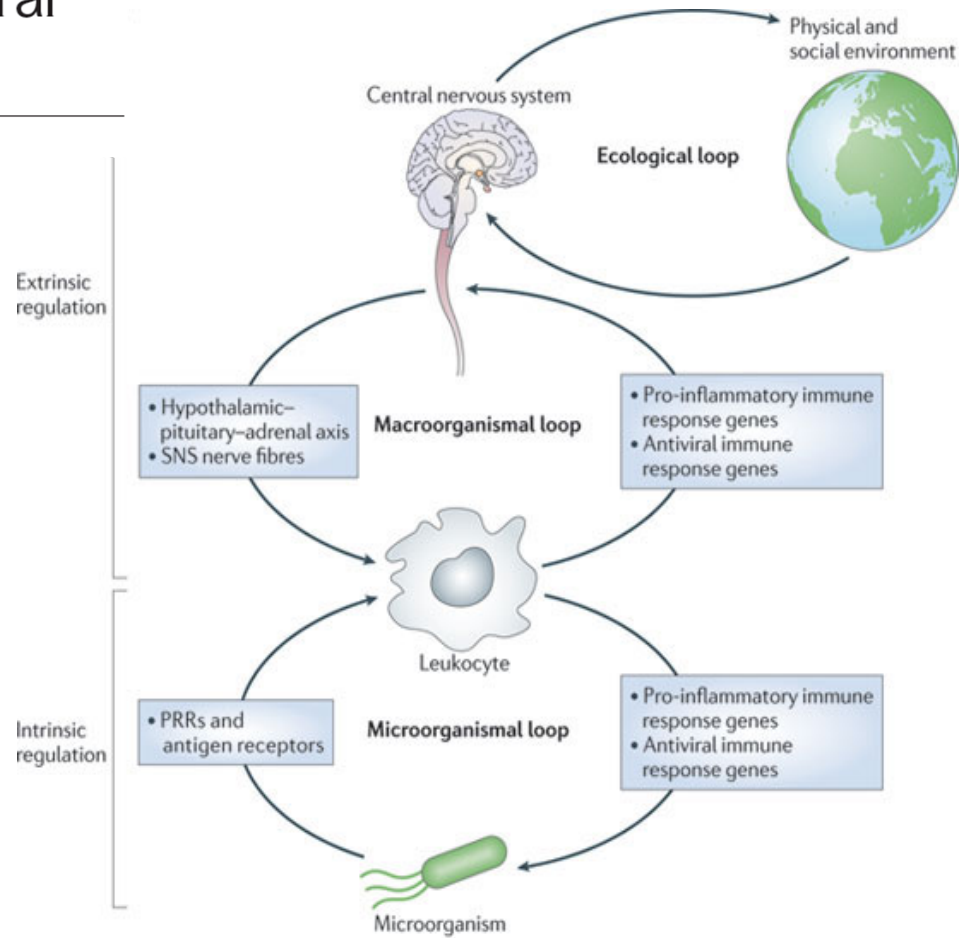
- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory pathways (i.e., aspirin, celecoxib)
- Cytokine antagonism (i.e., etanercept, infliximab)
- N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor (NMDA) receptor antagonism (i.e., ketamine)
- Modulation of kynurenine pathways (i.e., minocycline)

Conclusions:

- Strategies that target neuroimmune mechanisms show limited efficacy in the treatment of depression, and related depressive symptoms.
- Are there other innovative approaches?

Reciprocal regulation of the neural and innate immune systems

Michael R. Irwin and Steven W. Cole



Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Insomnia: State of the Science Versus Current Clinical Practices

- CBT-I: "Gold standard" treatment of Choice for chronic insomnia: American Academy of Sleep Medicine, and the American College of Physicians
- CBT-I is as effective as pharmacotherapy in the treatment of insomnia, and more durable than pharmacotherapy
- Limitations:
 - Access to treatment is limited;
 - Few mental health professionals are trained in the delivery of CBT-I
 - Expensive

EDITORIAL

Innovation in the Treatment of Insomnia in Breast Cancer Survivors

Michael R. Irwin

- Mindfulness meditation and other practices that embrace contemplative traditions, are thought to attune our perceptions to quiet the mind and body. Mindful awareness is a systematic practice of attending to moment-by-moment experiences, thoughts, and emotions from a nonjudgmental perspective

Efficacy of mind-body treatments

- ❖ Mindfulness Meditation
- ❖ Tai Chi

What is Mindfulness Meditation?

Mindfulness: A state of consciousness characterized by attention to the present moment.

Mindful awareness: A systematic practice of attending to moment-by-moment experiences, thoughts, and emotions from a nonjudgmental perspective

What is Tai Chi?

