

# *Blood pressure – a window of opportunities...*

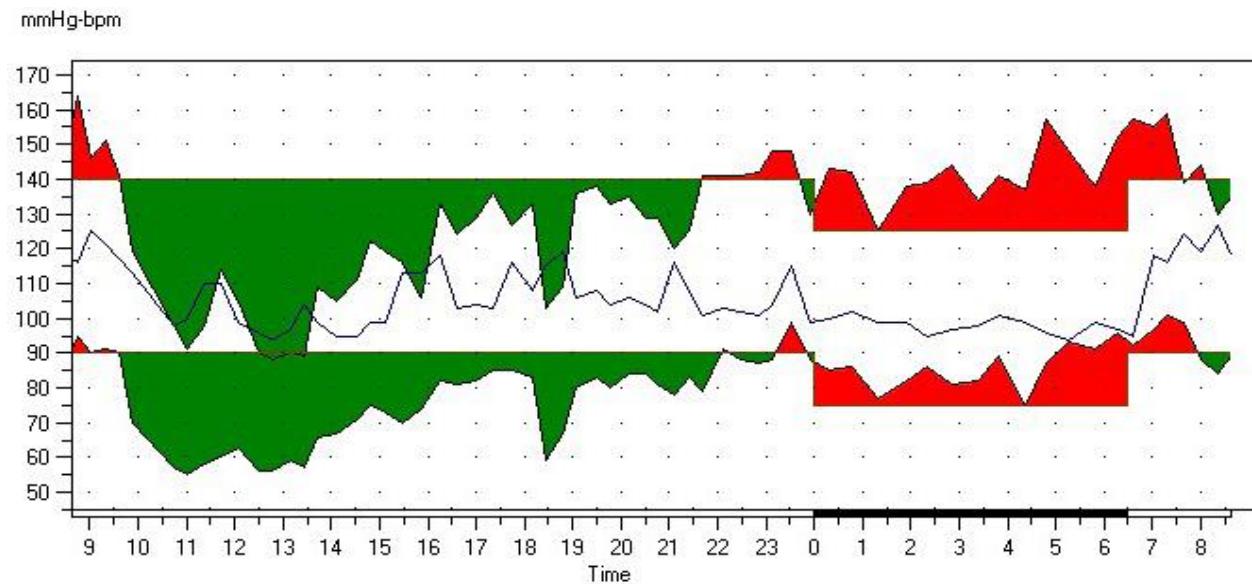
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# Blood pressure control in PD:

78 y/o female, PD for 12 years, on sinemet, weakness, recurrent falls, distal radius fracture, miserable!



# Association Between Supine Hypertension and Orthostatic Hypotension in Autonomic Failure

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**Abstract**—Supine hypertension occurs commonly in primary chronic autonomic failure. This study explored whether supine hypertension in this setting is associated with orthostatic hypotension (OH), and if so, what mechanisms might underlie this association. Supine and upright blood pressures, hemodynamic responses to the Valsalva maneuver, baroreflex-cardiovagal gain, and plasma norepinephrine (NE) levels were measured in pure autonomic failure (PAF), multiple-system atrophy (MSA) with or without OH, and Parkinson's disease (PD) with or without OH. Controls included age-matched, healthy volunteers and patients with essential hypertension or those referred for dysautonomia. Baroreflex-cardiovagal gain was calculated from the relation between the interbeat interval and systolic pressure during the Valsalva maneuver. PAF, MSA with OH, and PD with OH all featured supine hypertension, which was equivalent in severity to that in essential hypertension, regardless of fludrocortisone treatment. Among patients with PD or MSA, those with OH had higher mean arterial pressure during supine rest ( $109 \pm 3$  mm Hg) than did those lacking OH ( $96 \pm 3$  mm Hg,  $P=0.002$ ). Baroreflex-cardiovagal gain and orthostatic increments in plasma NE levels were markedly decreased in all 3 groups with OH. Among patients with PD or MSA, those with OH had much lower mean baroreflex-cardiovagal gain ( $0.74 \pm 0.10$  ms/mm Hg) than did those lacking OH ( $3.13 \pm 0.72$  ms/mm Hg,  $P=0.0002$ ). In PAF, supine hypertension is linked to both OH and low baroreflex-cardiovagal gain. The finding of lower plasma NE levels in patients with than without supine hypertension suggests involvement of pressor mechanisms independent of the sympathetic nervous system. (*Hypertension*. 2003;42:136-142.)

**Key Words:** hypertension, essential ■ hypotension ■ Parkinson's disease ■ autonomic nervous system  
■ sympathetic nervous system ■ norepinephrine

# Objectives

- Blood pressure regulation abnormalities in PD
- Neurogenic OH
- Selective post-ganglionic sympathetic denervation
- Mechanisms
- Biomarkers of disease process – PD Risk
- Future prevention and disease-modifying intervention



# Orthostatic Hypotension Common in PD

**Senard et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry 1997;63:584-9 58%**

**Bellon et al. Dtsch Med Wochenschr 1996;121:1077-83 65%**

**Micieli et al. Neurology 1987;37:386-93 54%**

Orthostatic hypotension defined by  $\geq 20$  mm Hg fall in systolic blood pressure between supine and upright 5 minutes.

How do we establish a  
neurogenic nature of OH in PD?

# **Contemporary Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine**

## **Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension A Pathophysiological Approach**

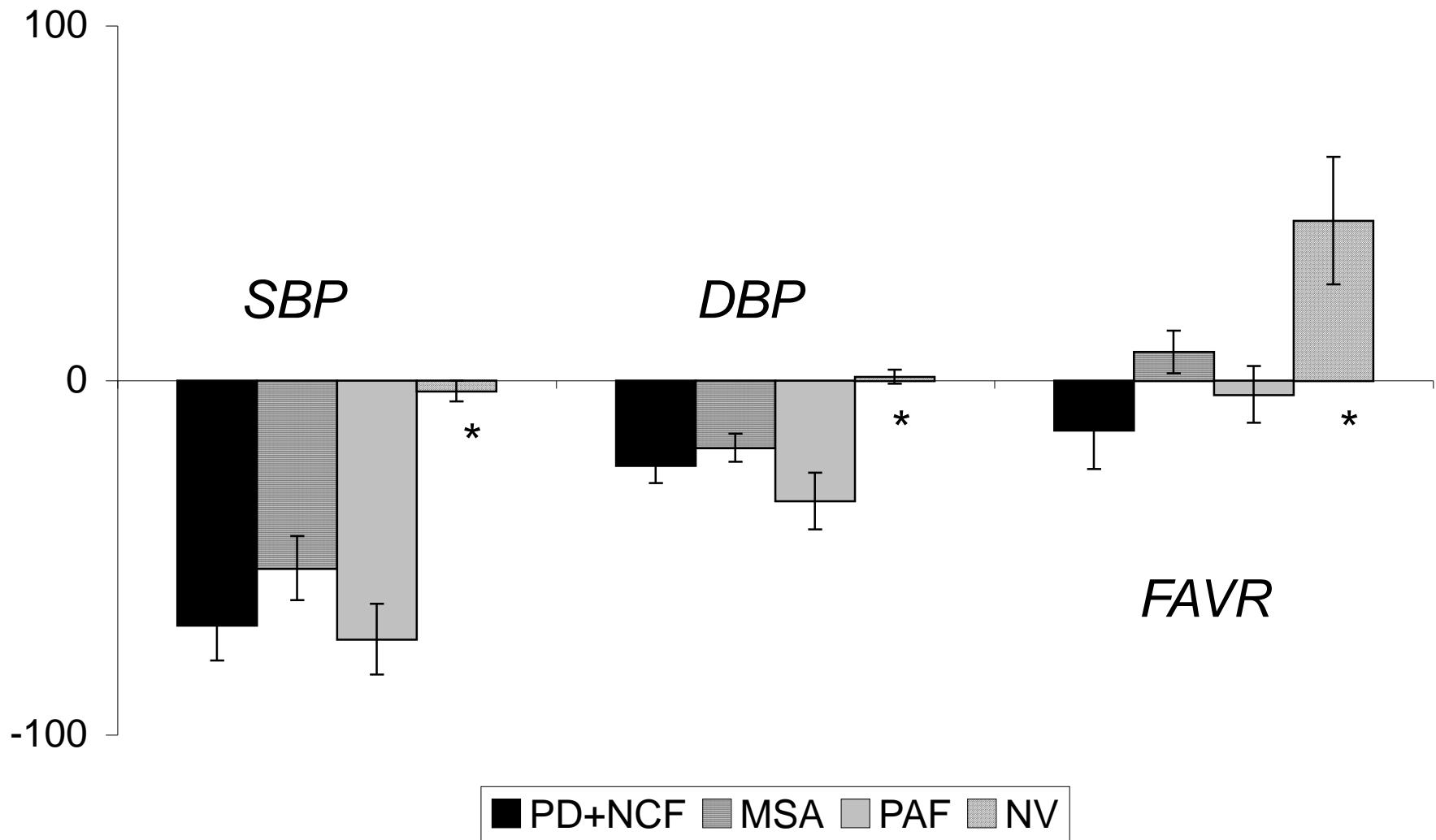
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# Clinical Autonomic Lab

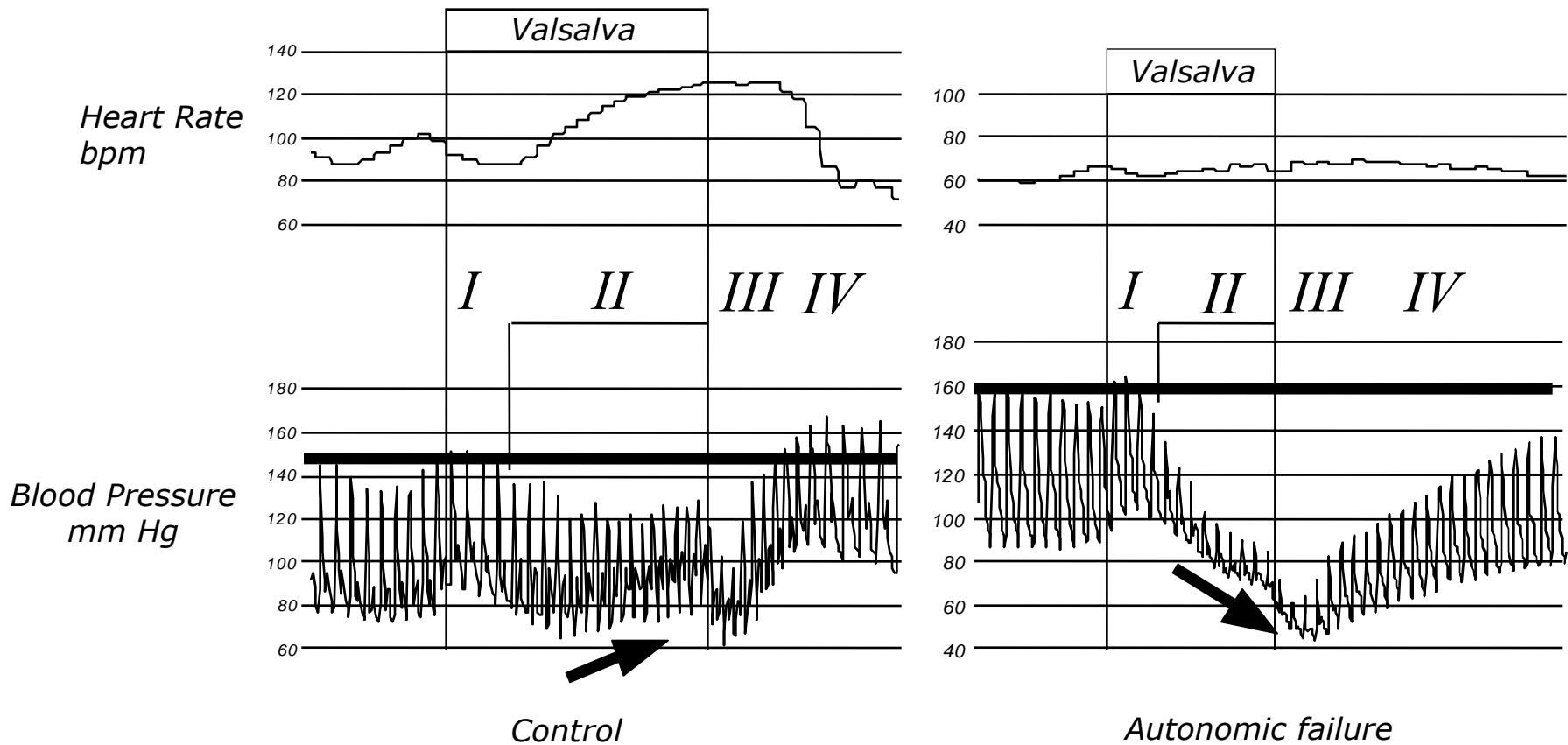
- Beat to beat BP monitor
- ECG
- Forearm blood flow
- Plasma CA measurements (HPLC)
- Neuroimaging (MIBG or FDA PET)



# HEMODYNAMIC RESPONSES TO ORTHOSTASIS



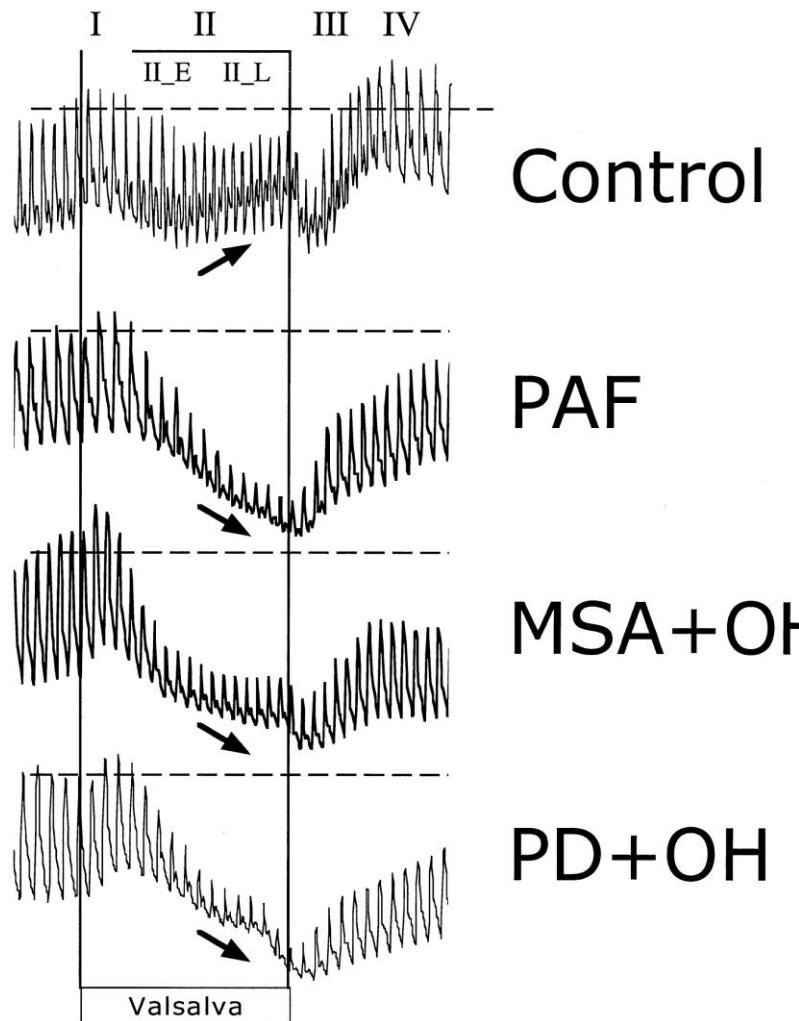
# *Valsalva maneuver*



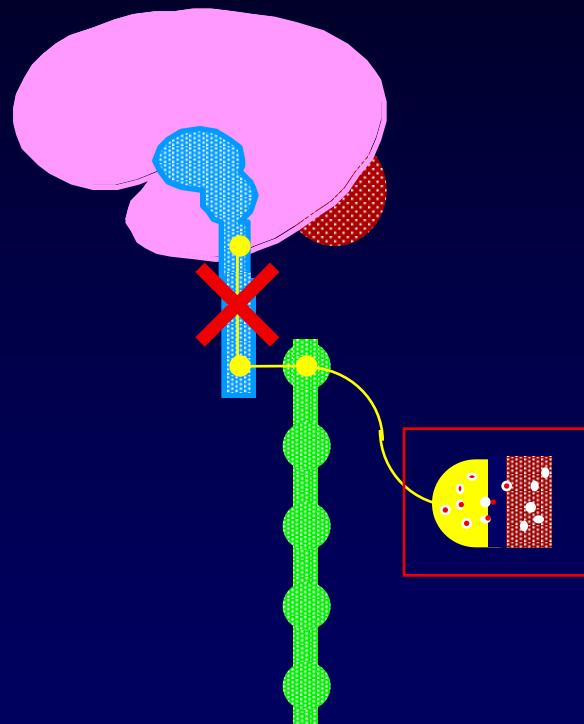
# Lessons from Primary Chronic Autonomic Failure Syndromes

- PAF
- MSA
- PD+NOH

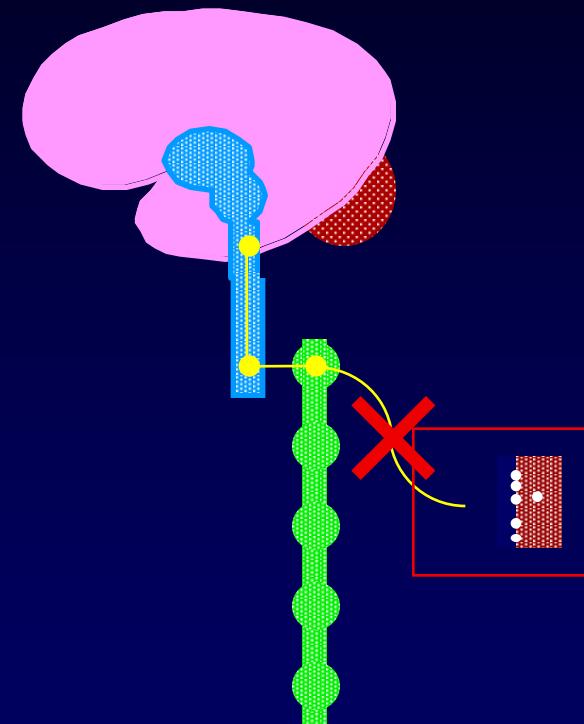
# *BP responses to the Valsalva maneuver in a control patient and in patients with OH associated with PAF, MSA, and PD*



# Where is the Lesion?



Pre-Ganglionic



Post-Ganglionic

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# **Neuropharmacologic Distinction of Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension Syndromes**

