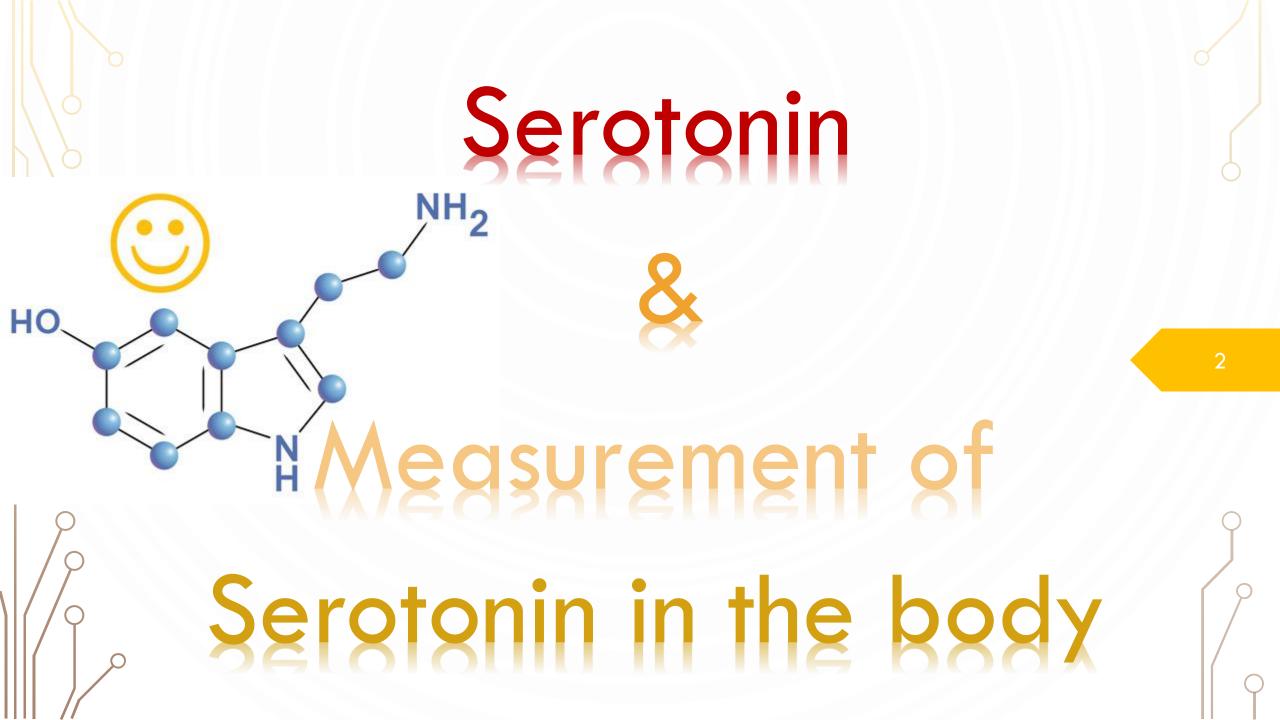


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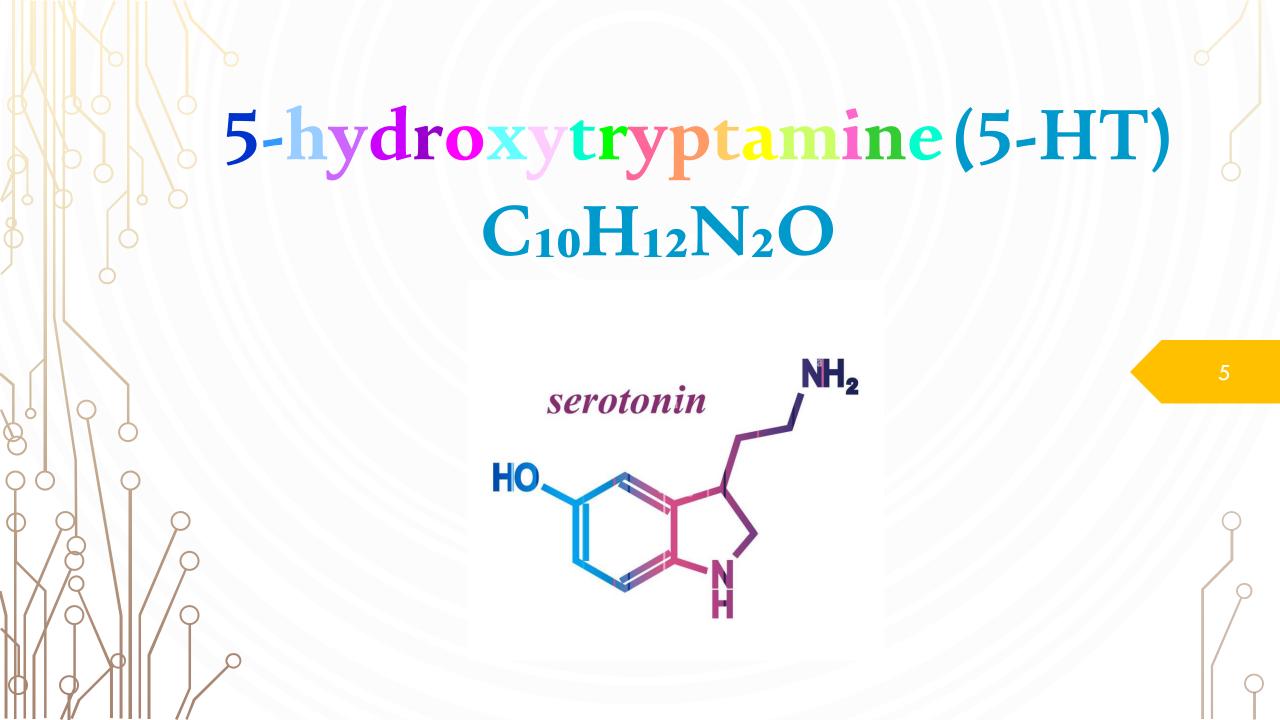




1. WHAT IS SEROTONIN?

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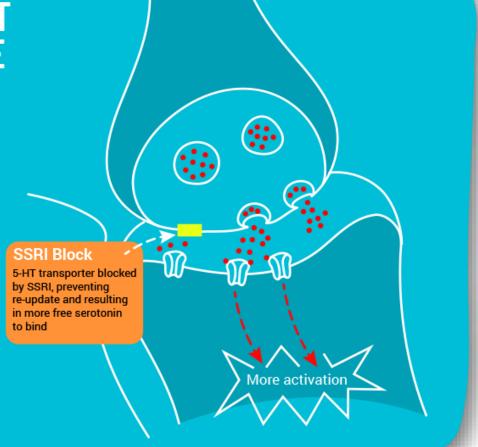




SSRI ACTION TO INHIBIT SEROTONIN RE-UPTAKE

Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors actively block re-uptake transporters that would have otherwise moved released serotonin back into the pre-synaptic terminal.

Due to this, there is more serotonin available in the synaptic cleft for binding with receptors, resulting in a **stronger activation** of the post-synaptic neuron.



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SEROTONIN CYCLE



5-Hydroxytryptophan

Serotonin

NH₂

HO.

N-Acetylserotonin

Melatonin

Basic building block needed for serotonin

Sources:

Eggs, fish, soybeans, cheese, seeds, poultry, meats, milk

Wide impacts: Potential use as antidepressant. Under investigation

- Mood
- Cognition
- Sleep
- Memory

Potential use for age-associated cognitive decline and depression

Functions:

- Circadian rhythm, sleep-wake cycles - Immune function
- Antioxidant

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2. WHAT FACTORS INCREASE SEROTONIN IN THE BODY?

1 HEALTHY EATING

Protein foods:

Eat fish, meats, eggs, cheese, and other foods high in tryptophan



2. GOOD SLEEP

Set yourself up for deep sleep to increase serotonin release





HOW WE CAN MEASURE THE SEROTONIN IN THE BODY?