Tai Chi: A moving meditation, incorporating elements of mindfulness, balance, and physical movement

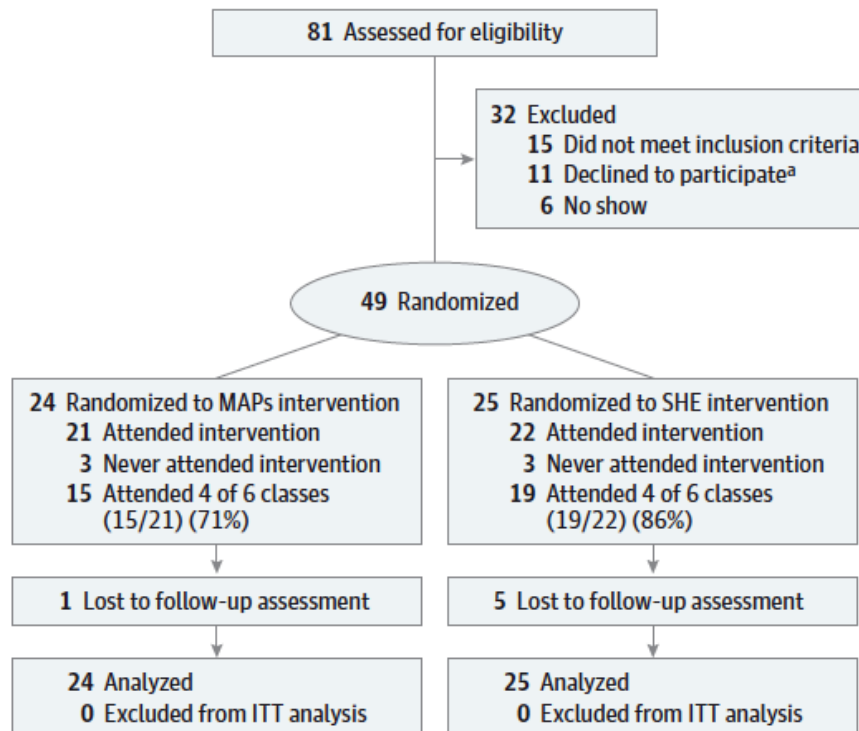
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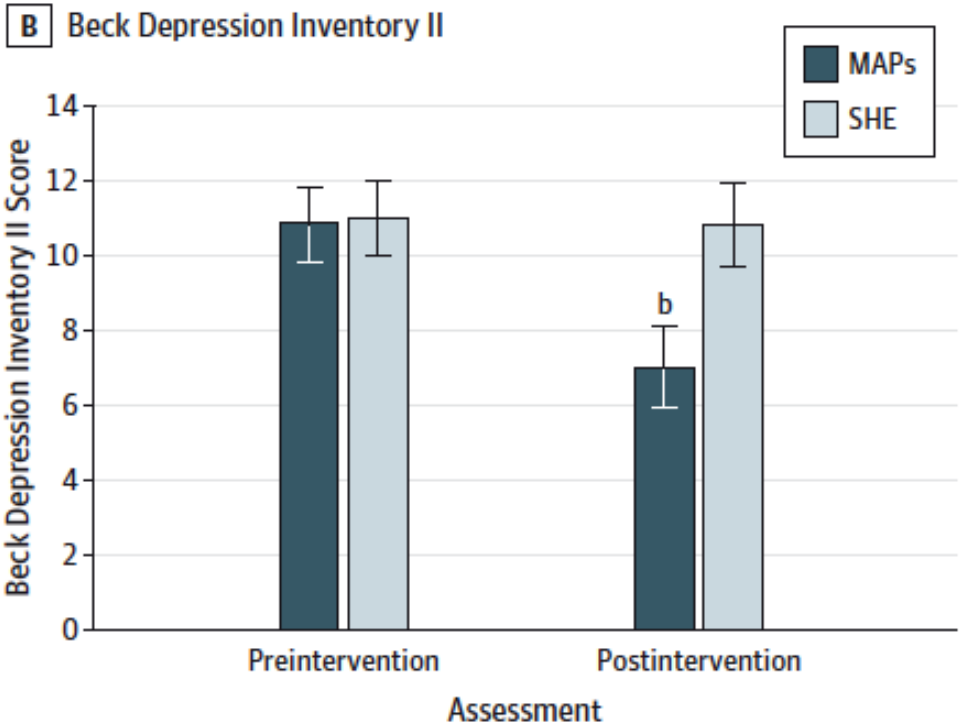
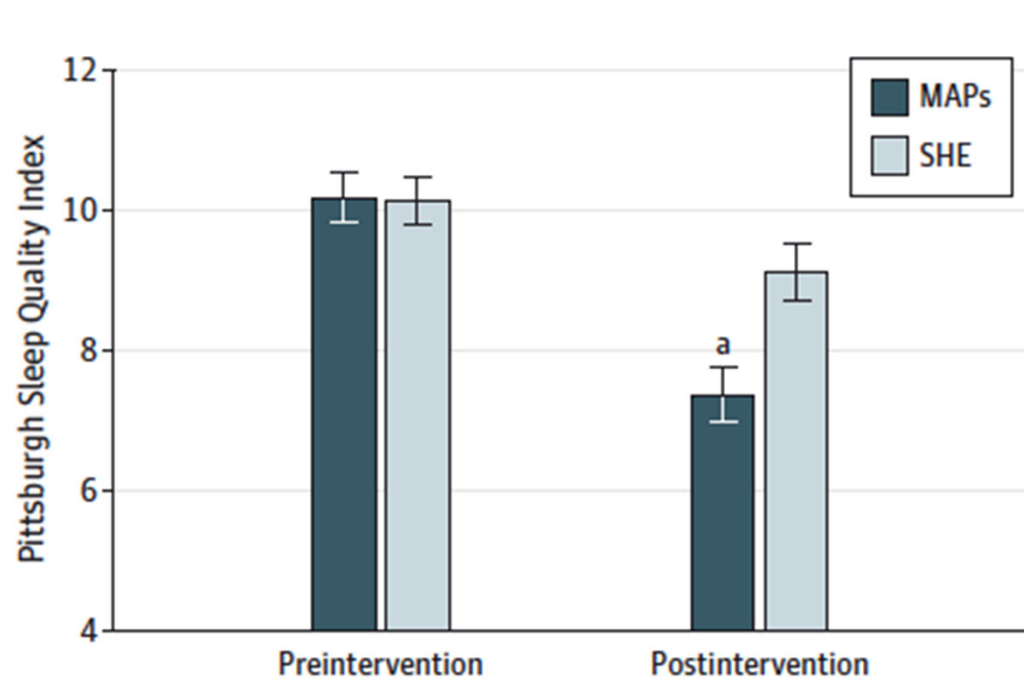
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Mindfulness Meditation and Improvement in Sleep Quality and Daytime Impairment Among Older Adults