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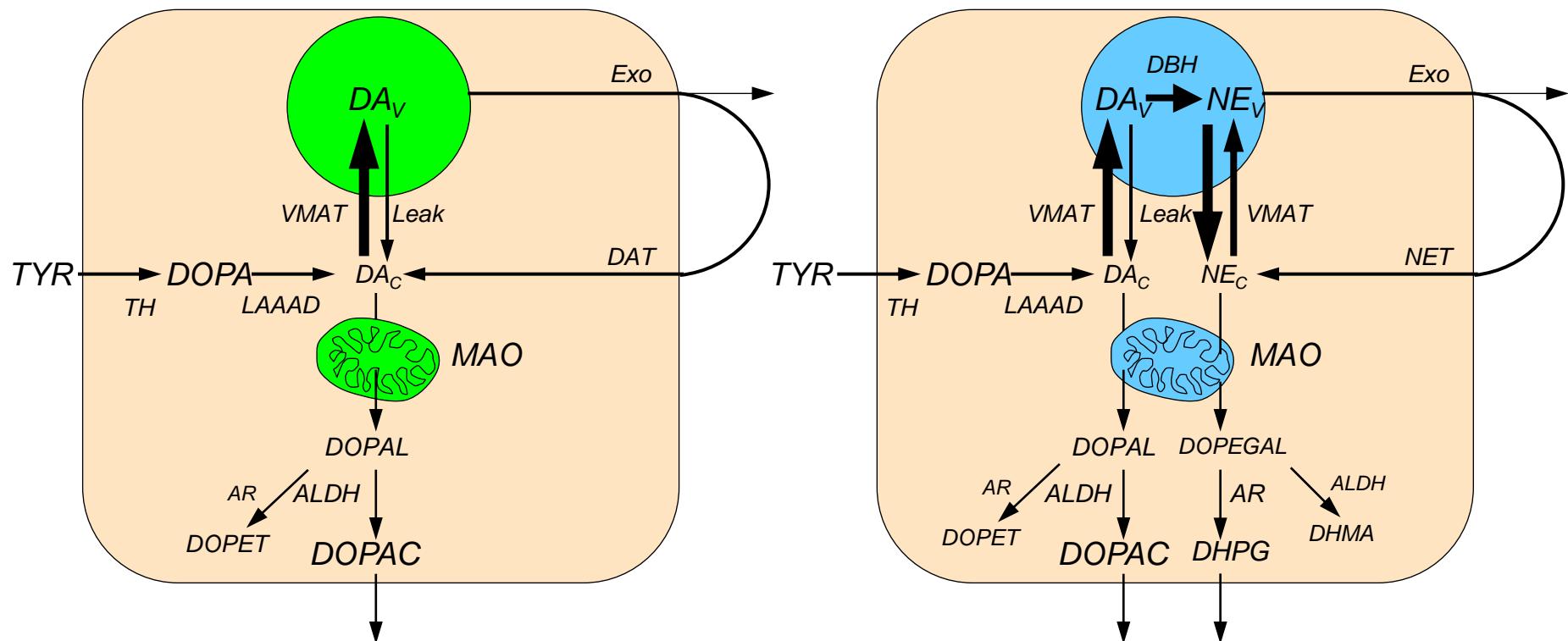


# *Sympathetic Noradrenergic Tests*

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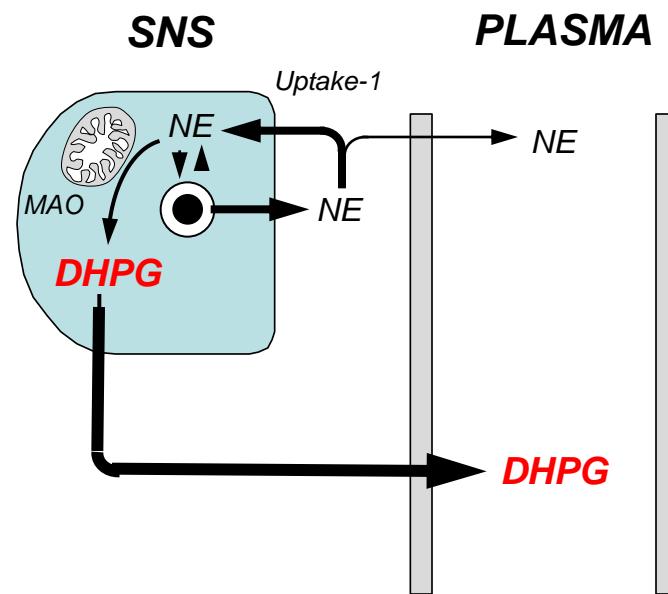
- *Plasma DHPG & NE*
- *Microdialysate DHPG*
- *Tyramine*
- *Isoproterenol*
- *Trimethaphan*
- *Yohimbine*

FIGURE 1

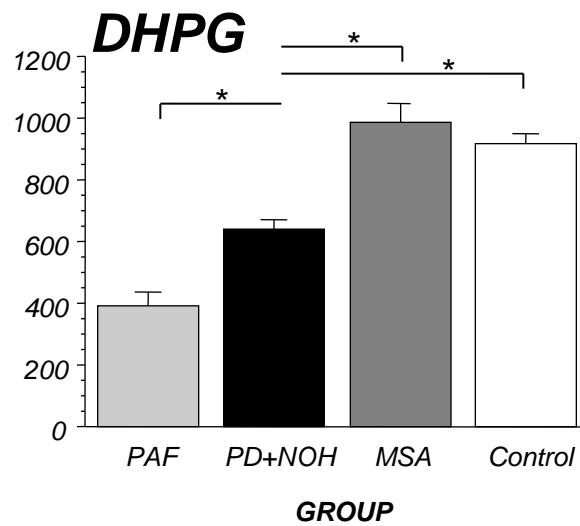
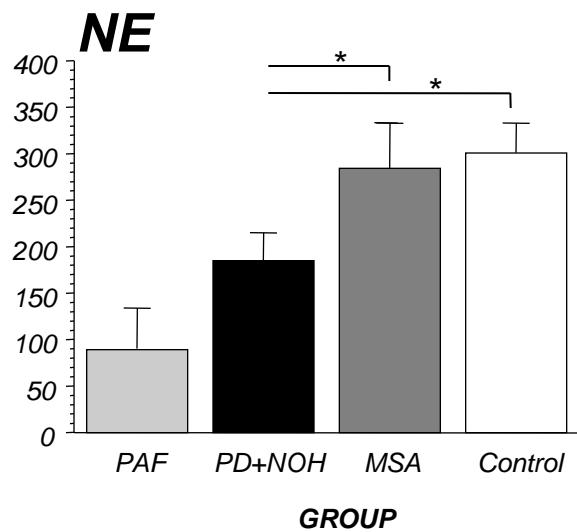




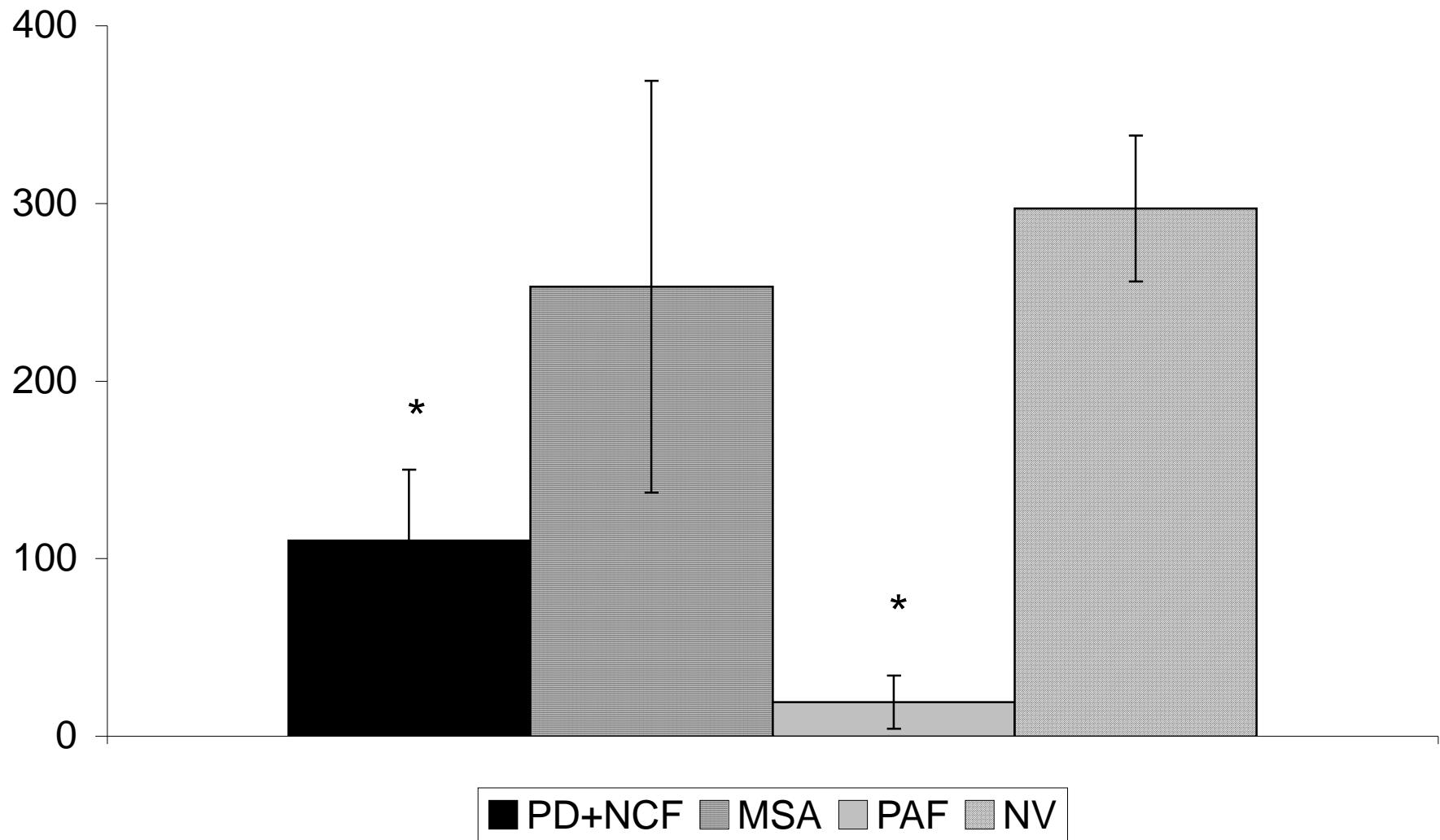
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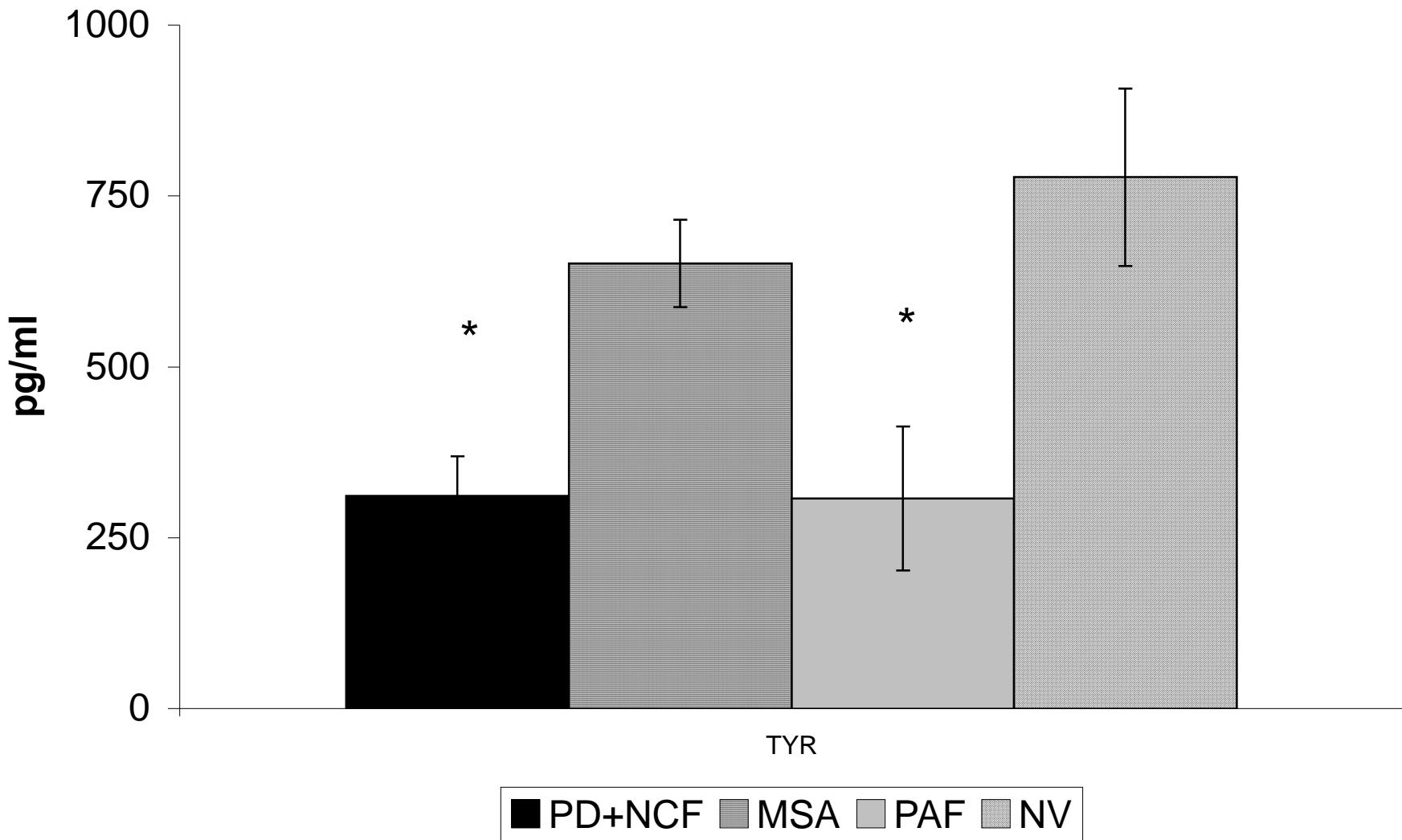
# **PLASMA CATECHOLS (pg/mL)**