Electrochemical Measurement of Endogenous Serotonin Release from Human Blood Platelets

A Comparison of the Subsecond Dynamics of Neurotransmission of G. White, and Christy L. Haynes*, and Christy L. Haynes*, Dopamine and Serotonin

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ABSTRACT: The neuromodulators dopamine (DA) and serotonin (5-hydroxytryptamine; 5-HT) are similar in a number of ways. Both monoamines can act by volume transmission at metabotropic receptors to modulate synaptic transmission in brain circuits. Presynaptic regulation of 5-HT and DA is governed by parallel processes, and behaviorally, both exert control over emotional processing. However, differences are also apparent: more than twice as many 5-HT receptor subtypes mediate postsynaptic effects than DA receptors and different presynaptic regulation is also emerging. Monoamines are amenable to real-time electrochemical detection using fast scan cyclic voltammetry (FSCV), which allows resolution of the subsecond dynamics of release and reuptake in response to a single action potential. This approach has greatly enriched understanding of DA transmission and has facilitated

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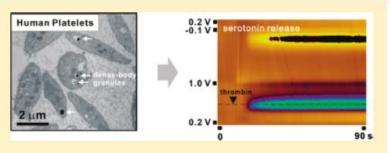
an integrated view of how DA mediates behavioral control. However, technical challenges are associated with FSCV measurement of 5-HT and understanding of 5-HT transmission at subsecond resolution has not advanced at the same rate. As a result, how the actions of 5-HT at the level of the synapse translate into behavior is poorly understood. Recent technical advances may aid the study of 5-HT in real-time. It is timely, therefore, to compare and contrast what is currently understood of the subsecond characteristics of transmission for DA and 5-HT. In doing so, a number of areas are highlighted as being worthy of exploration for 5-HT.

KEYWORDS: Serotonin, dopamine, comparison, electrochemistry, electrophysiology, fast scan cyclic voltammetry