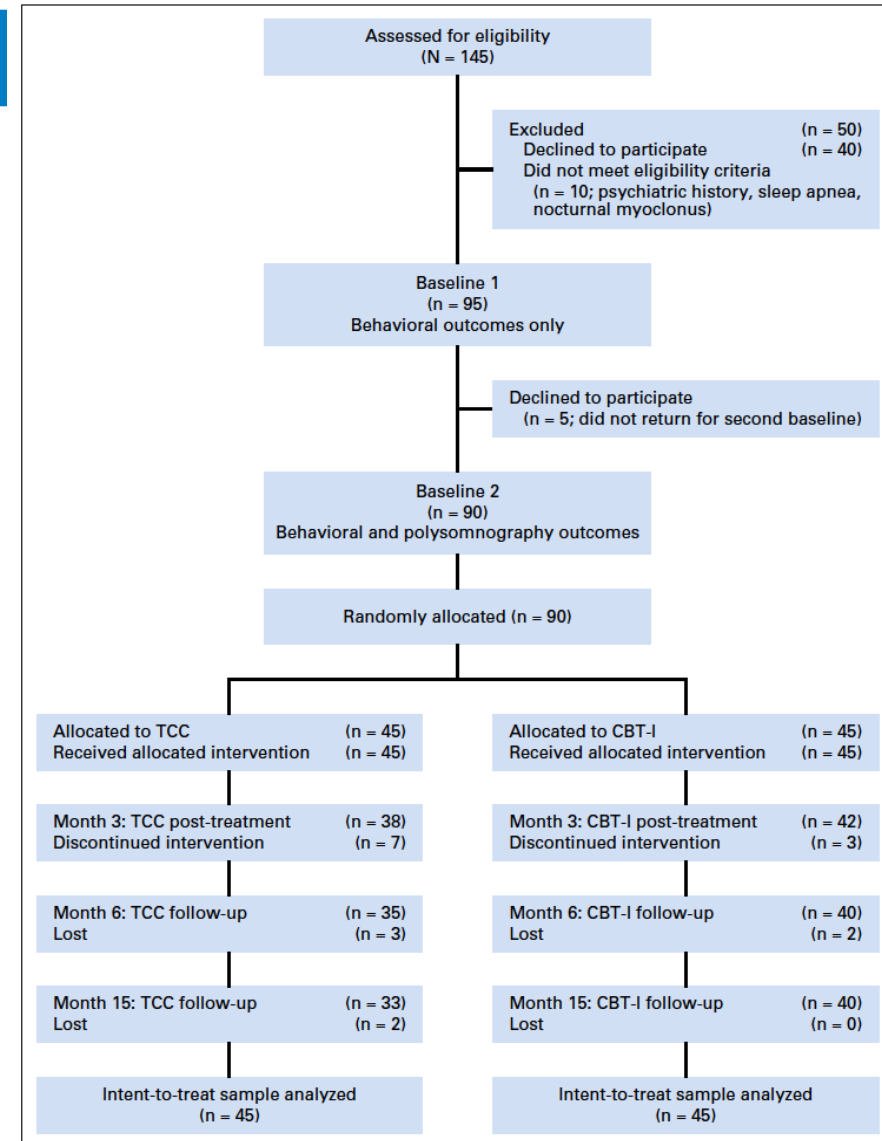
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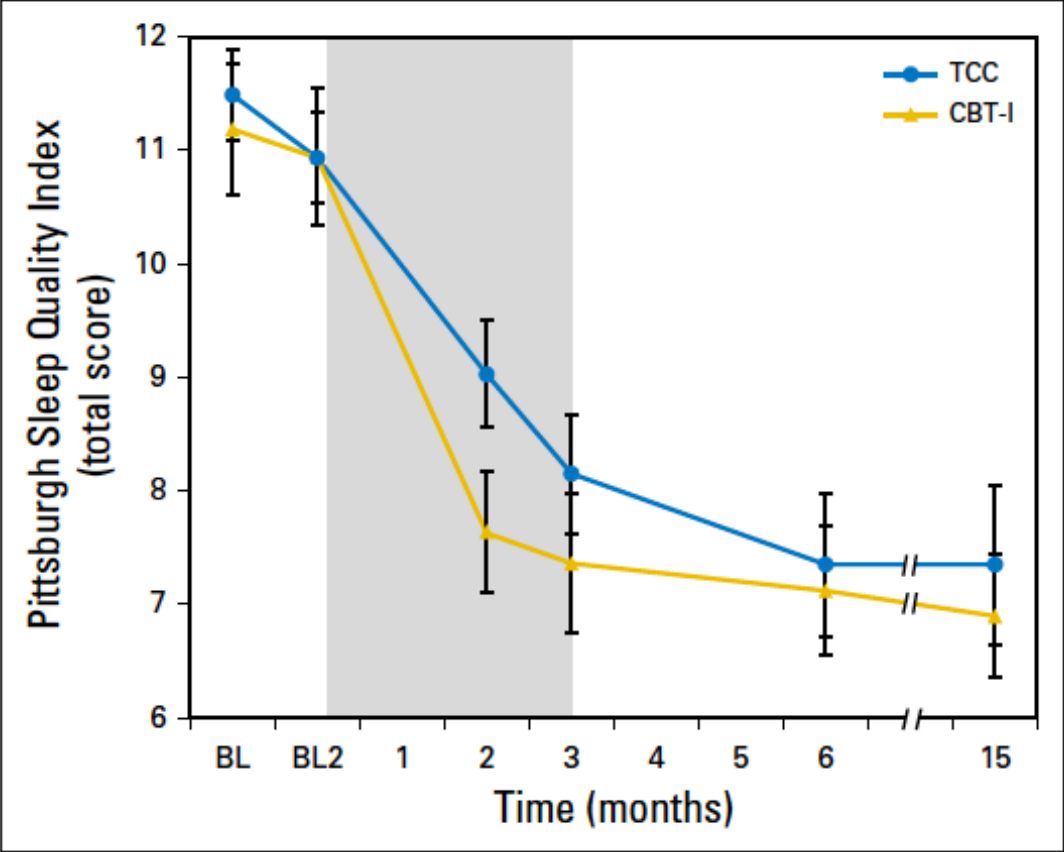
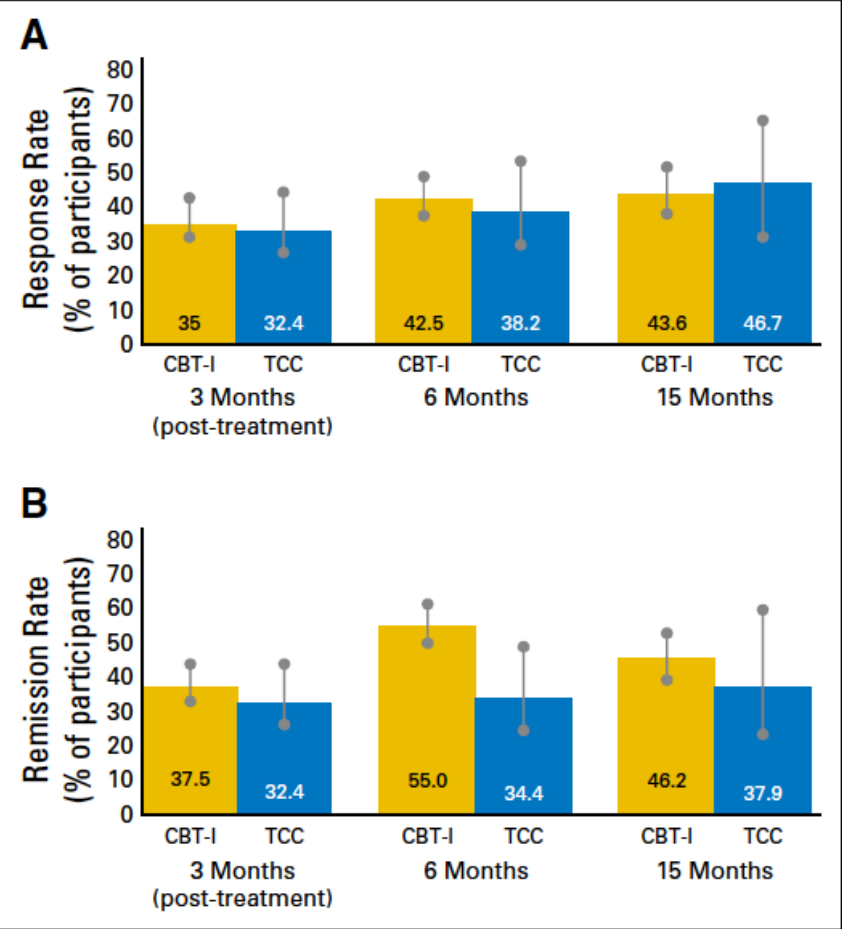