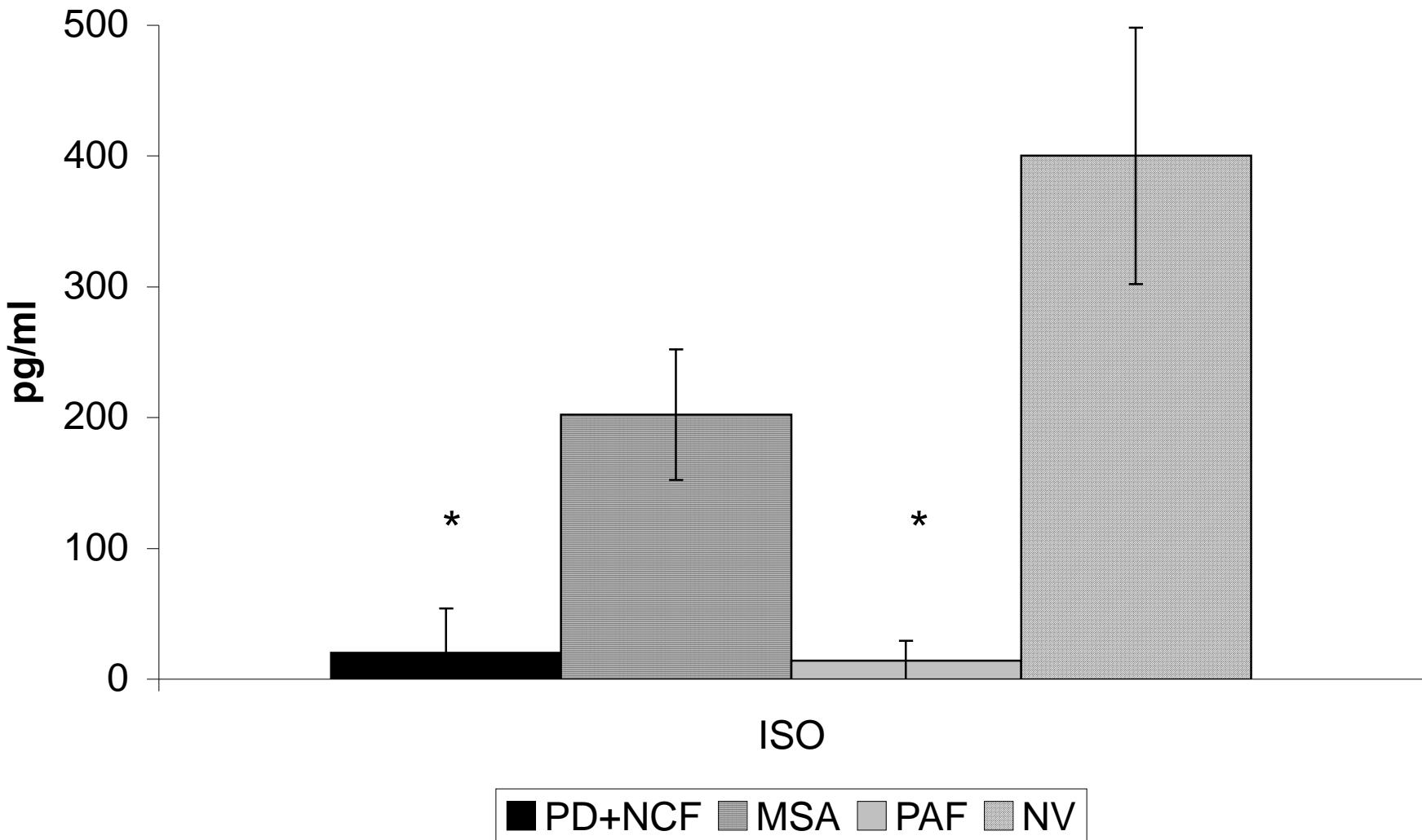
## NE RESPONSES TO ORTHOSTASIS



## DHPG RESPONSES TO TYRAMINE



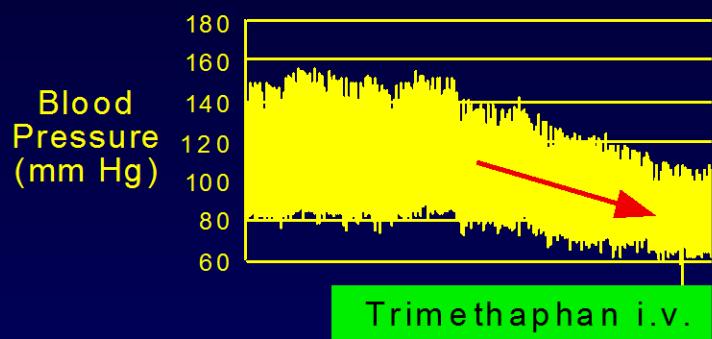
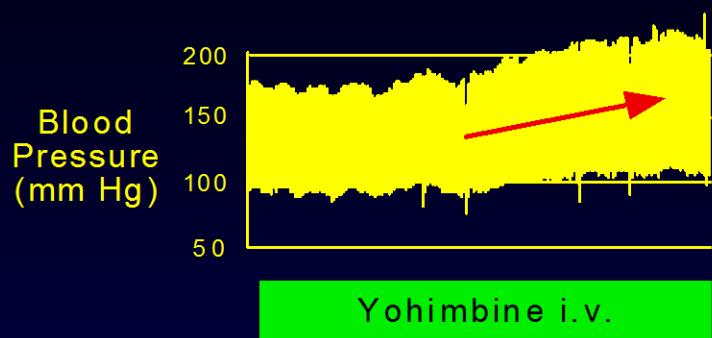
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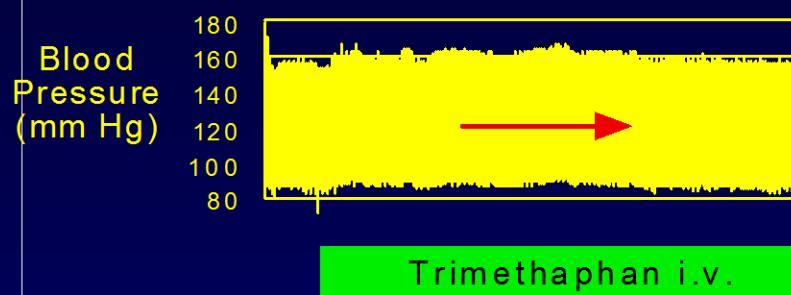
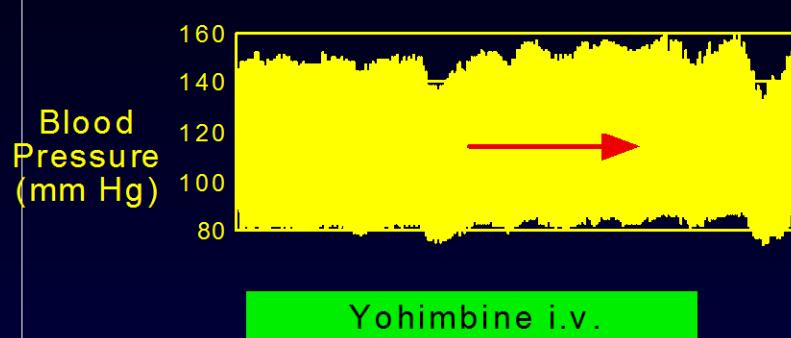
# Yohimbine & Trimethaphan

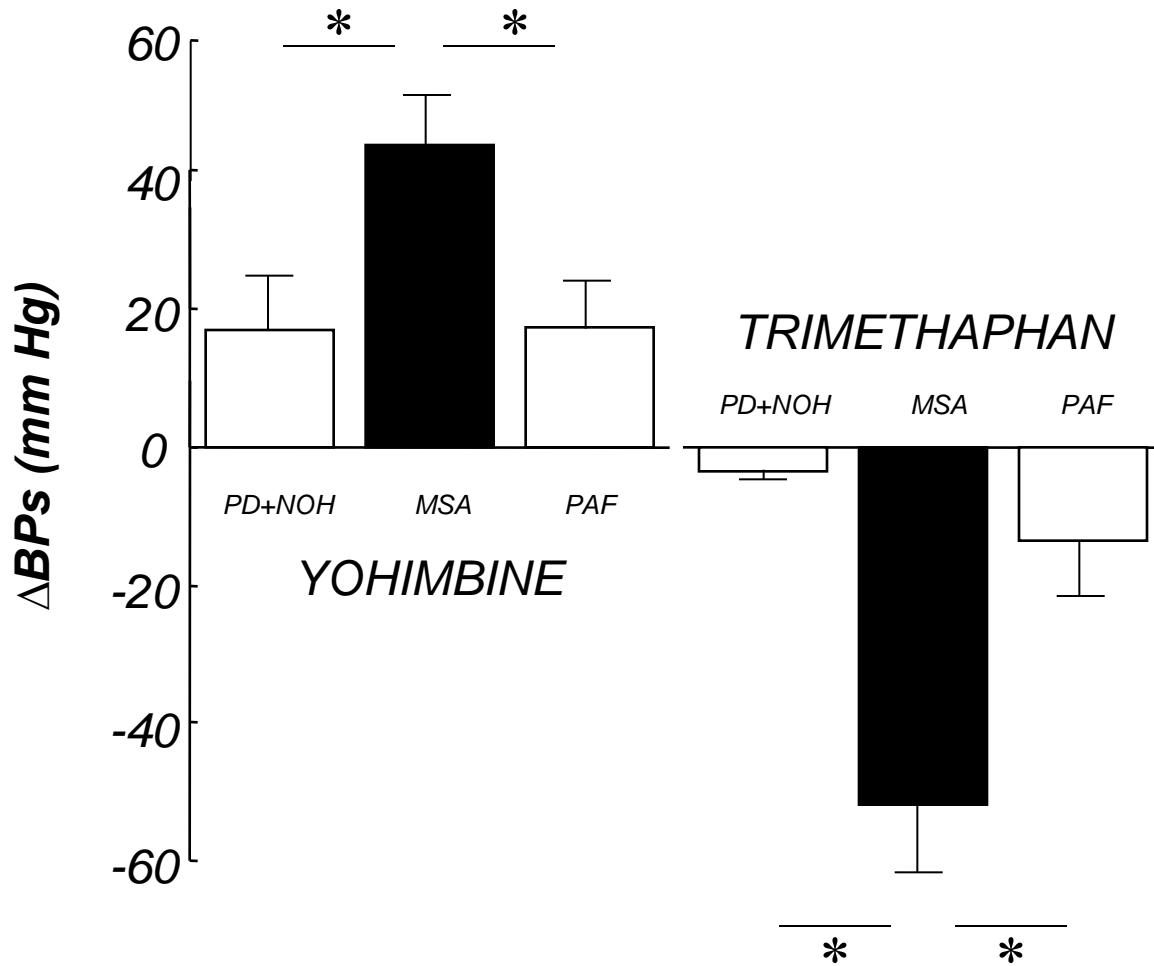


## MSA+SNF



## Park+SNF





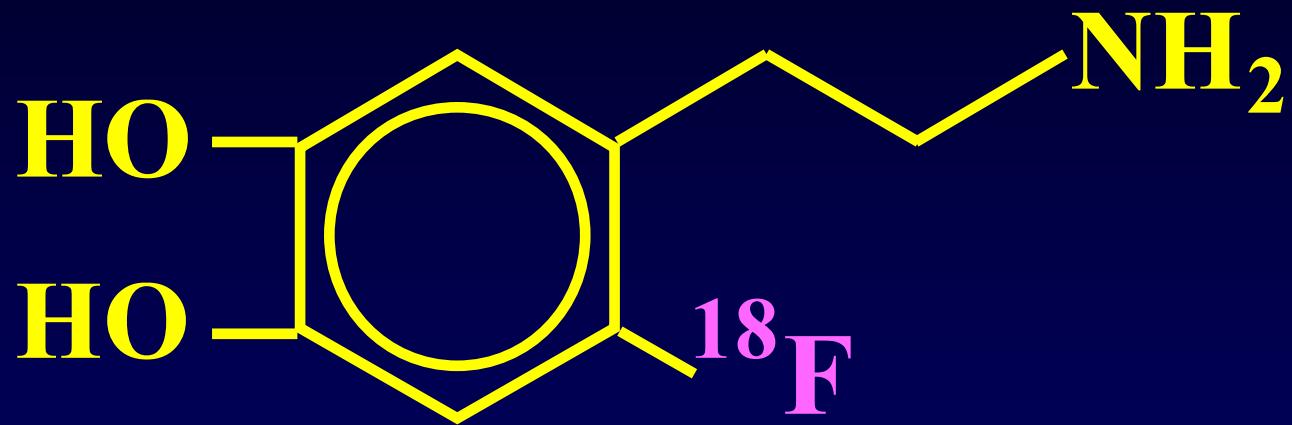
# Cardiac $^{123}\text{I}$ -MIBG in PD



First Author	Journal	Year	Finding
Orimo	Neurology	2001	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Taki	Eur J Nucl Med	2000	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Reinhardt	Eur J Nucl Med	2000	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Druschky A	J Neurol Sci	2000	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Takatsu	J Nucl Med	2000	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Takatsu	JAMA	2000	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Braune	Neurology	1999	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Orimo	J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry	1999	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Satoh	J Nucl Med	1999	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not MSA
Yoshita	Nucl Med Commun	1998	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium
Yoshita	J Neurol Sci	1998	▼ $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium in PD, not PSP
Braune	Acta Neurol Scand	1998	▼ Dec. $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium
Satoh	Nippon Rinsho	1997	▼ Dec. $^{123}\text{I}$ myocardium

- Low cardiac  $^{123}\text{I}$ -MIBG in PD, not MSA.
- Heart-selective, independent of AF, related to severity of PD & age.

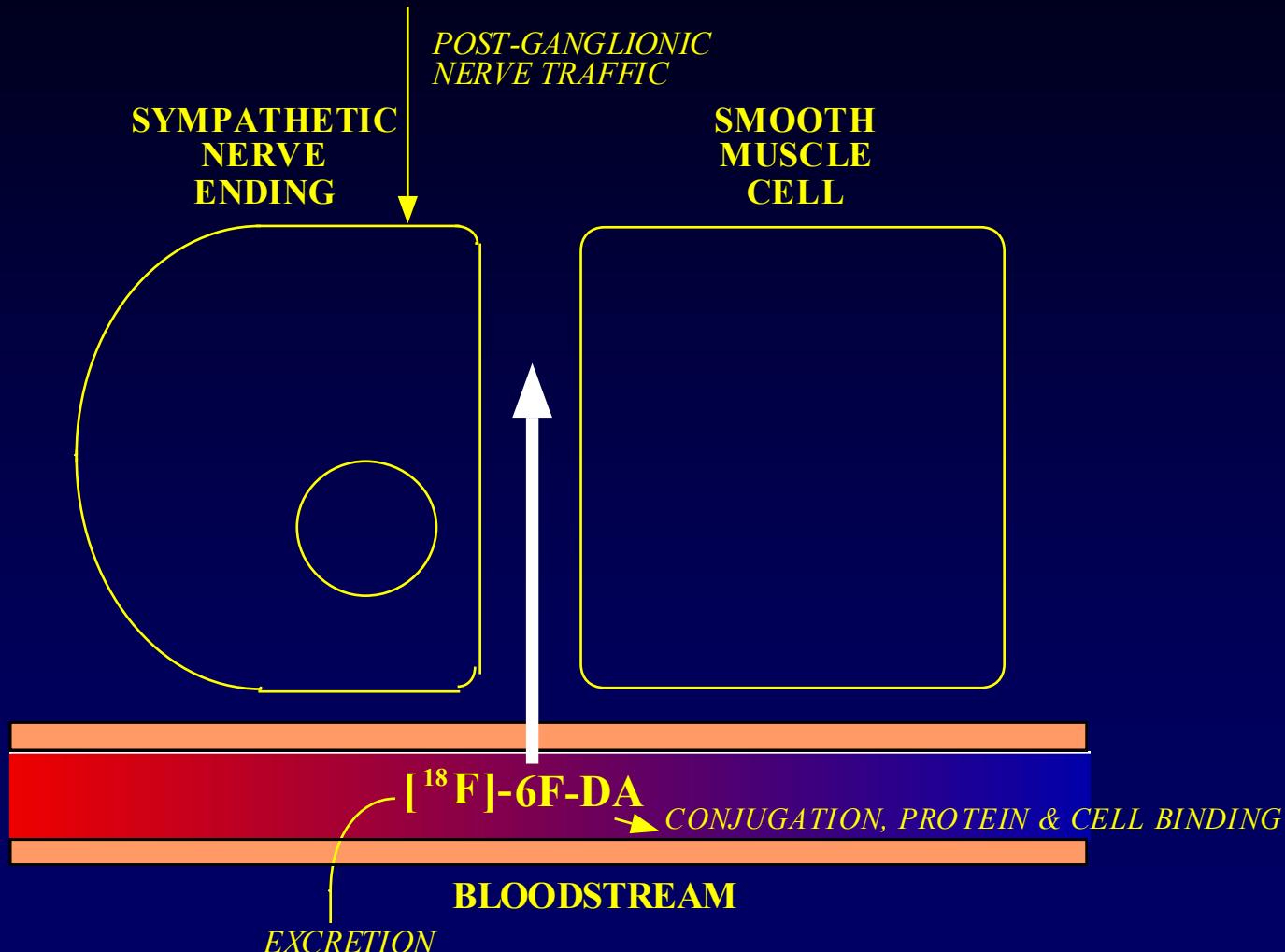
# 6-[<sup>18</sup>F]Fluorodopamine



Goldstein et al., Circulation 1990;81:1606-1621



# Fate of 6-[<sup>18</sup>F]Fluorodopamine



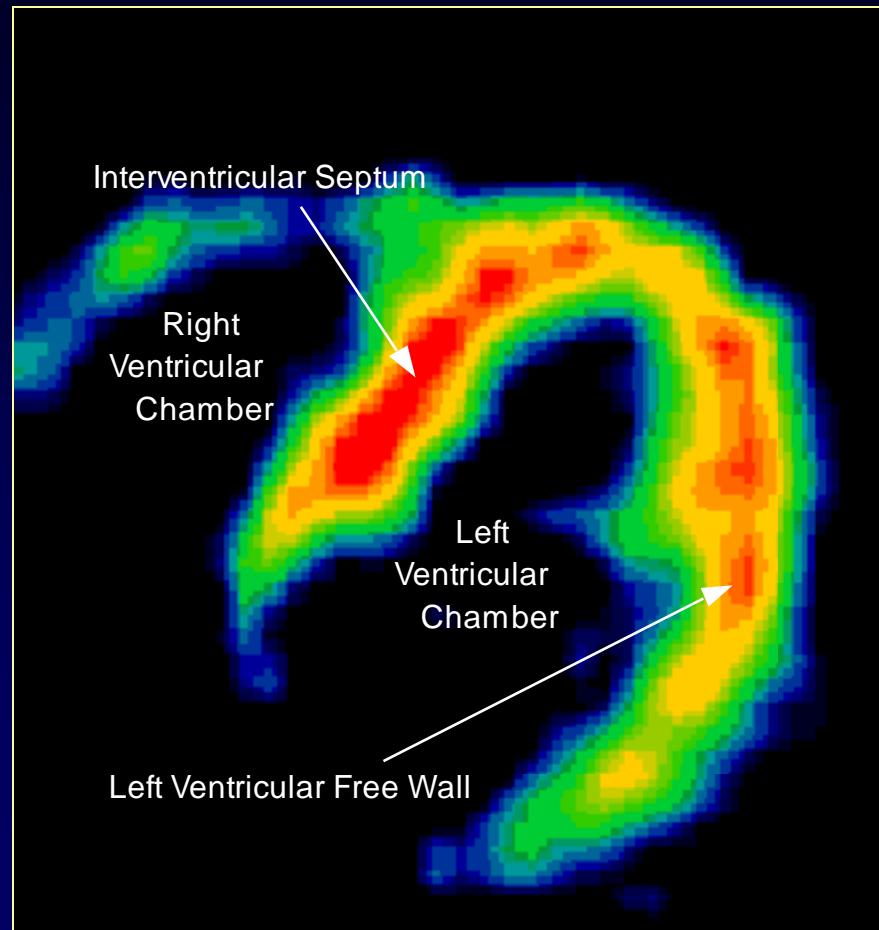
# Sympathetic Nerves in the Heart



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Right

Left

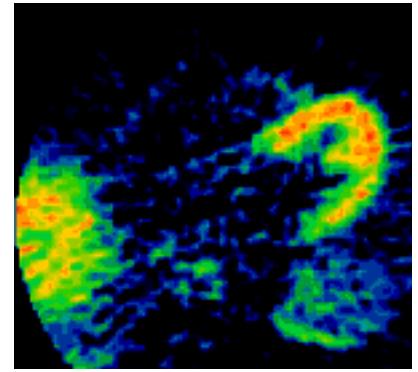
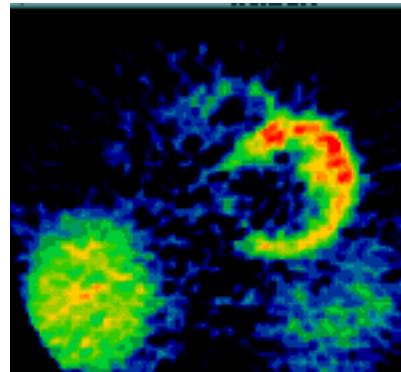
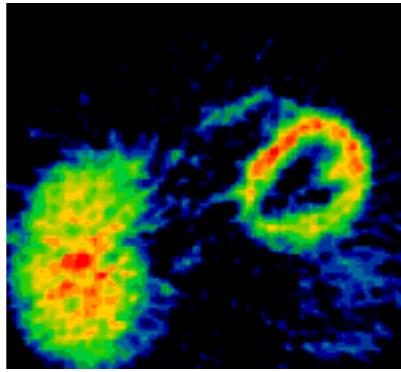
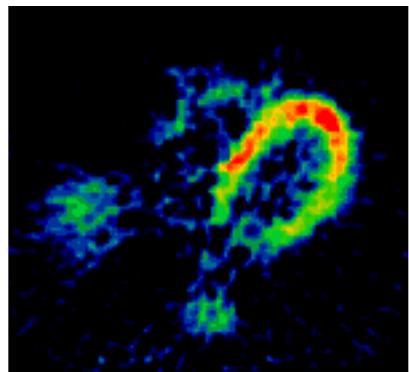


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# PET Scanning in Autonomic Failure