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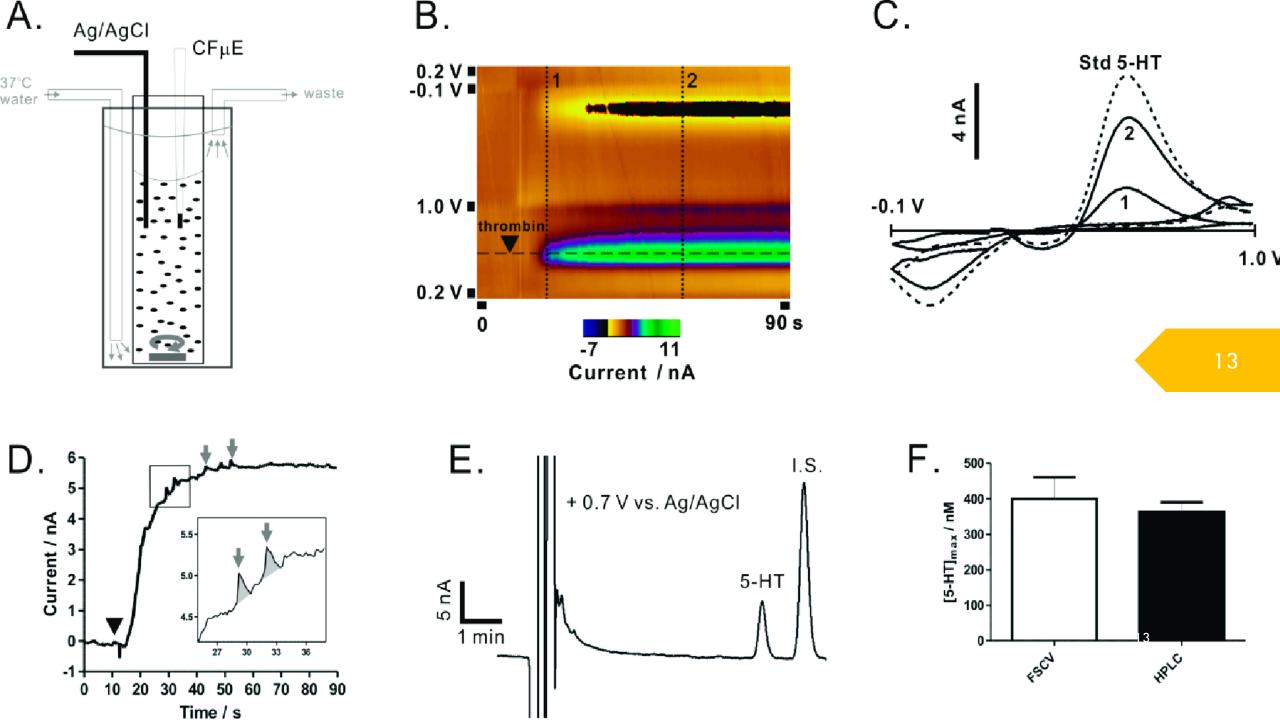
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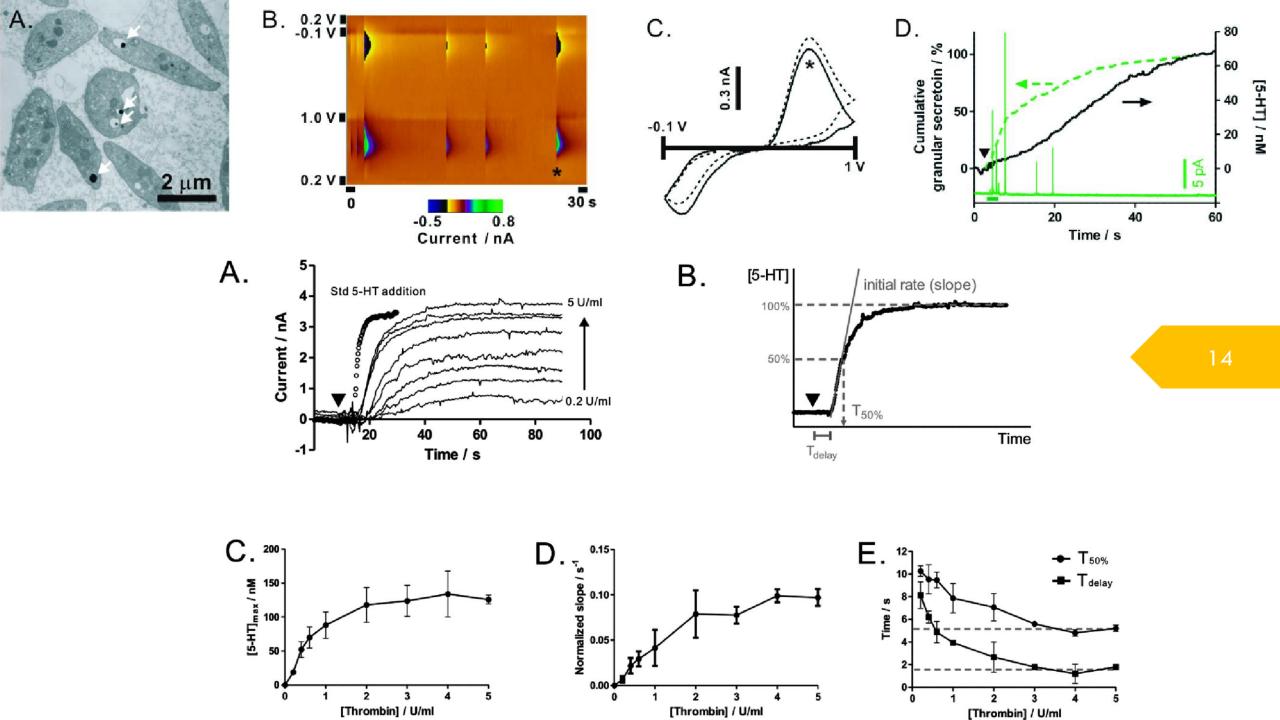