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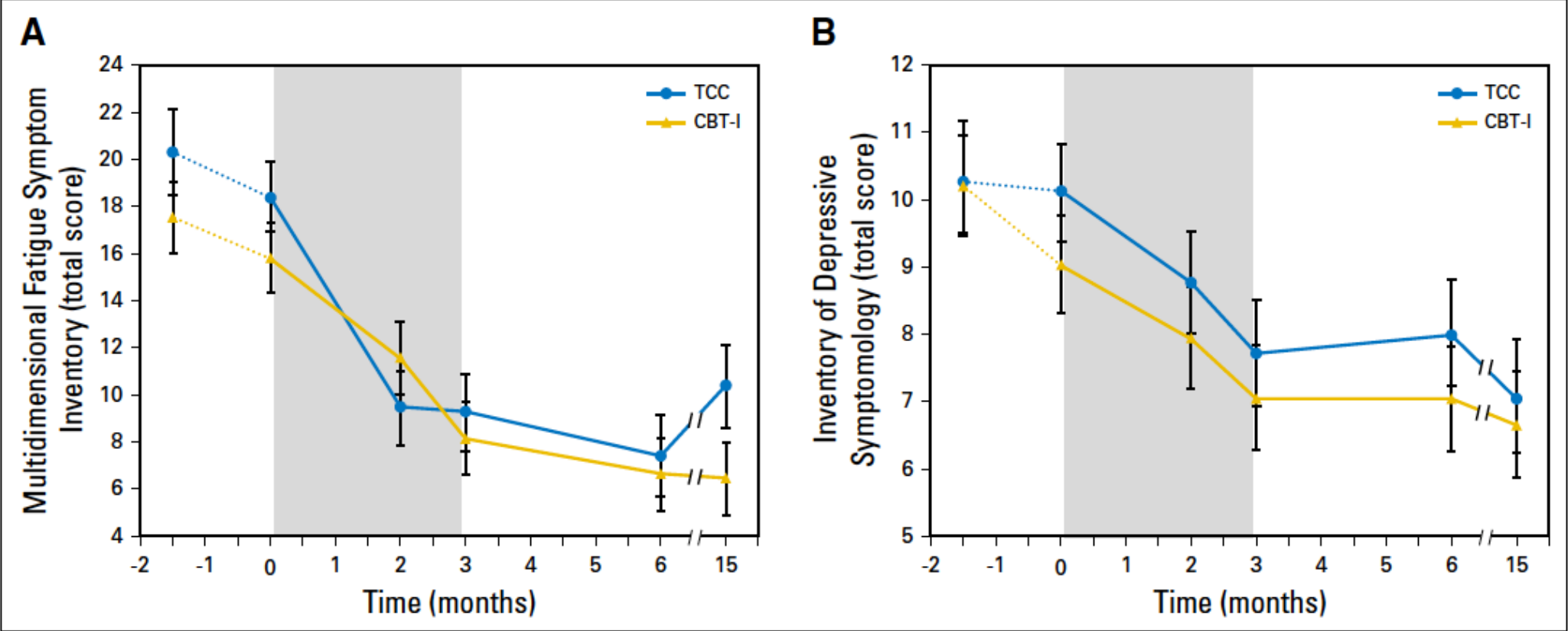
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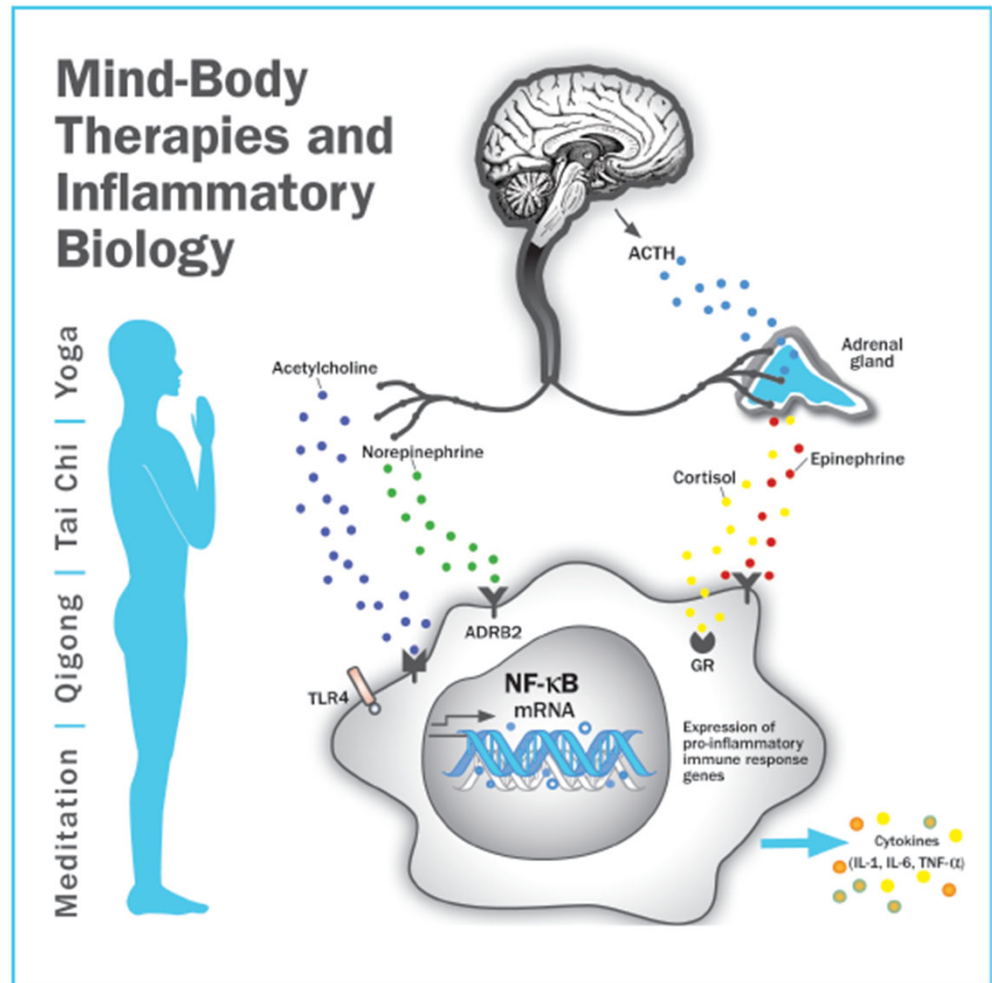