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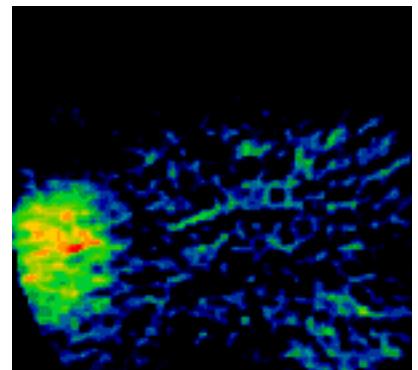
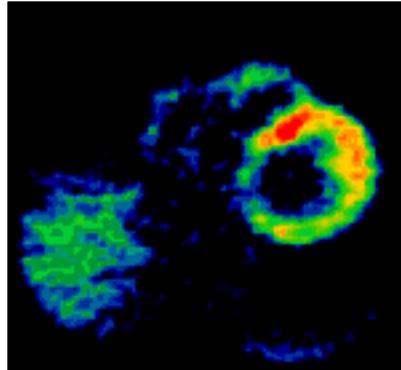
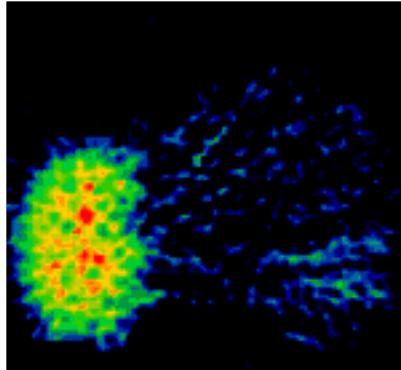
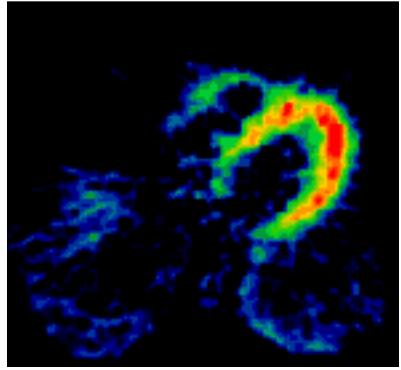
*Normal*

*PAF*

*MSA*

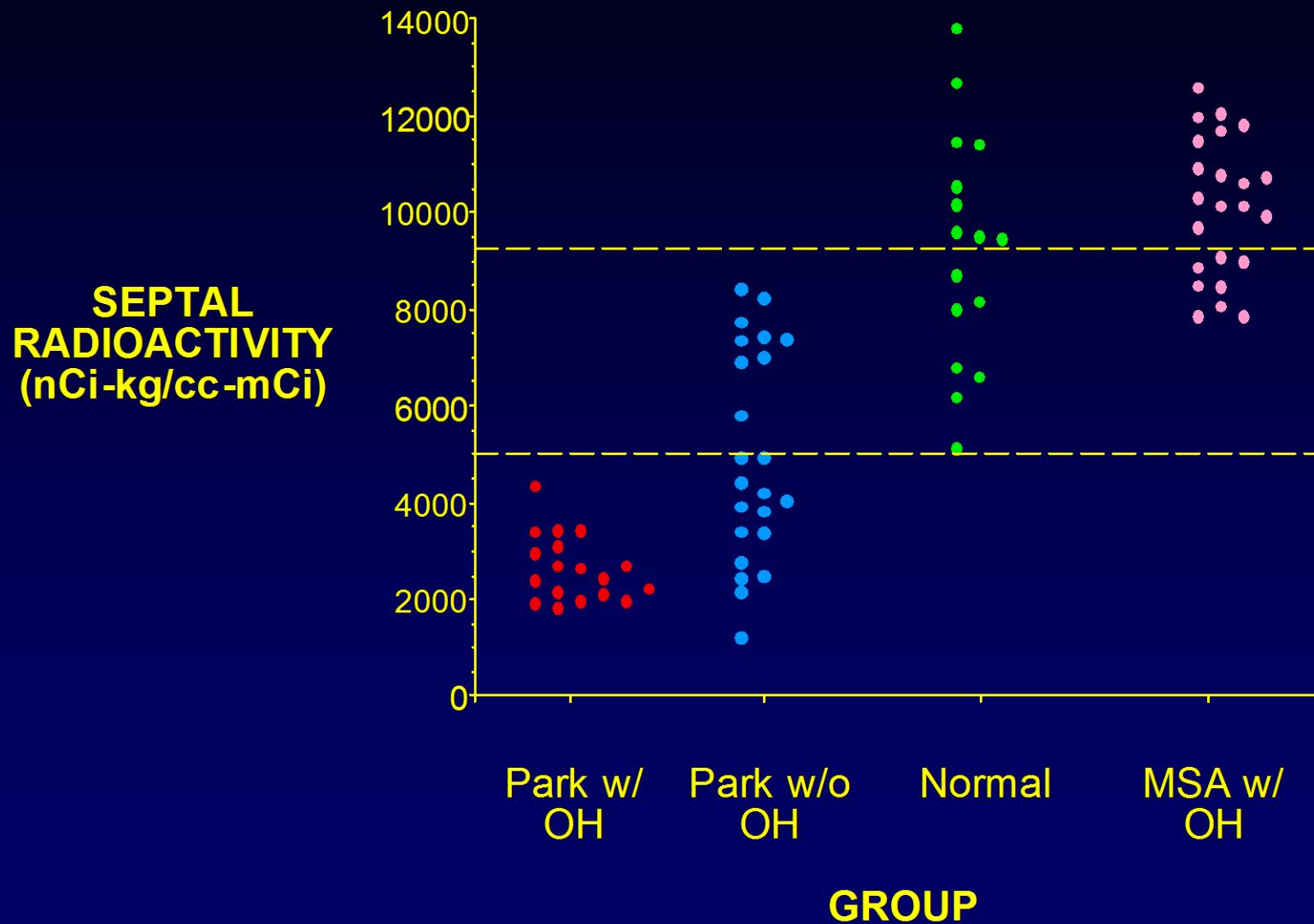
*PD+NOH*

$^{18}\text{FDG}$



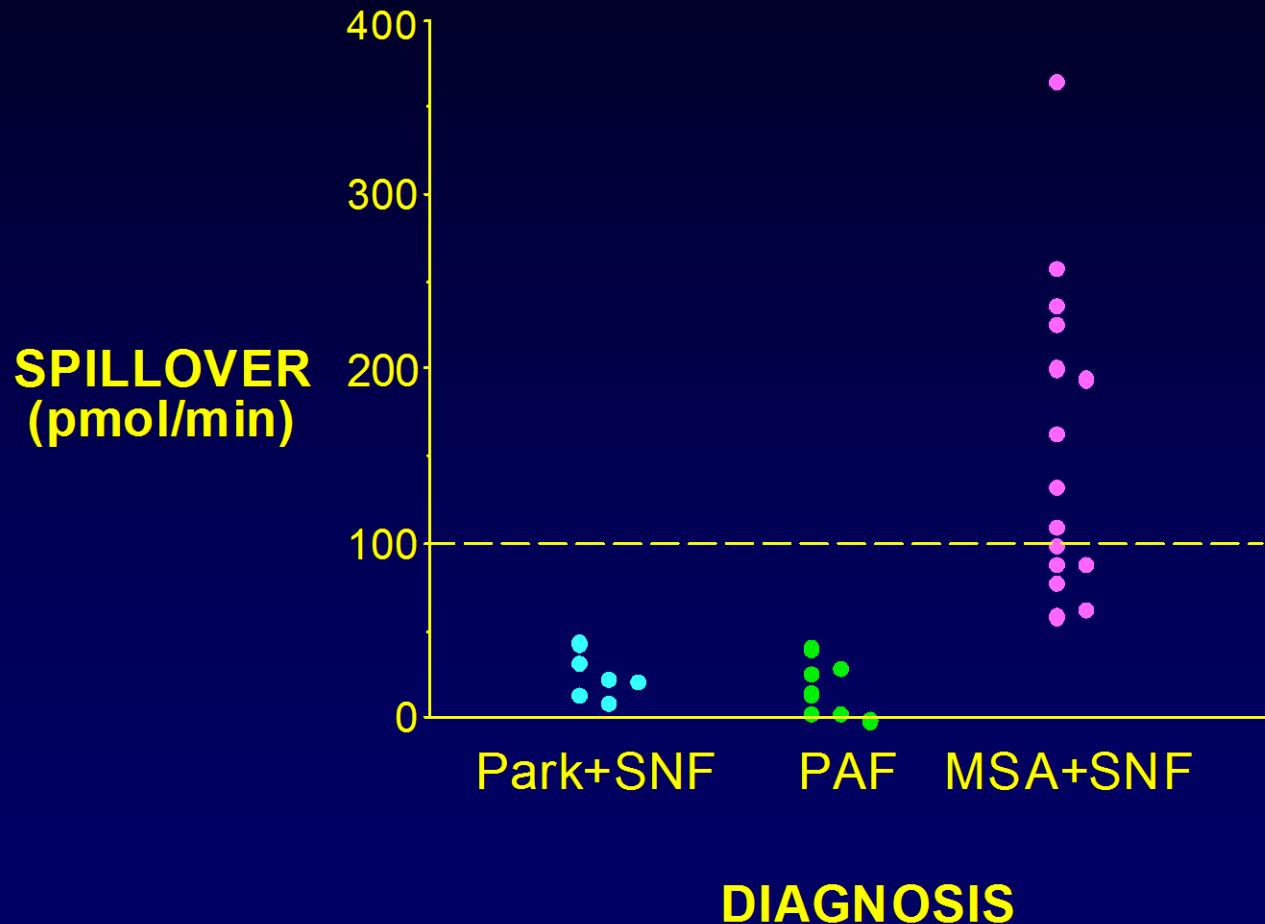
Goldstein et al., N Engl J Med 1997;336:696-702.

# Cardiac Sympathetic Denervation in PD





# Cardiac NE Spillover



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# **Neurotransmitter specificity of sympathetic denervation in Parkinson's disease**

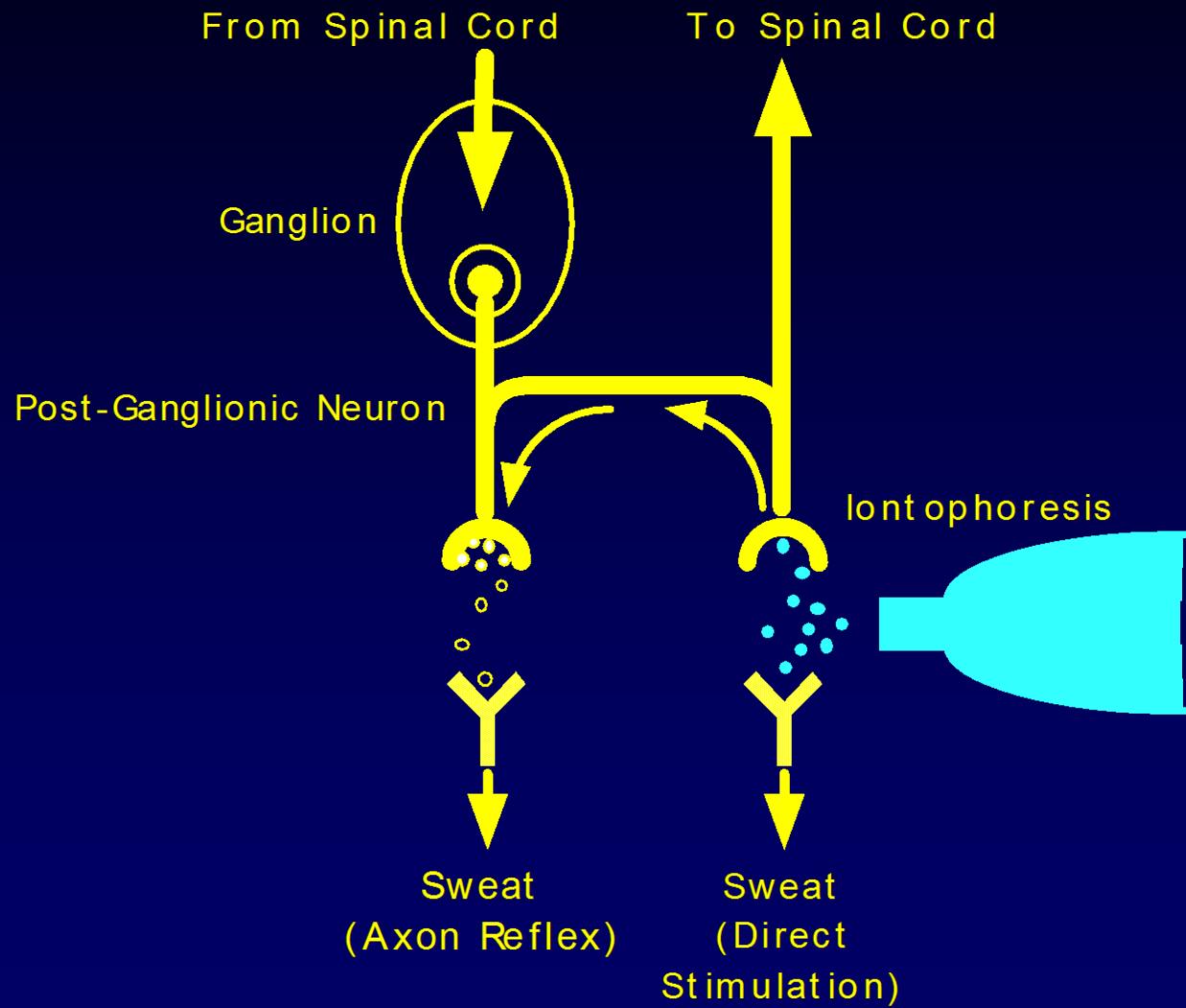
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**Abstract**—In PD, orthostatic hypotension reflects sympathetic noradrenergic denervation. The authors assessed sympathetic cholinergic innervation by the quantitative sudomotor axon reflex test (QSART) in 12 patients who had sympathetic neurocirculatory failure, markedly decreased cardiac 6-[<sup>18</sup>F] fluorodopamine-derived radioactivity, and subnormal plasma norepinephrine increments during standing. All 12 had normal QSART results. The sympathetic nervous system lesion in PD involves loss of postganglionic catecholaminergic but not cholinergic nerves.

NEUROLOGY 2003;60:1036–1039

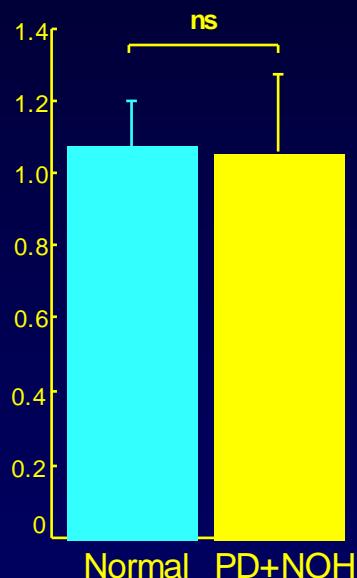
# QSART



# Cholinergic vs. Noradrenergic Lesion



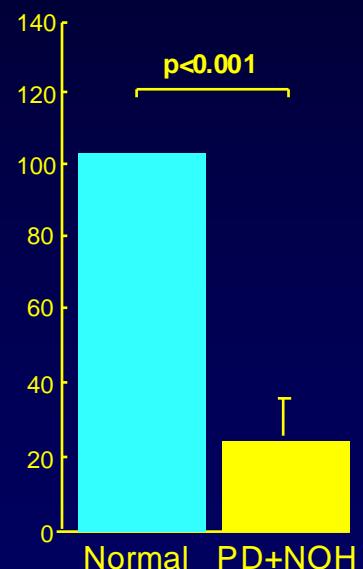
SWEAT  
PRODUCTION  
( $\mu\text{L}/10 \text{ min}$ )



SYMPATHETIC  
CHOLINERGIC

*NORMAL*

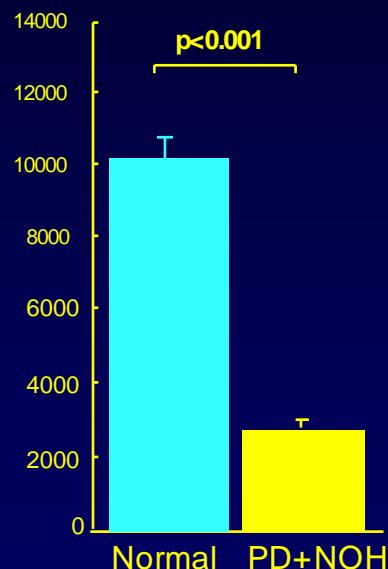
PLASMA  
NE  
PERCENT  
INCREASE



SYMPATHETIC  
NORADRENRGIC

*ABNORMAL*

SEPTAL  
RADIOACTIVITY  
(nC-kg/cc-mCi)



SYMPATHETIC  
NORADRENRGIC

*ABNORMAL*

*Movement Disorders*

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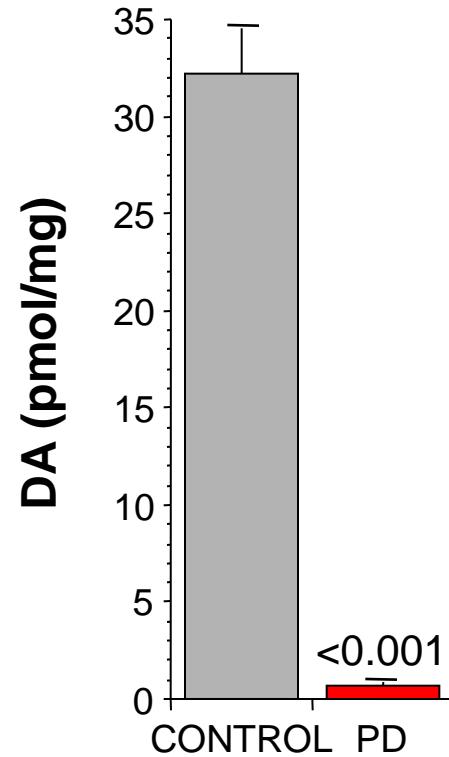
# Generalized and Neurotransmitter-Selective Noradrenergic Denervation in Parkinson's Disease with Orthostatic Hypotension

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Sandra Pechnik, RN, and David S. Goldstein, MD, PhD\*

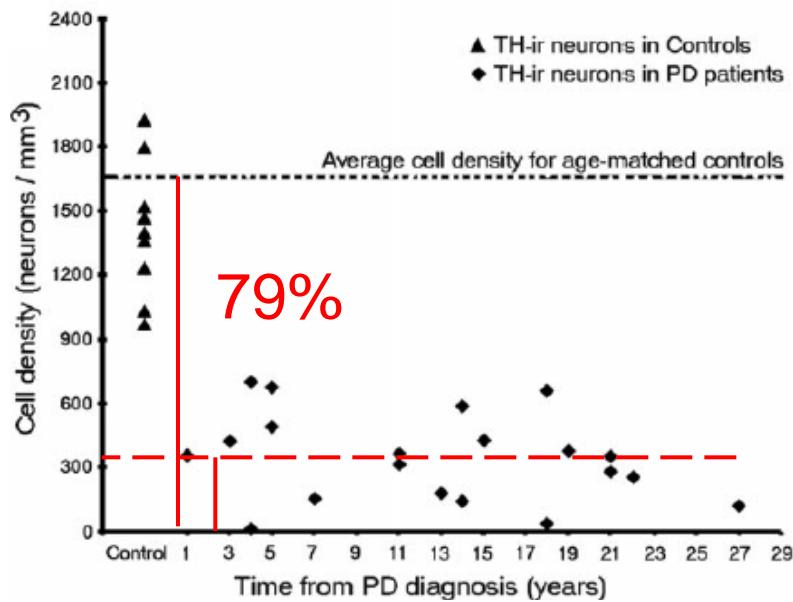
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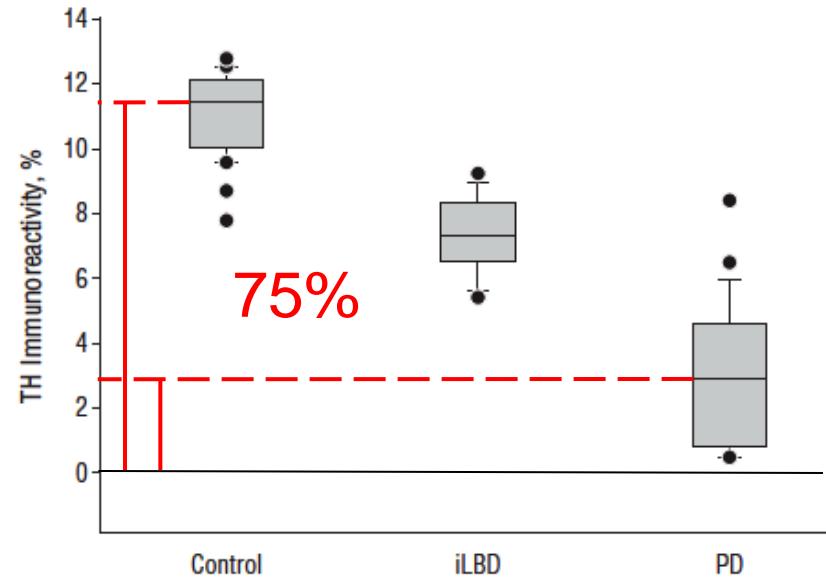
# Putamen DA Depletion: Biochemical *Sine Qua Non* of PD



*All patients with PD have markedly decreased putamen DA.*



Kordower et al., Brain 2013;136:2419-2431



DelleDonne et al., Arch Neurol. 2008;65:1074-1080



## Biomarkers to detect central dopamine deficiency and distinguish Parkinson disease from multiple system atrophy

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So far...