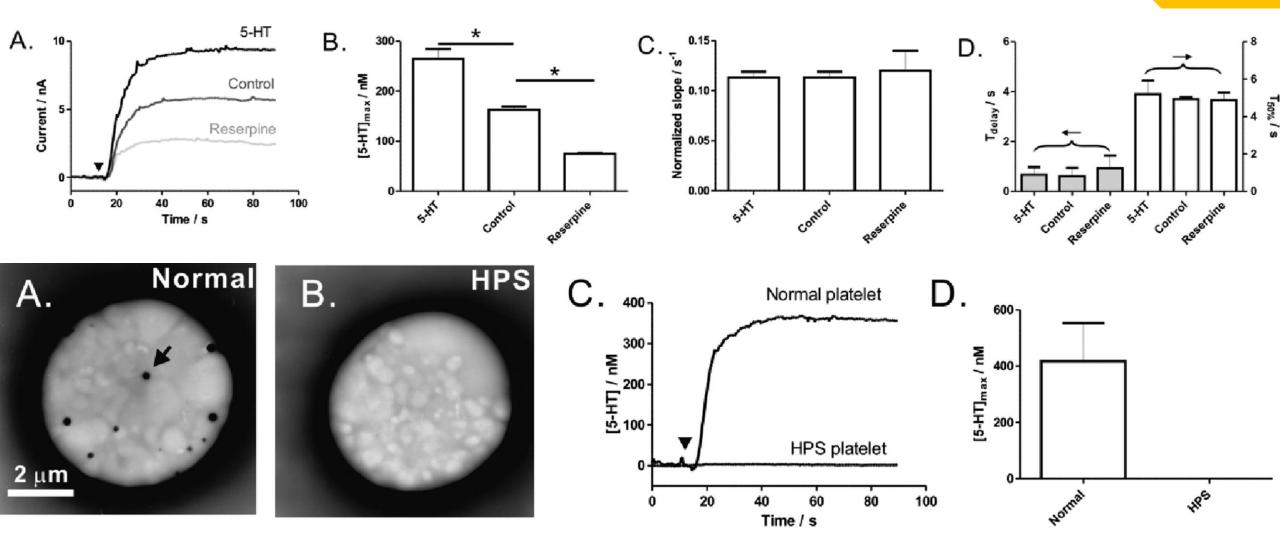
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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

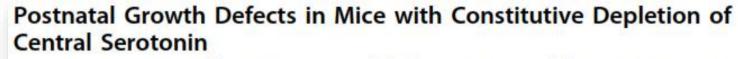
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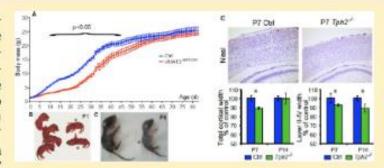




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3 Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Although the trophic actions of serotonin (5-HT) are well established, only few developmental defects have been reported in mouse strains with constitutive hyposerotonergia. We analyzed postnatal growth and cortical development in three different mutant mouse strains with constitutive reductions in central 5-HT levels. We compared two previously published mouse strains with severe (-95%) depletions of 5-HT, the tryptophan hydroxylase (Tph) 2^{-/-}mouse line and VMAT2^{sert-cre} mice, with a new strain, in which VMAT2 deletion is driven by Pet1 (VMAT2^{pet1-cre}) in 5-HT



raphe neurons leading to partial (-75%) reduction in brain 5-HT levels. We find that normal embryonic growth and postnatal growth retardation are common features of all these mouse strains. Postnatal growth retardation varied from mild to severe according to the extent of the brain 5-HT reduction and gender. Normal growth was reinstated in VMAT2^{sert-cre} mice by reconstituting central 5-HT stores. Growth abnormalities could not be linked to altered food intake or temperature control. Morphological study of the cerebral cortex over postnatal development showed a delayed maturation of the upper cortical layers in the VMAT2^{sert-cre} and Tph2^{-/-} mice, but not in the VMAT2^{pet1-cre} mice. No changes in layer-specific gene expression or morphological alterations of barrel cortex development were found. Overall, these observations sustain the notion that central 5-HT signaling is required for the preweaning growth spurt of mouse pups. Brain development appeared to be immune to severe central 5-HT depletion for its overall growth during prenatal life, whereas reduced brain growth and delayed cortical maturation development occurred during postnatal life. Reduced developmental 5-HT signaling during postnatal development might modulate the function and fine structure of neural circuits in ways that affect adult behavior.

KEYWORDS: Cerebral cortex, development, somatic growth, knockout mice, vesicular monoamine transporter, tryptophan hydroxylase, cux1

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