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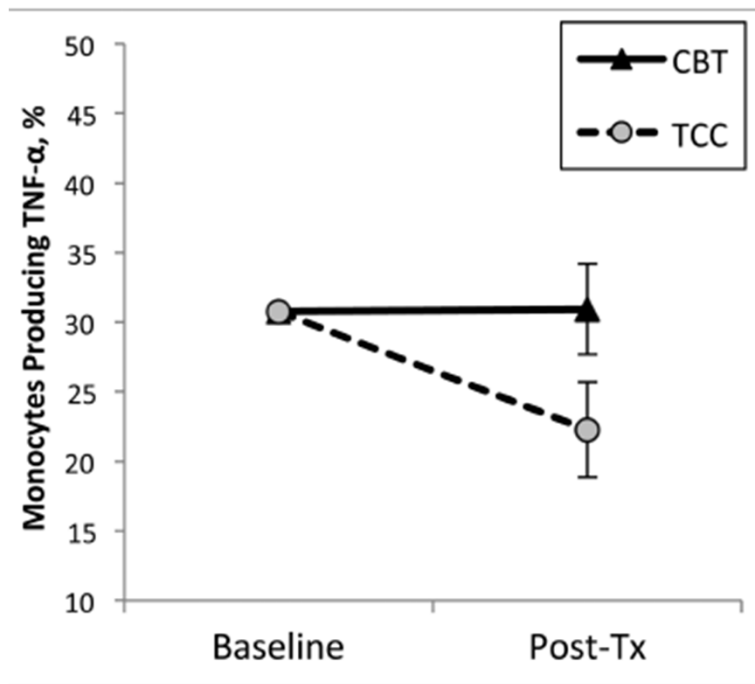