DA deficiency in CNS

NE deficiency in periphery

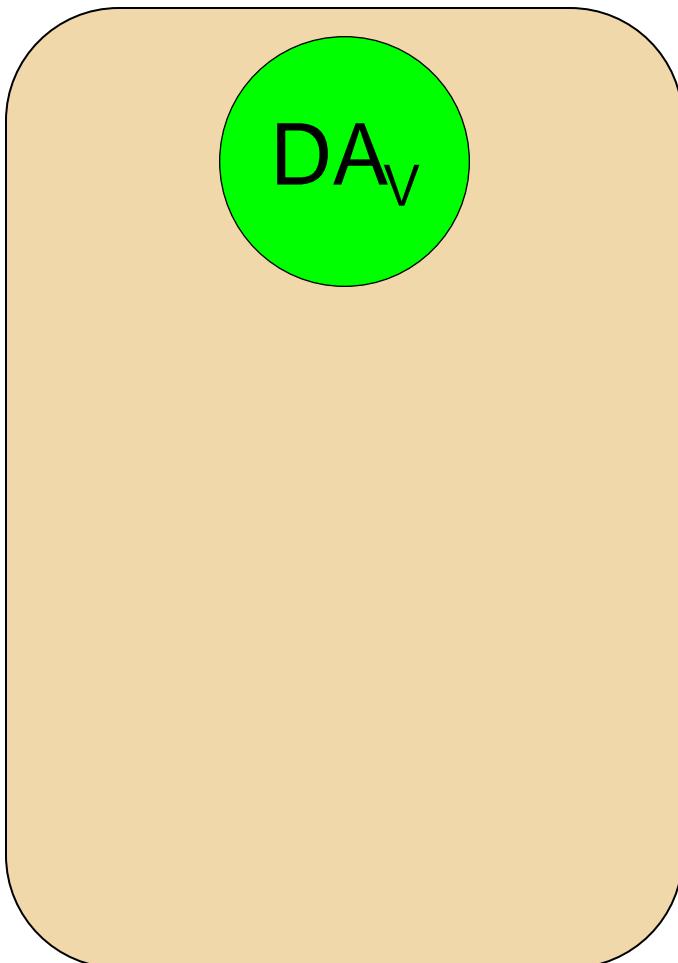
Catecholamines –  
the smoking gun



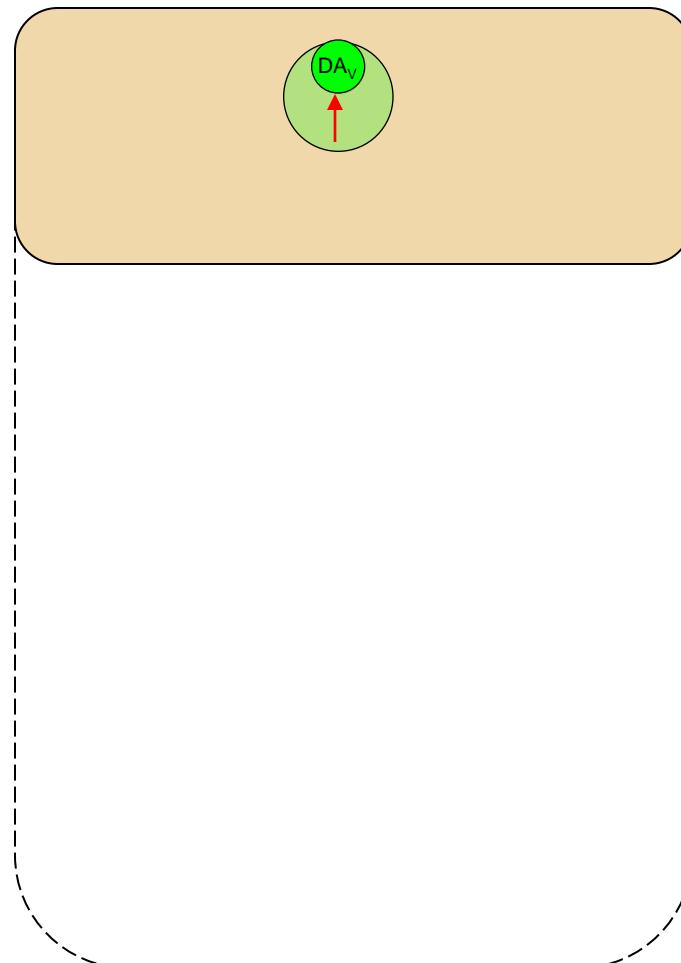


# The Quest Begins with a Paradox

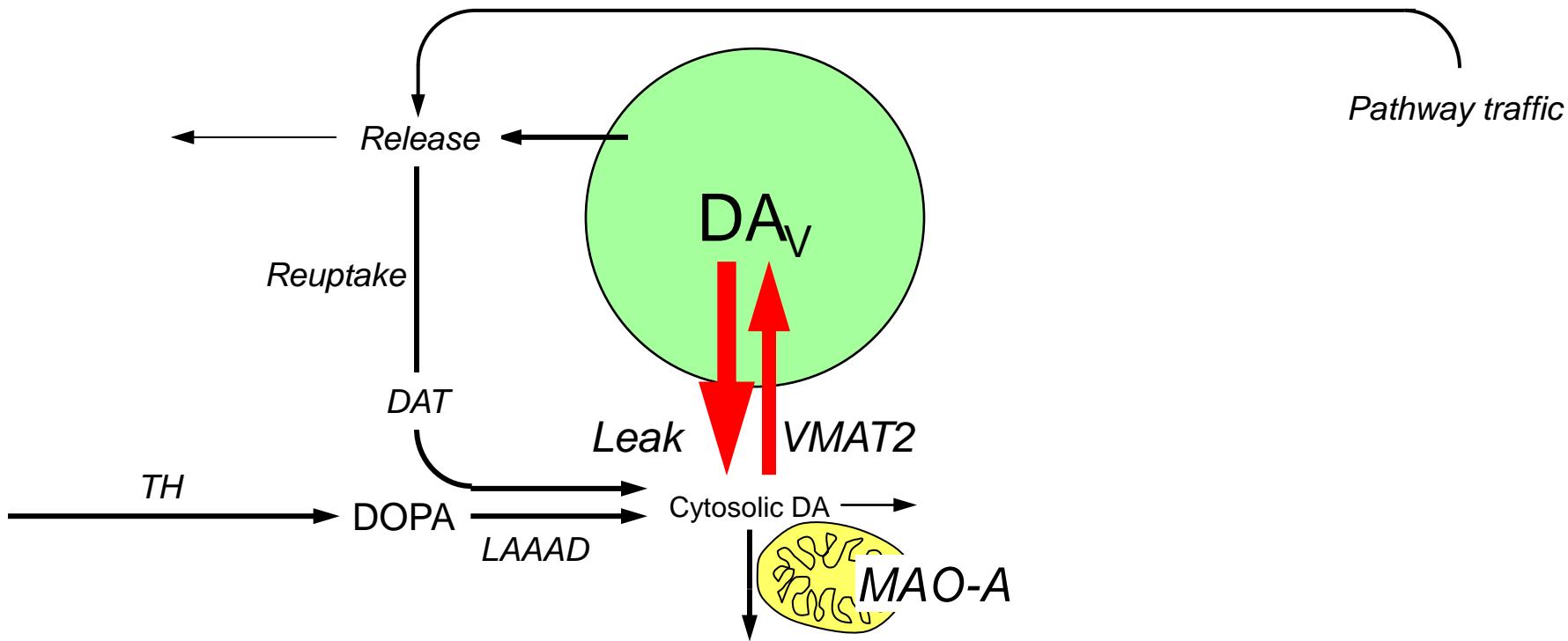
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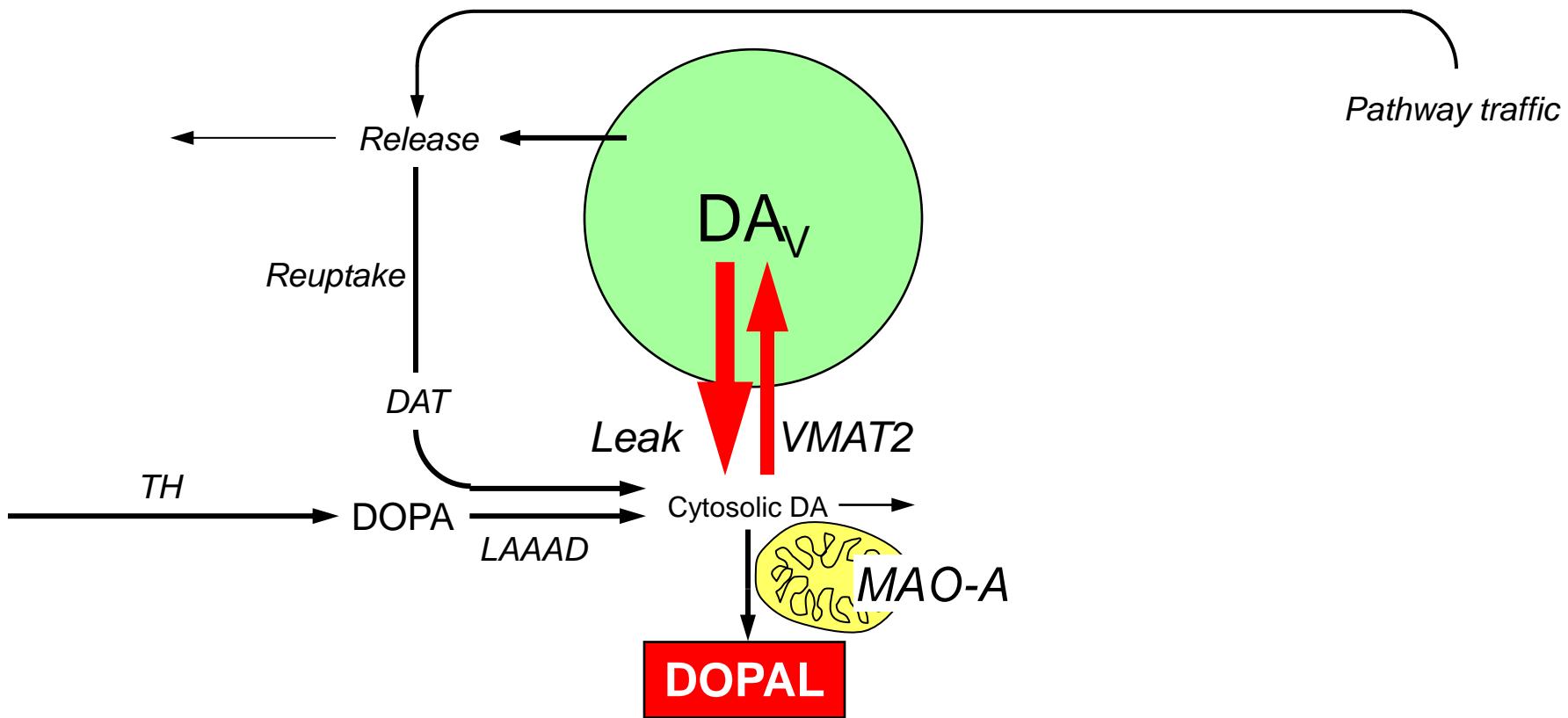
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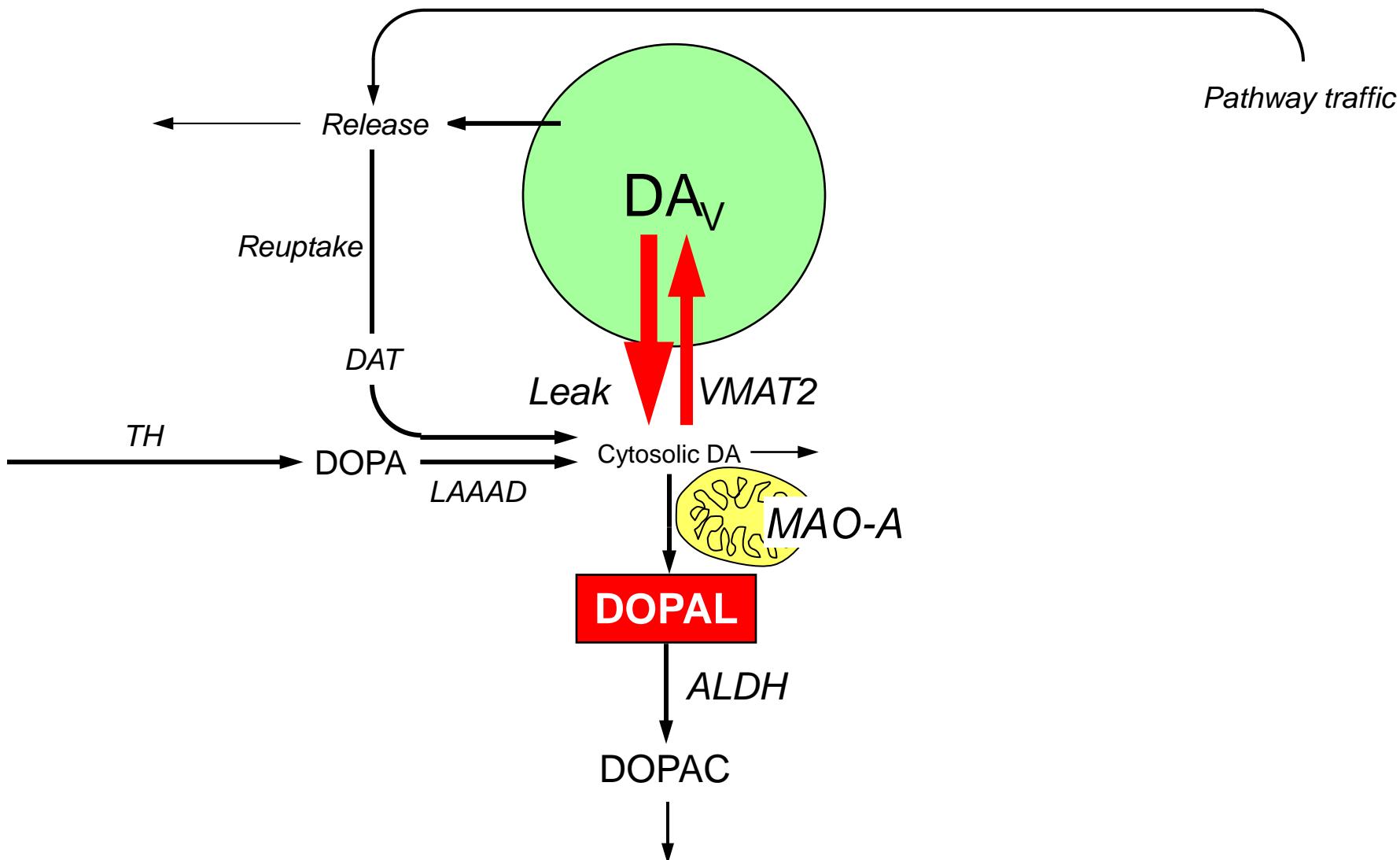
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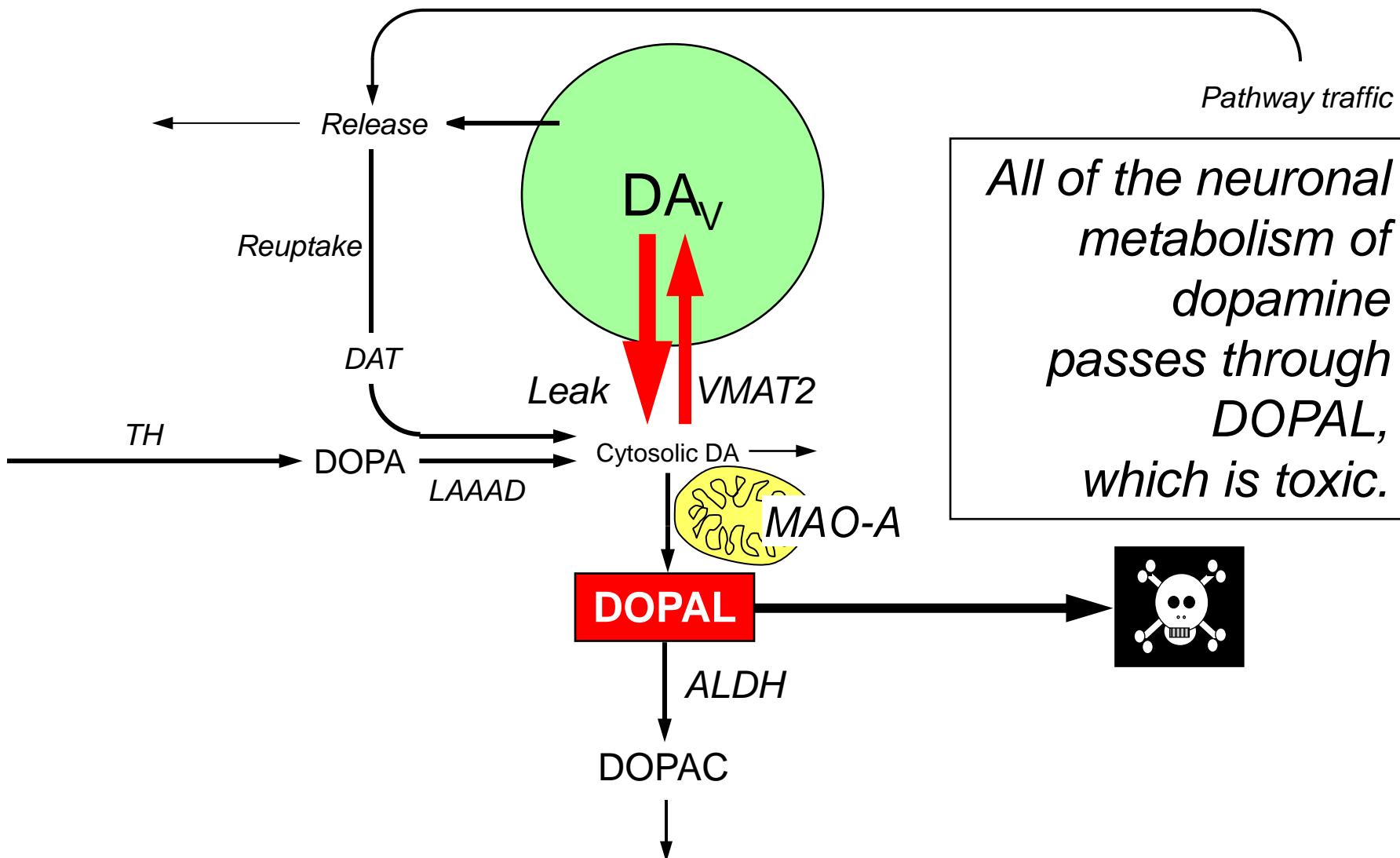
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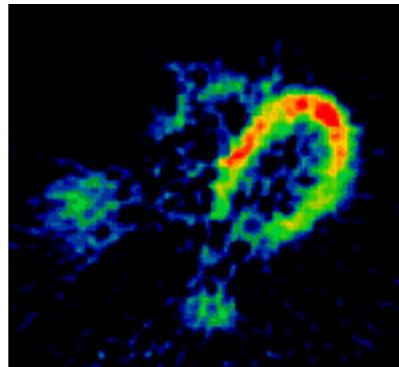
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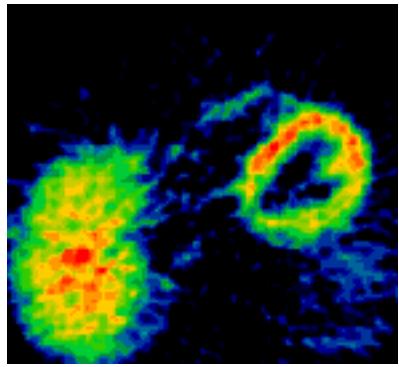


# Is Vesicular Sequestration Decreased in PD?

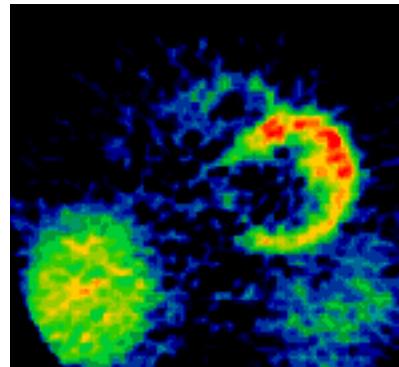
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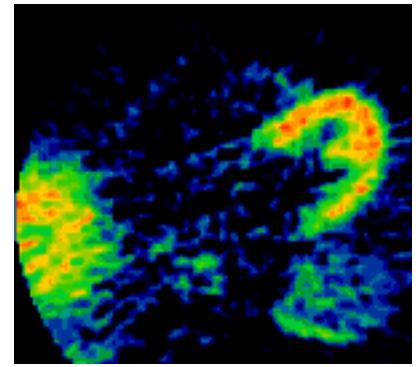
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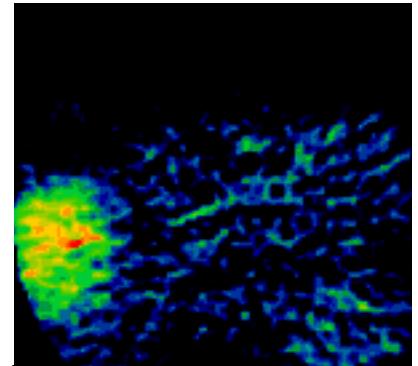
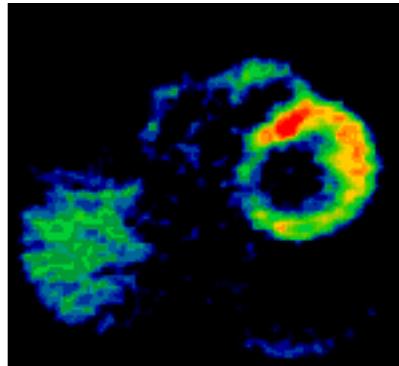
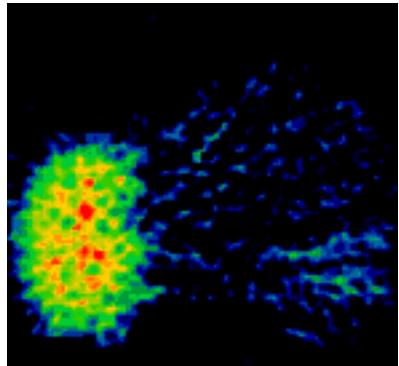
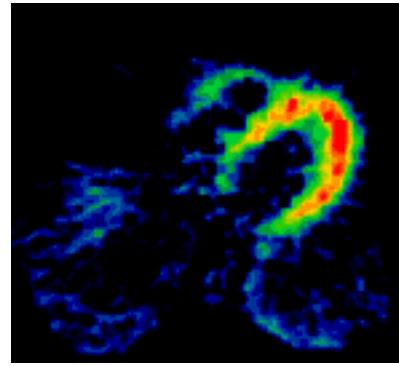


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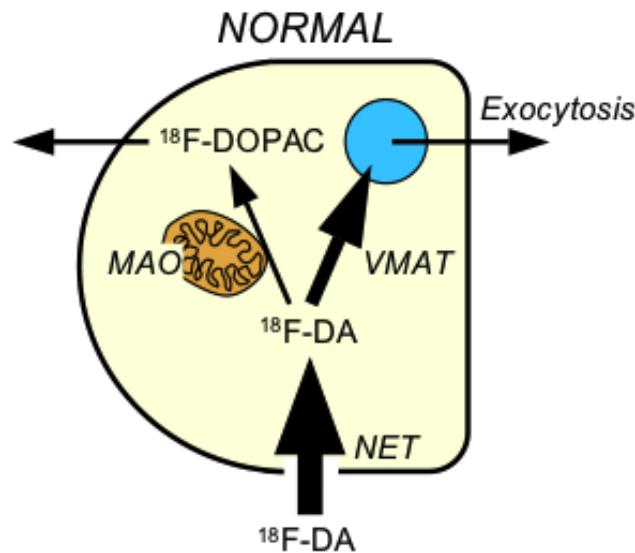
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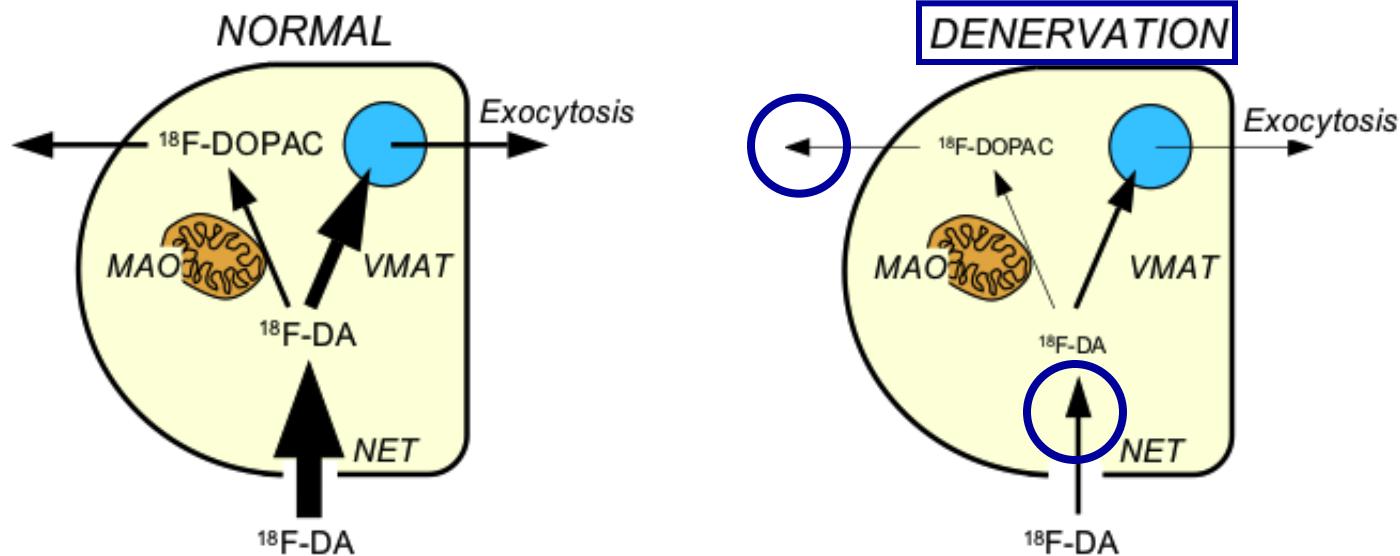


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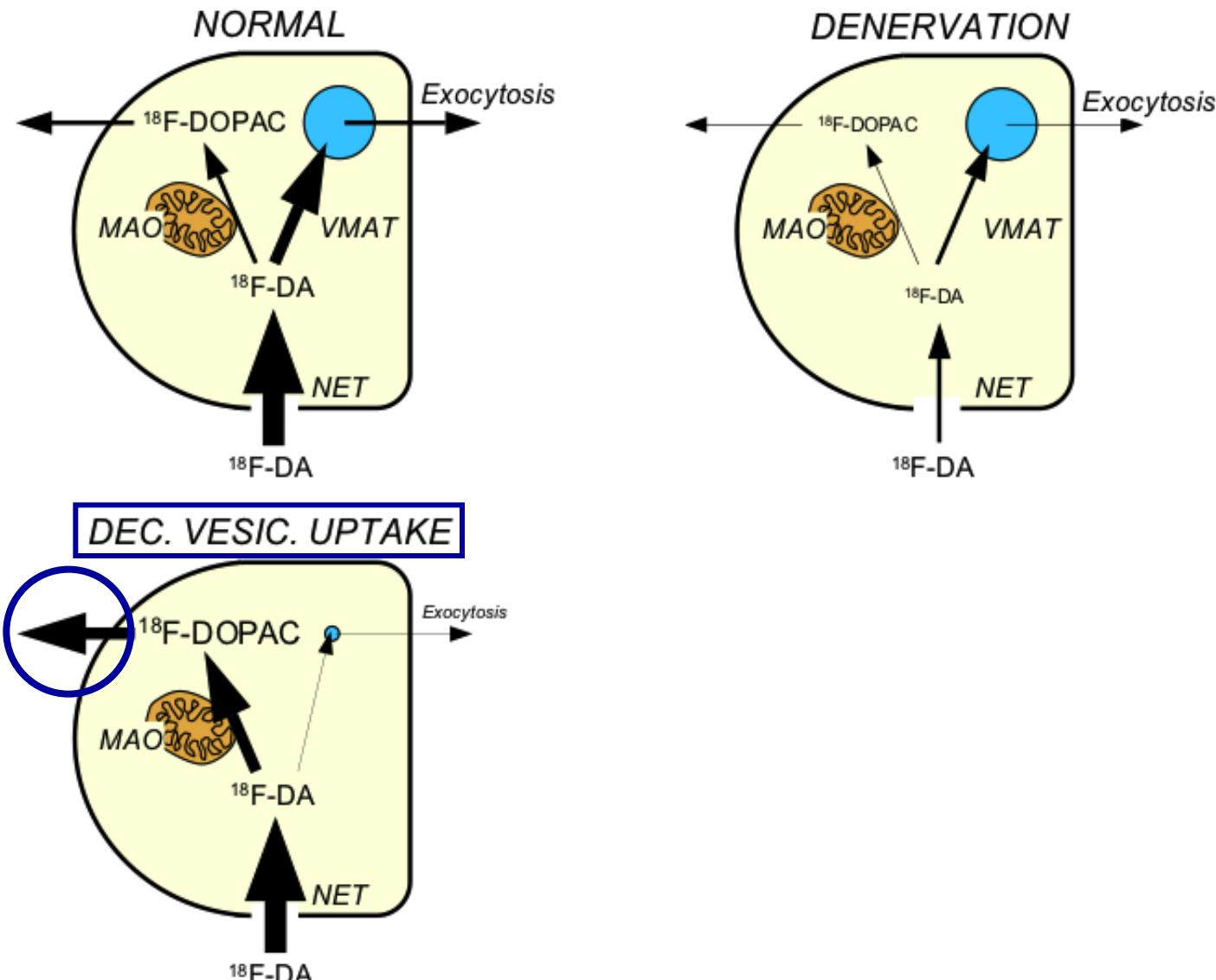


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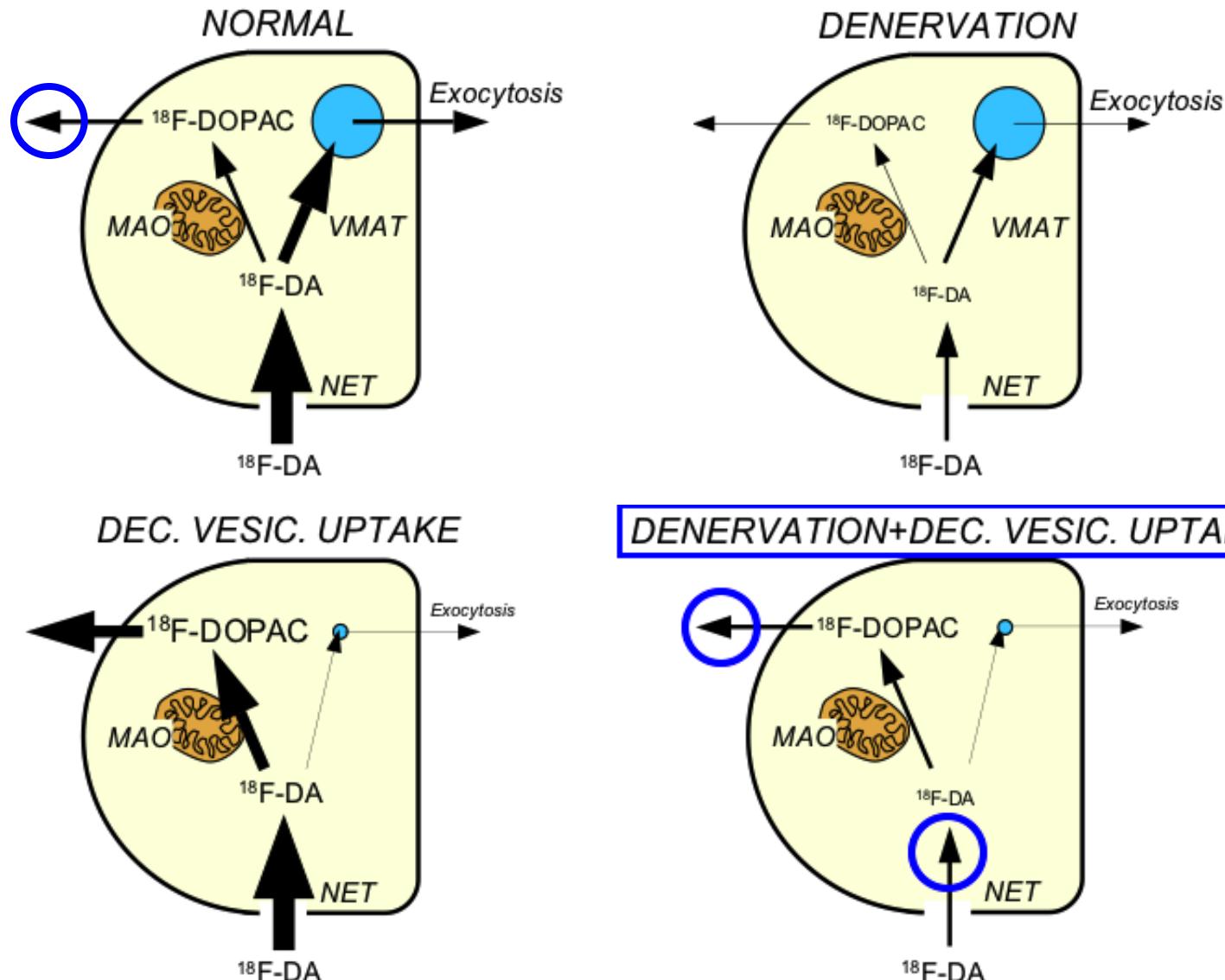