Invited Review

Mind-body therapies and control of inflammatory biology: A descriptive review

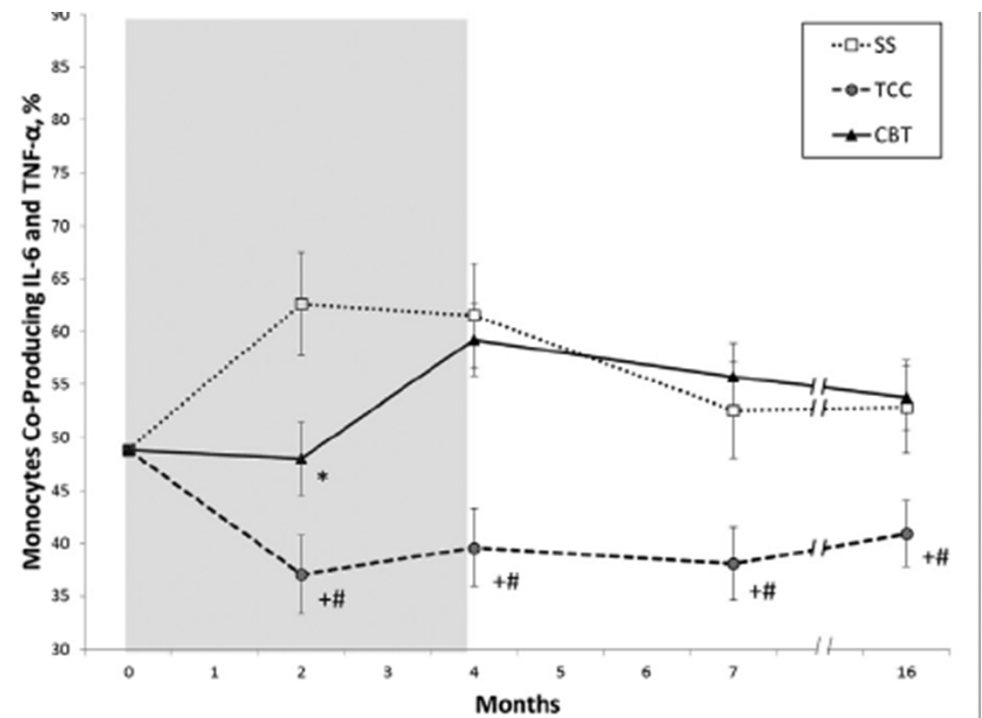


Mindfulness practice, Tai Chi, is more effective at reducing cellular inflammation than CBT-I in insomnia patients



Breast survivors with insomnia (n=90)

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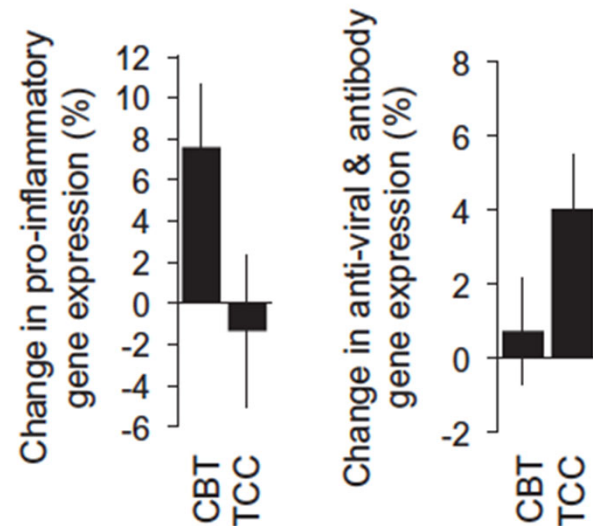


Older adults with insomnia (n=123)

Biological Psychiatry November 15, 2015; 78:721–729

Mindfulness practice, Tai Chi, is more effective at reducing inflammatory transcriptional profiles in breast cancer survivors with insomnia.....