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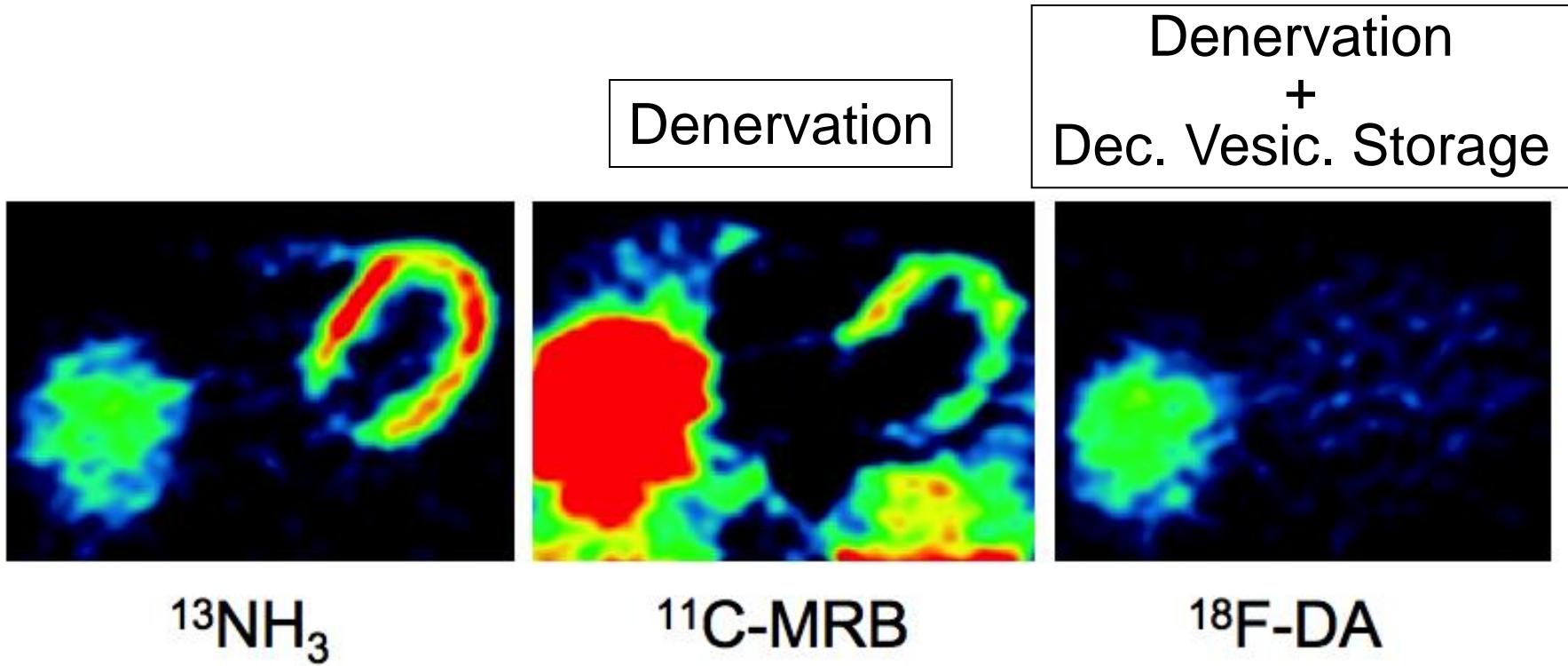


# Is Vesicular Sequestration Decreased in PD?





# Visualization of Decreased Vesicular Sequestration



*Comparison of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -dopamine vs.  $^{11}\text{C}$ -methylreboxetine scans visualizes decreased vesicular storage in vivo*



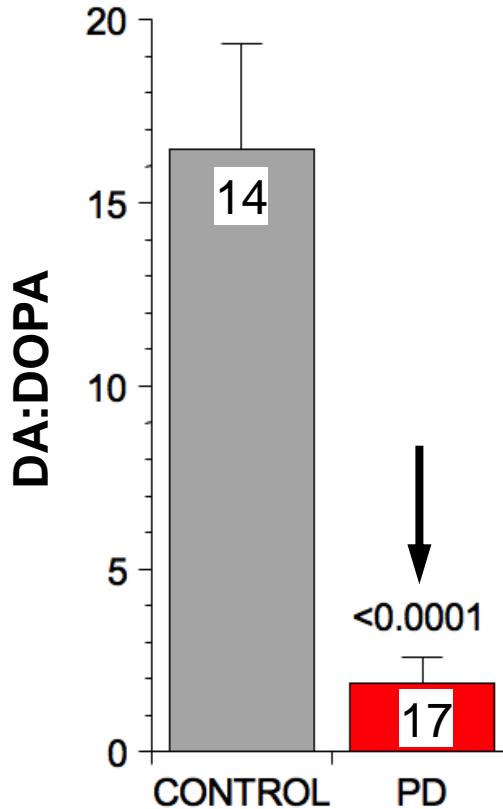
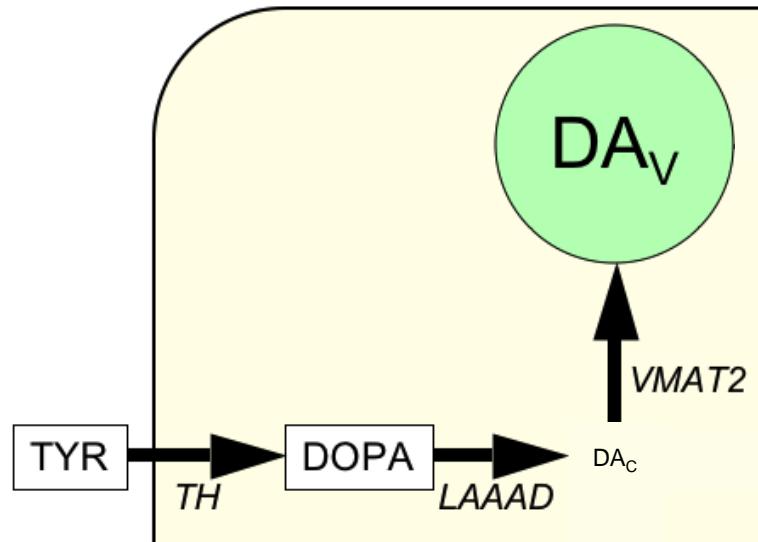
# Intra-neuronal vesicular uptake of catecholamines is decreased in patients with Lewy body diseases

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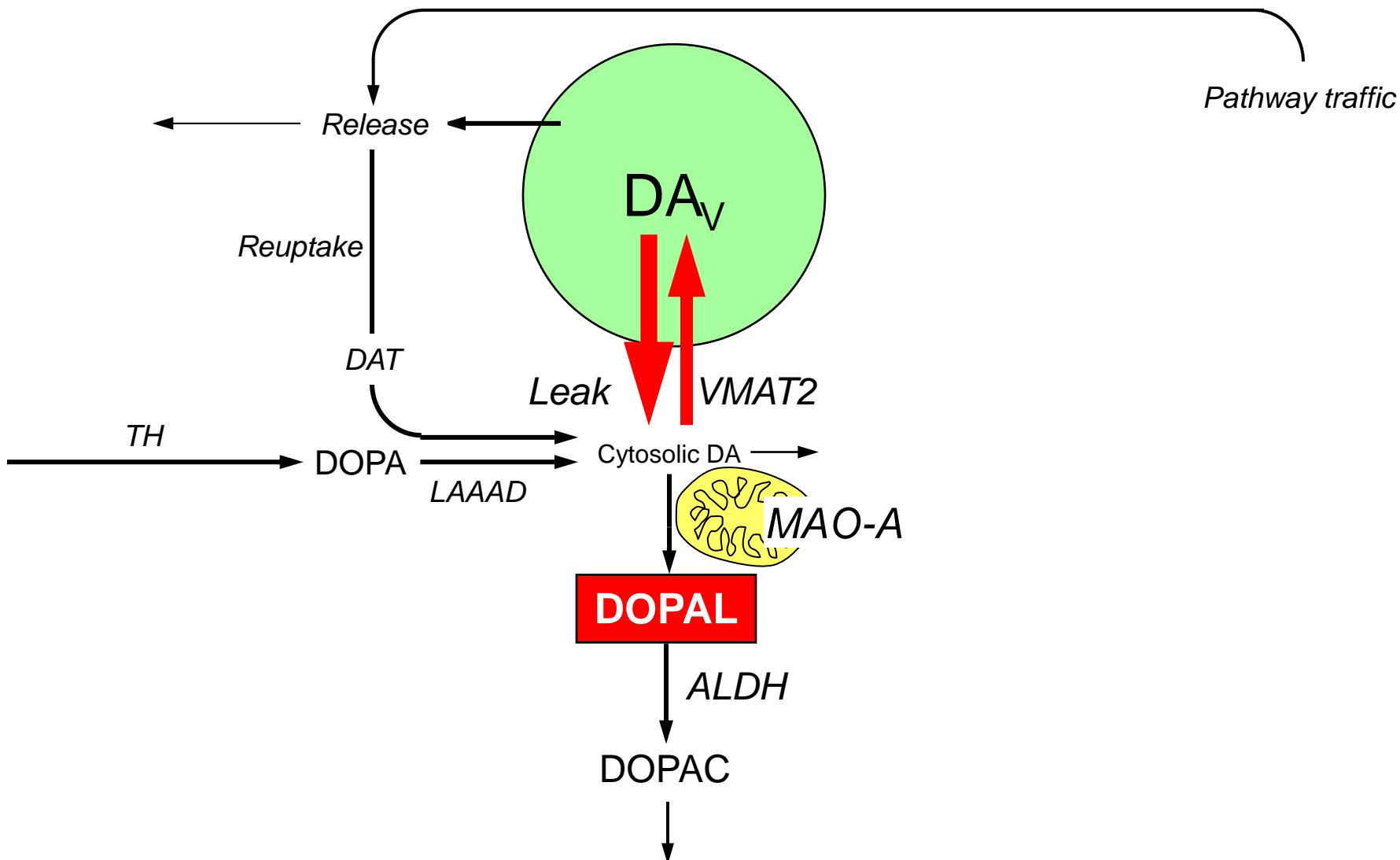


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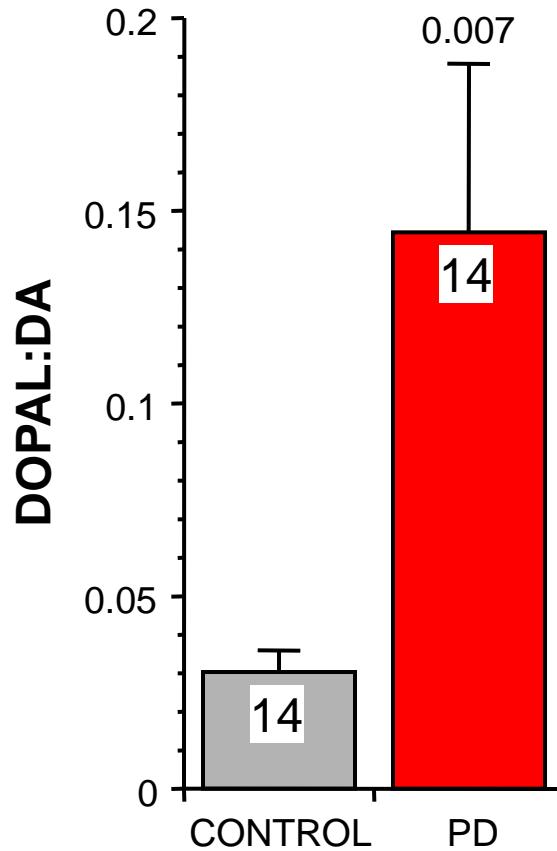
*Low DA:DOPA ratios indicate decreased vesicular sequestration of cytoplasmic DA in PD putamen.*

# Vesicular Sequestration-Oxidative Deamination Balance





# Is DOPAL Built Up in PD Putamen?



*We obtained post-mortem neurochemical evidence for DOPAL buildup with respect to DA in PD putamen.*

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## Determinants of buildup of the toxic dopamine metabolite DOPAL in Parkinson's disease

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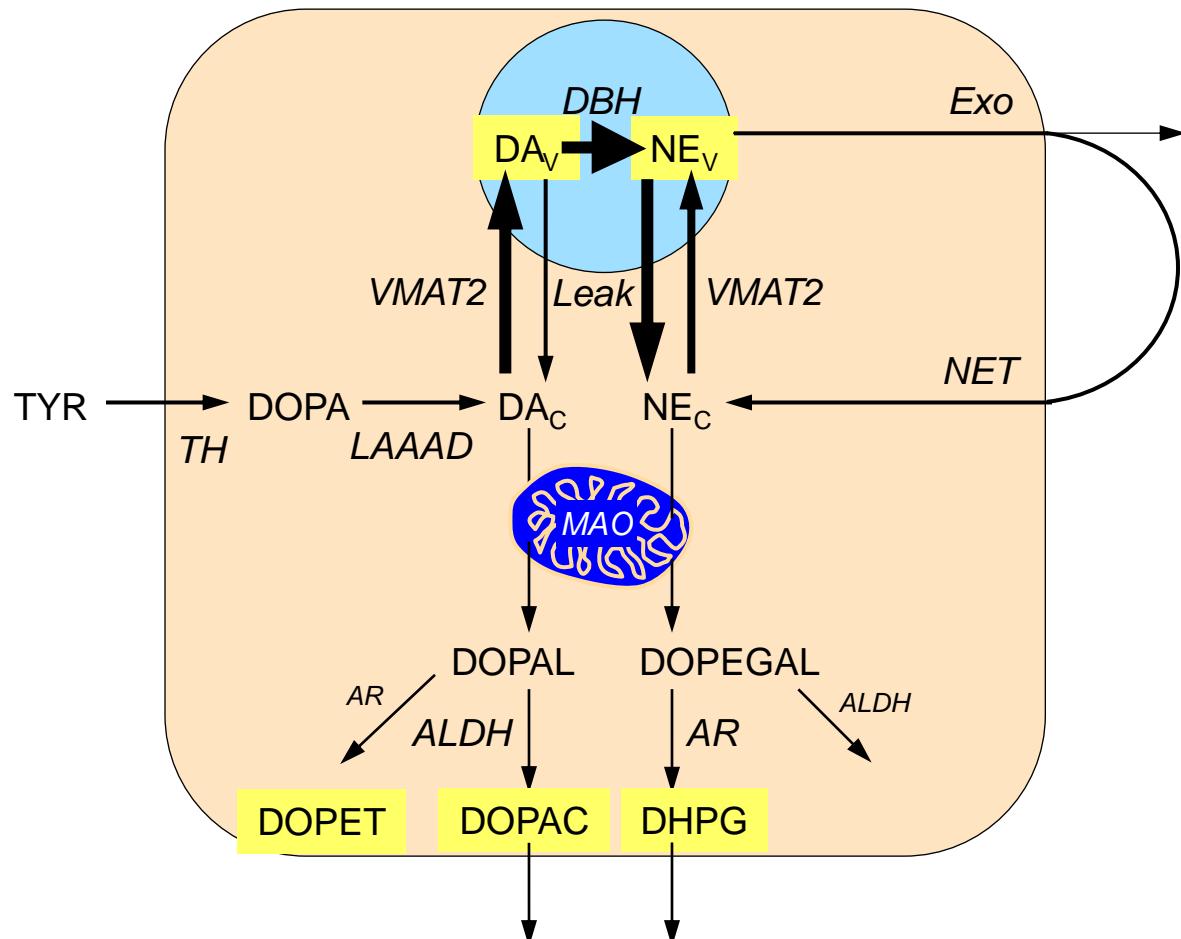
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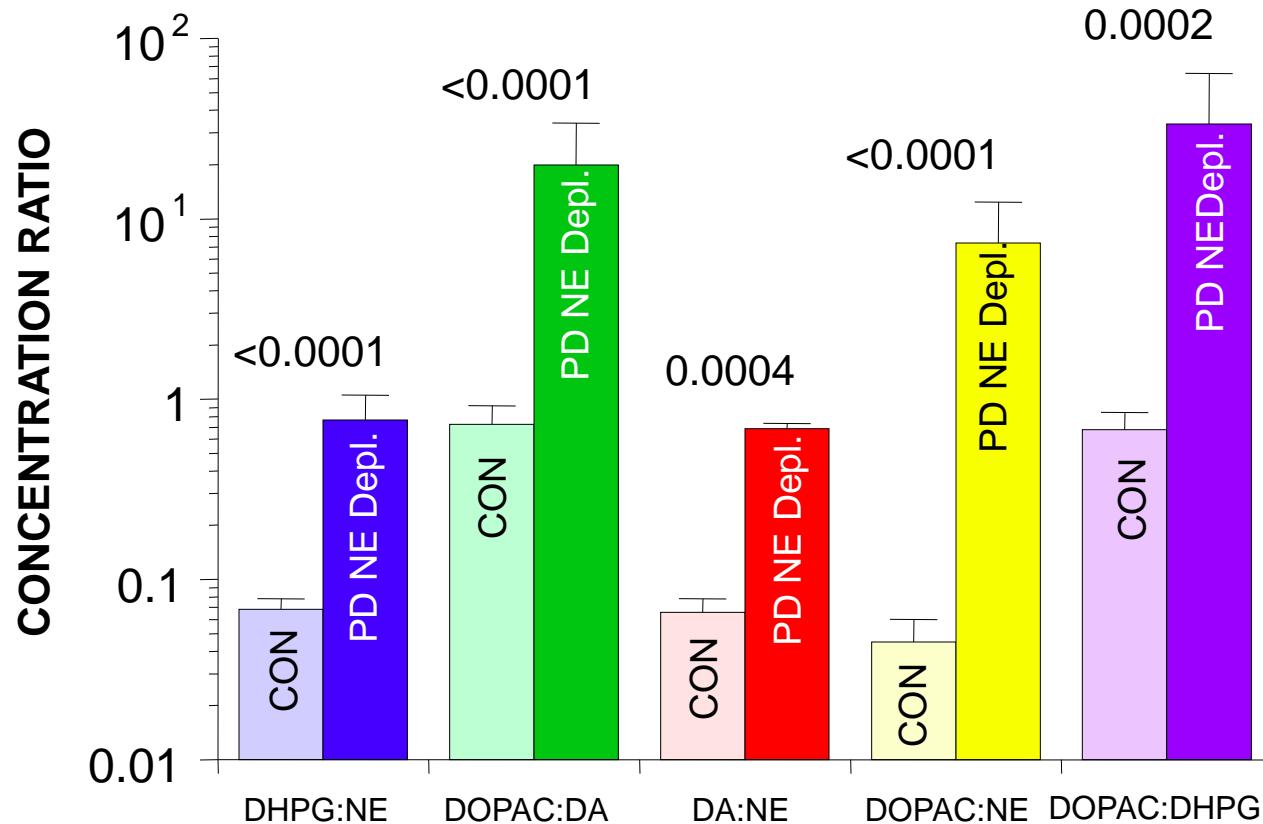


DHPG:NE  
DOPAC:DA  
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We used a novel post-mortem neurochemical approach to assess vesicular sequestration in cardiac sympathetic nerves in PD.