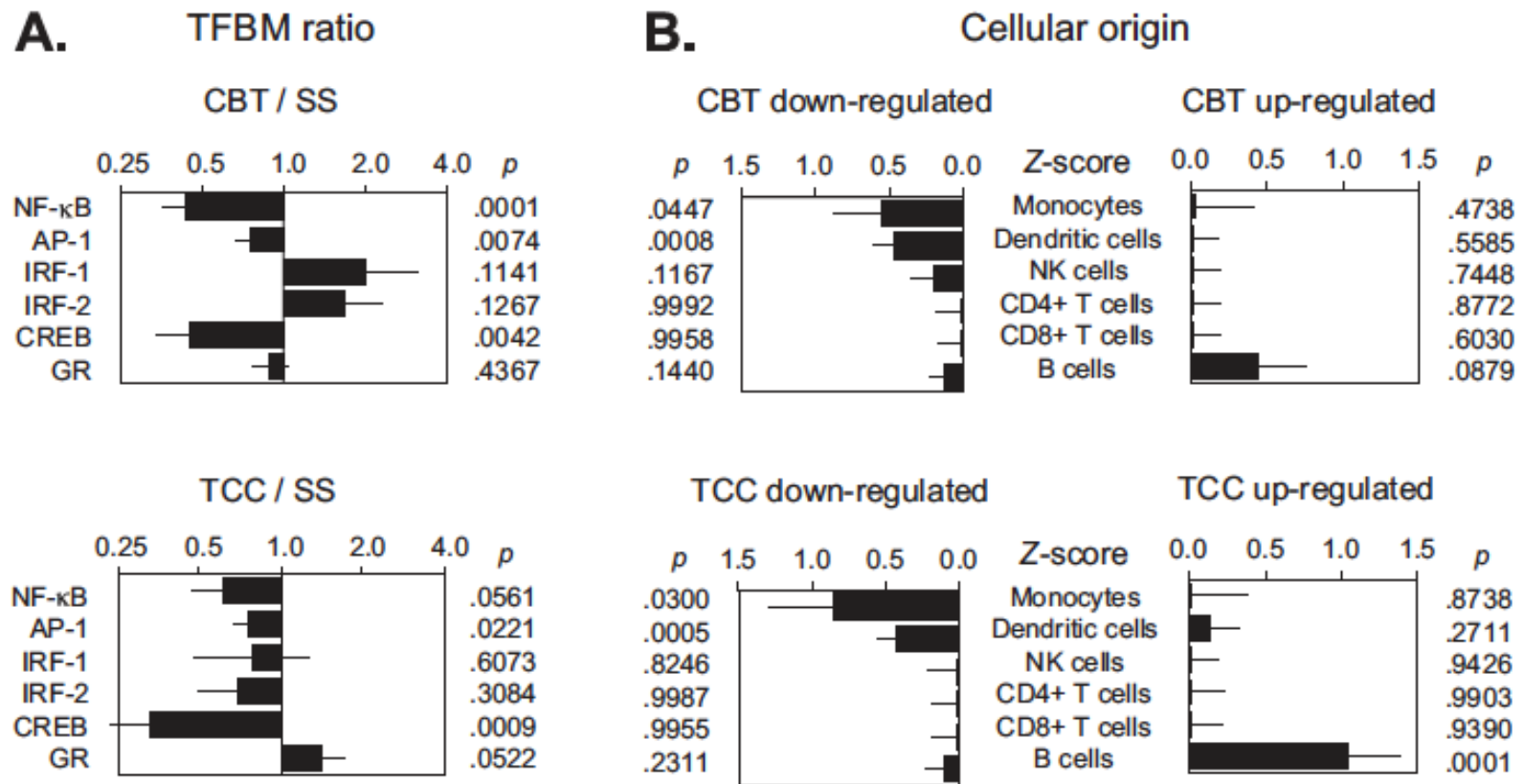
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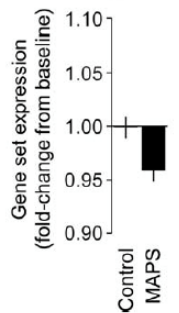


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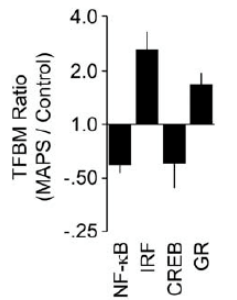


Diverse mindfulness practices reduce inflammatory transcriptional profiles in other sample populations

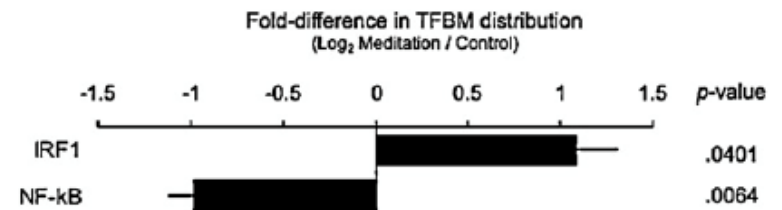
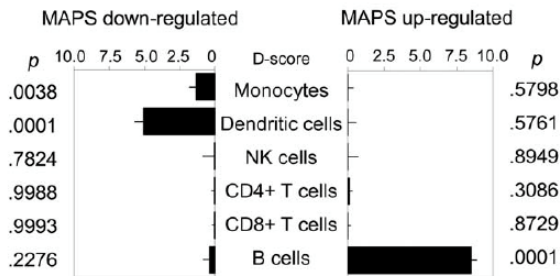
A. Pro-inflammatory genes



B. Transcription factors



C. Cellular origin



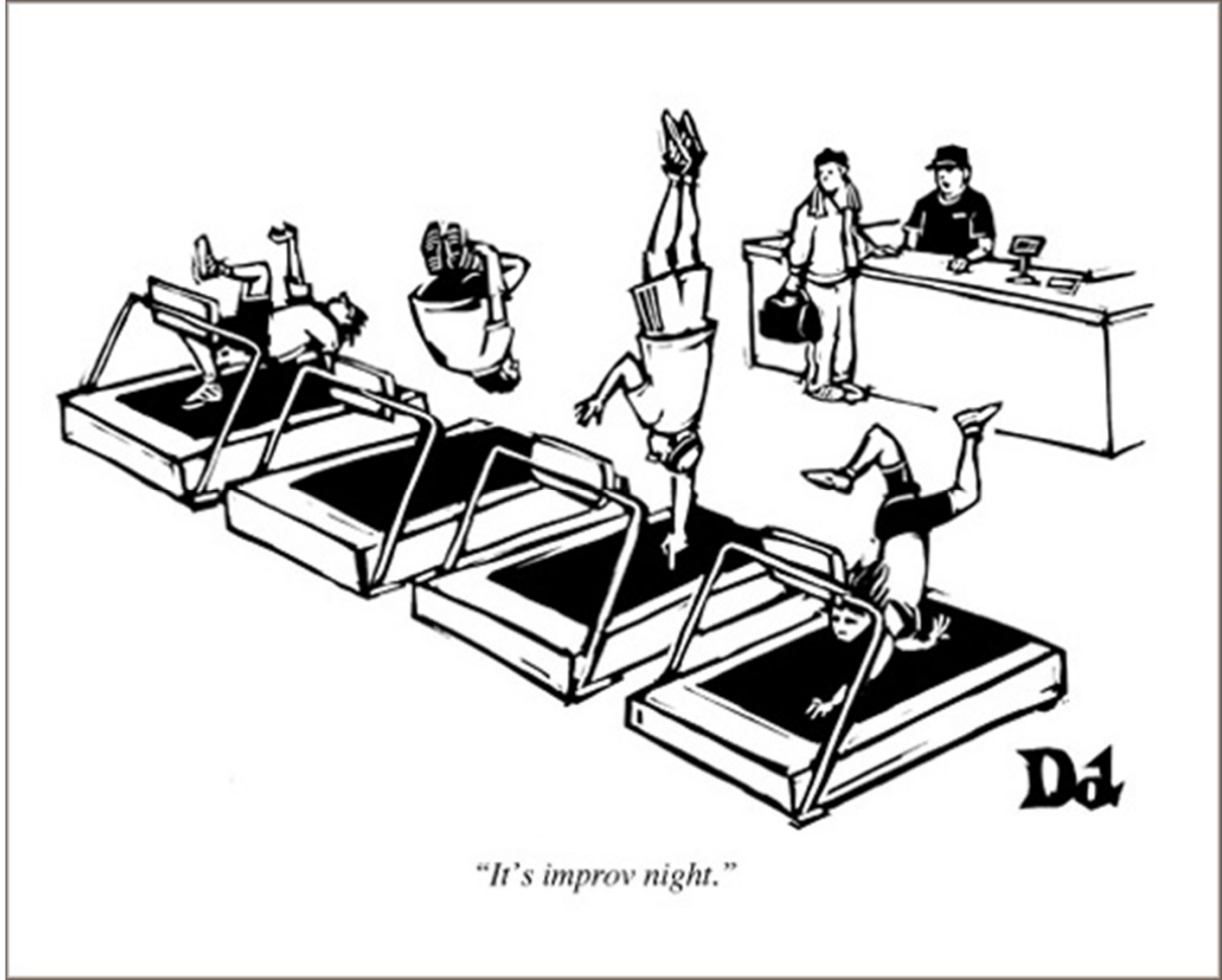
Breast cancer survivors (n=71)
MAPs
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Dementia caregivers (n=39)
Mantra meditation
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Lonely older adults (n=40)
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Summary and Clinical Perspective

Sleep disturbance is a robust risk factor for depression, and this risk is amplified in association with inflammation by inducing exaggerated dysregulation of reward motivation and emotion sensitivity.

Actions: Persons with sleep disturbance should be monitored for increased risk of depression, especially if sleep disturbance is persistent and/or co-morbid with an inflammatory disorder.

Sleep disturbance induces inflammation similar as the adverse effects of other lifestyle factors such as poor diet, sedentary activity, and obesity.

Actions: Treatments that target sleep behaviors reduce inflammation, and could possibly mitigate risk of inflammatory disorders such as depression, dementia, or heart disease.

Summary and Clinical Perspective

Inflammation induces depressive symptoms and anhedonia, and the magnitude of the depression is shaped multiple factors including female sex, anxiety, sensitivity to social rejection, and sleep disturbance.

Action: Persons who have pre-existing sleep disturbance and experience an inflammatory challenge such as an infection should be prioritized for depression monitoring and early treatment, including therapeutic approaches that enhance reward motivation and regulate emotion.

Summary and Clinical Perspective

Mindfulness treatments are efficacious in treating insomnia and reducing depressive symptoms, with the added benefit of reversing age-related inflammation.

Action: Given that mindfulness intervention are scalable, and can be delivered at low cost with broad access, community-based programs are needed to mitigate risk of syndromal insomnia and depression, with the potential to offset adversity for chronic diseases of aging.

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“When you run alone,
you run fast.

When you run
together, you run far.”

Zambian Proverb

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