# Is Vesicular Sequestration Decreased in PD?



*By all 5 indices, PD patients have a vesicular sequestration-to-oxidative deamination shift in sympathetic nerves.*

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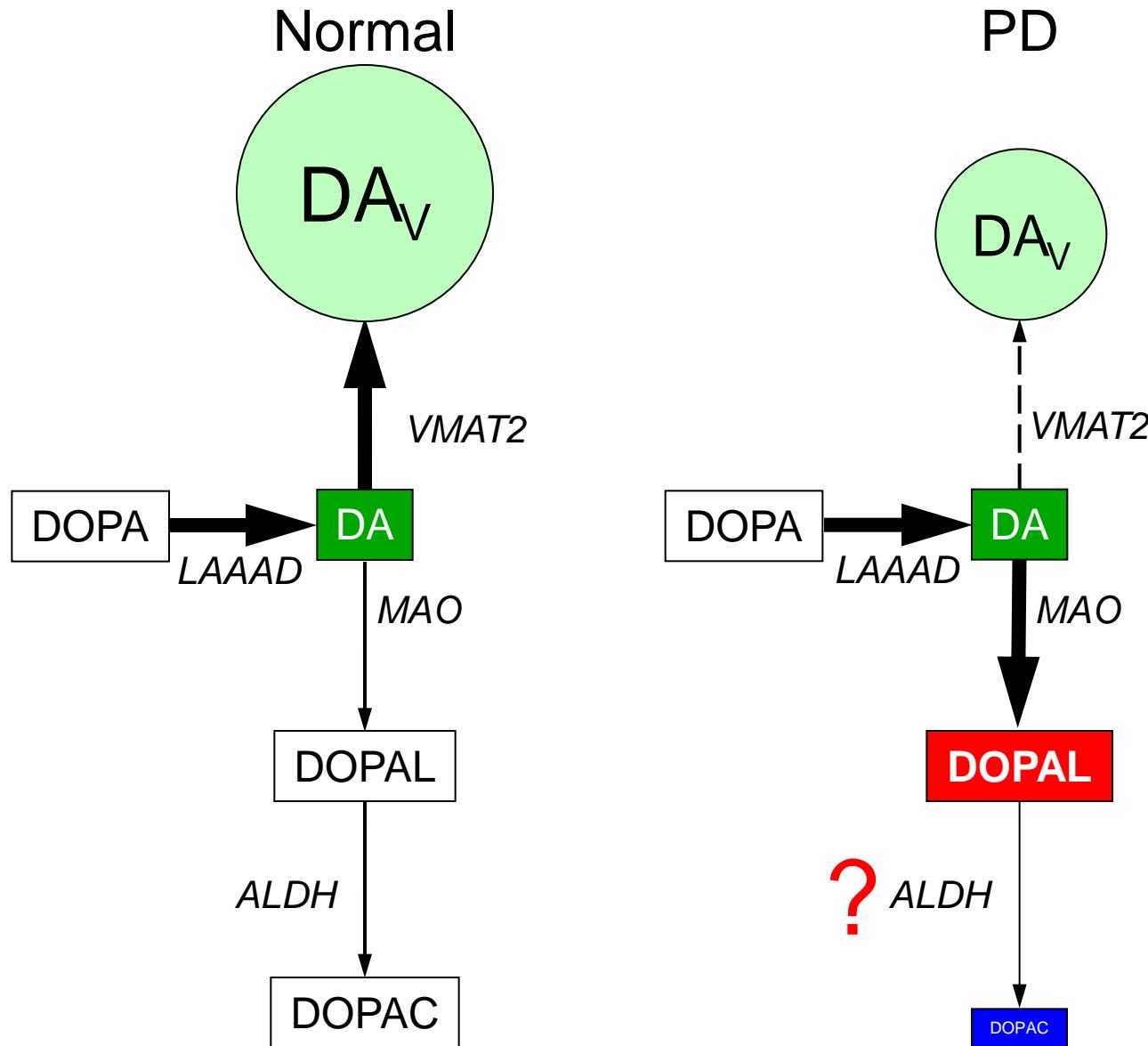
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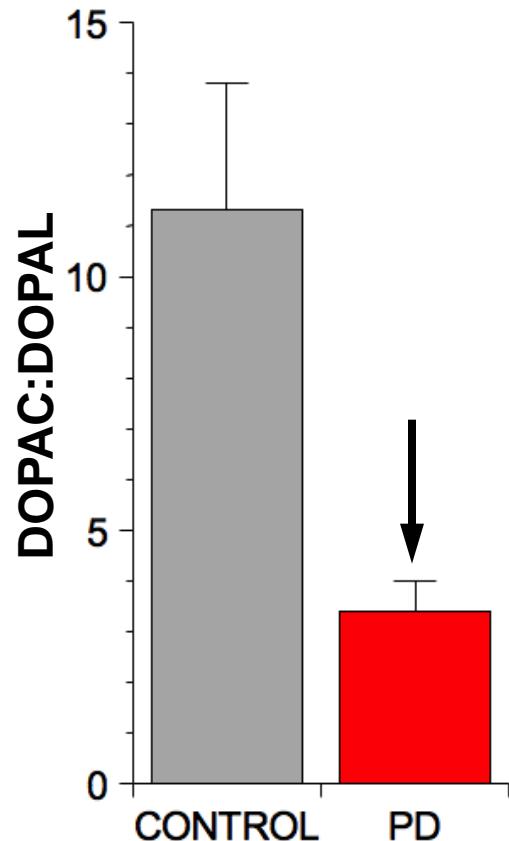
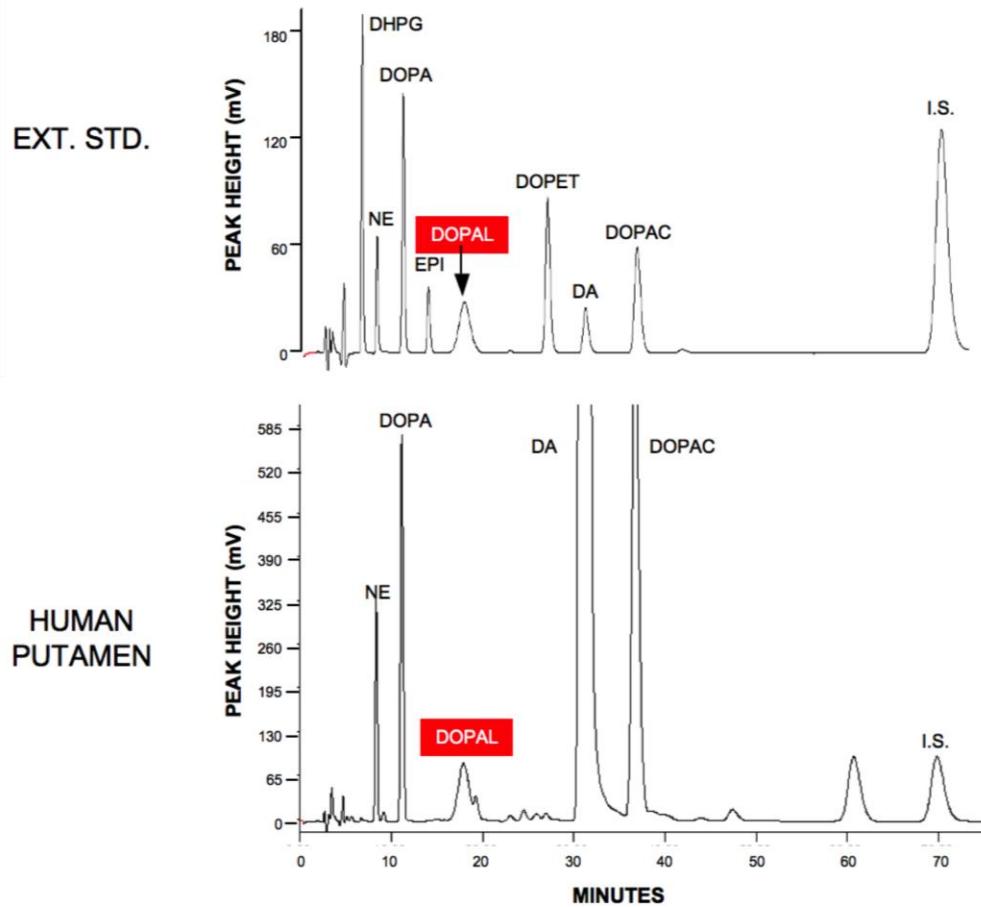


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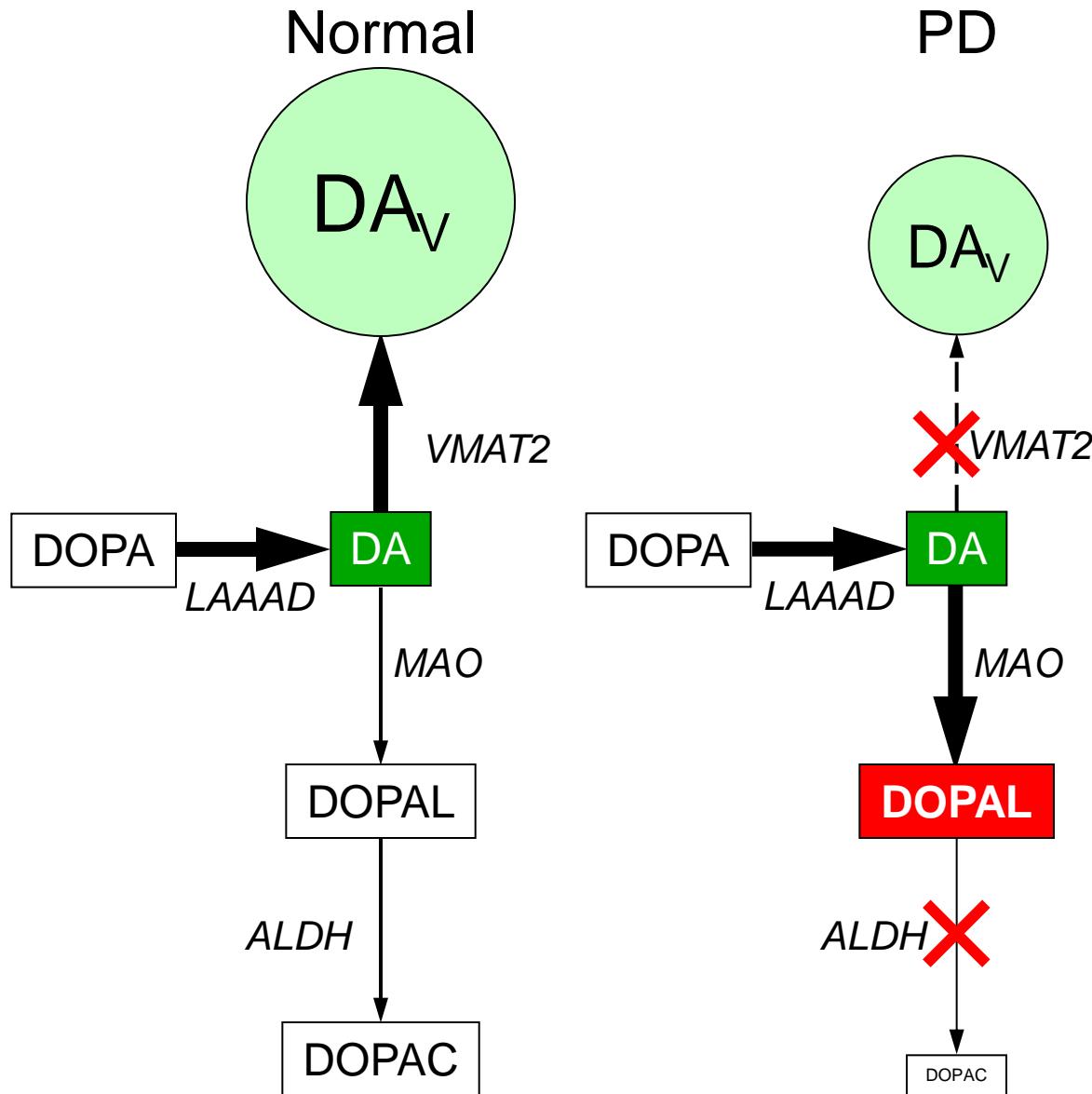
# Is ALDH decreased in PD?



*From assays of DOPAC and DOPAL, we obtained post-mortem neurochemical evidence for decreased ALDH activity in PD putamen.*



# Is DOPAL Built Up in PD Putamen?



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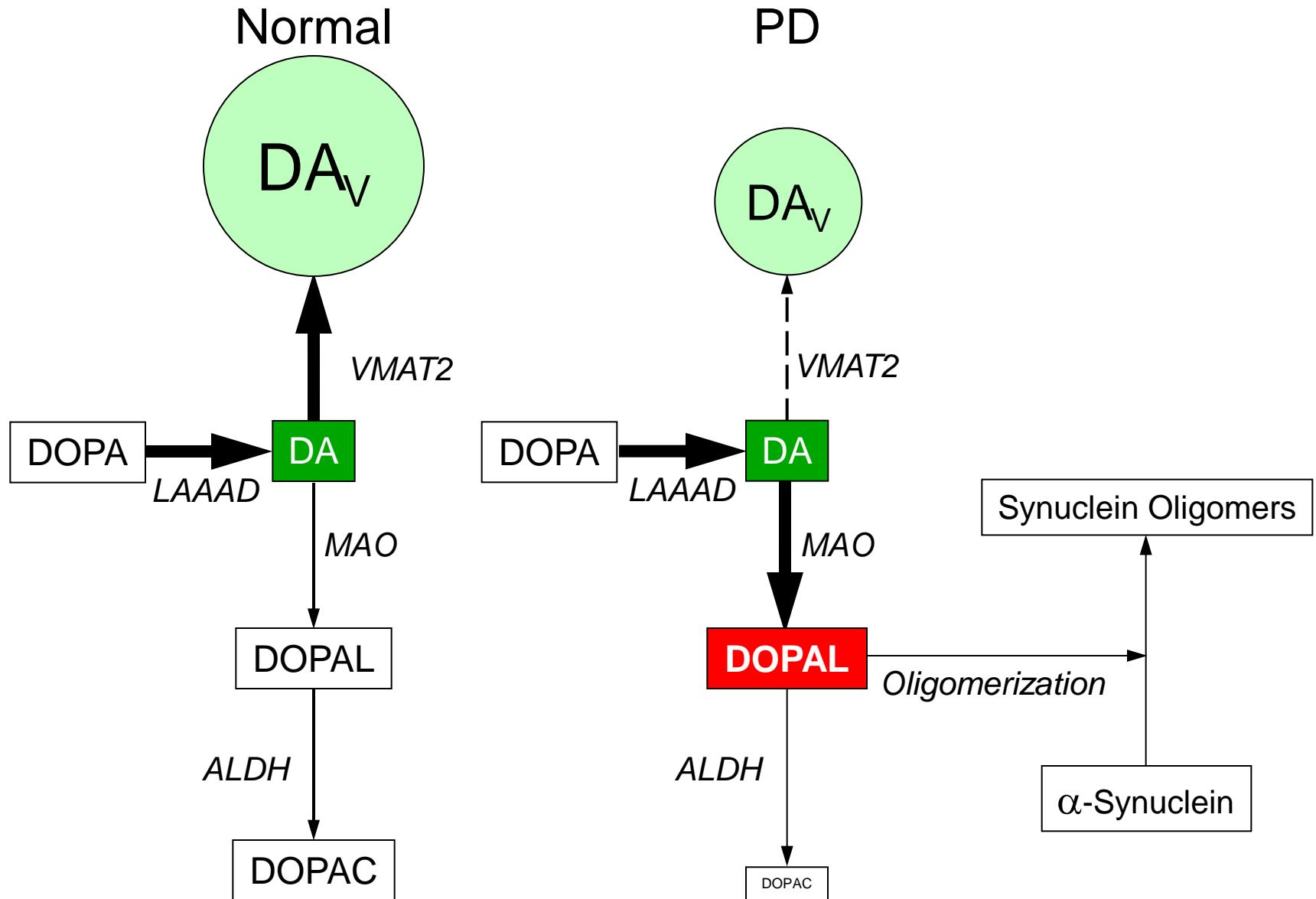
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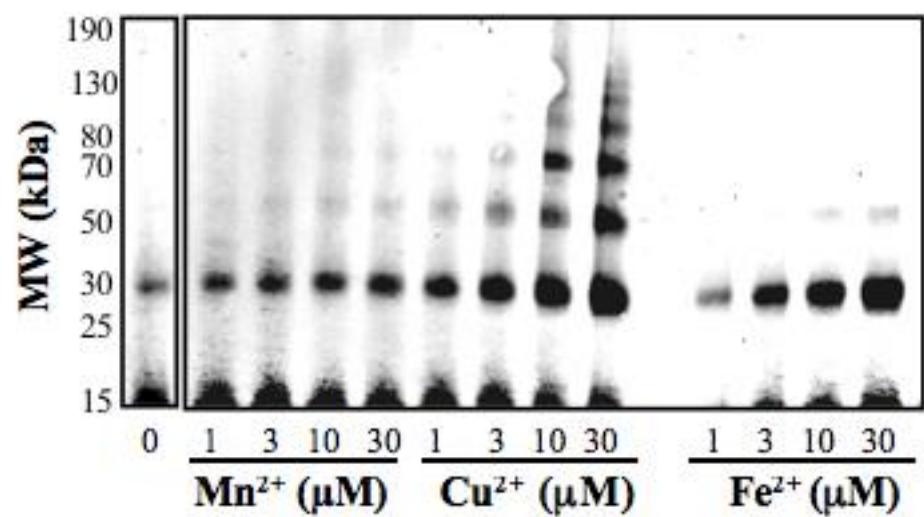
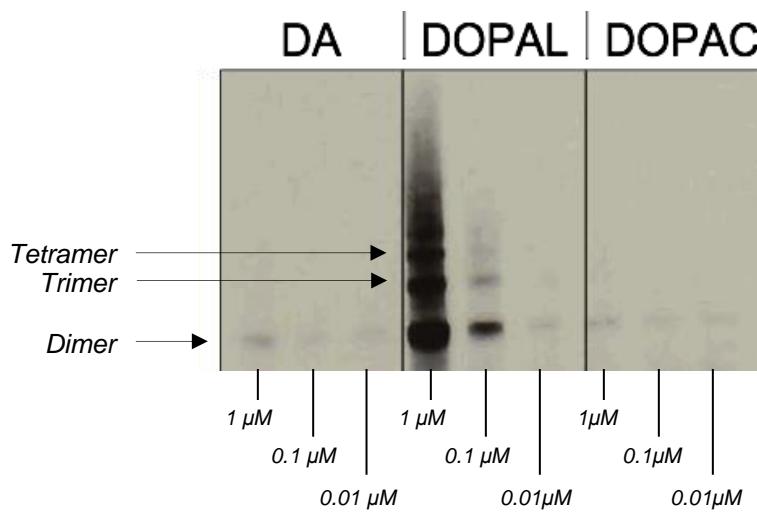


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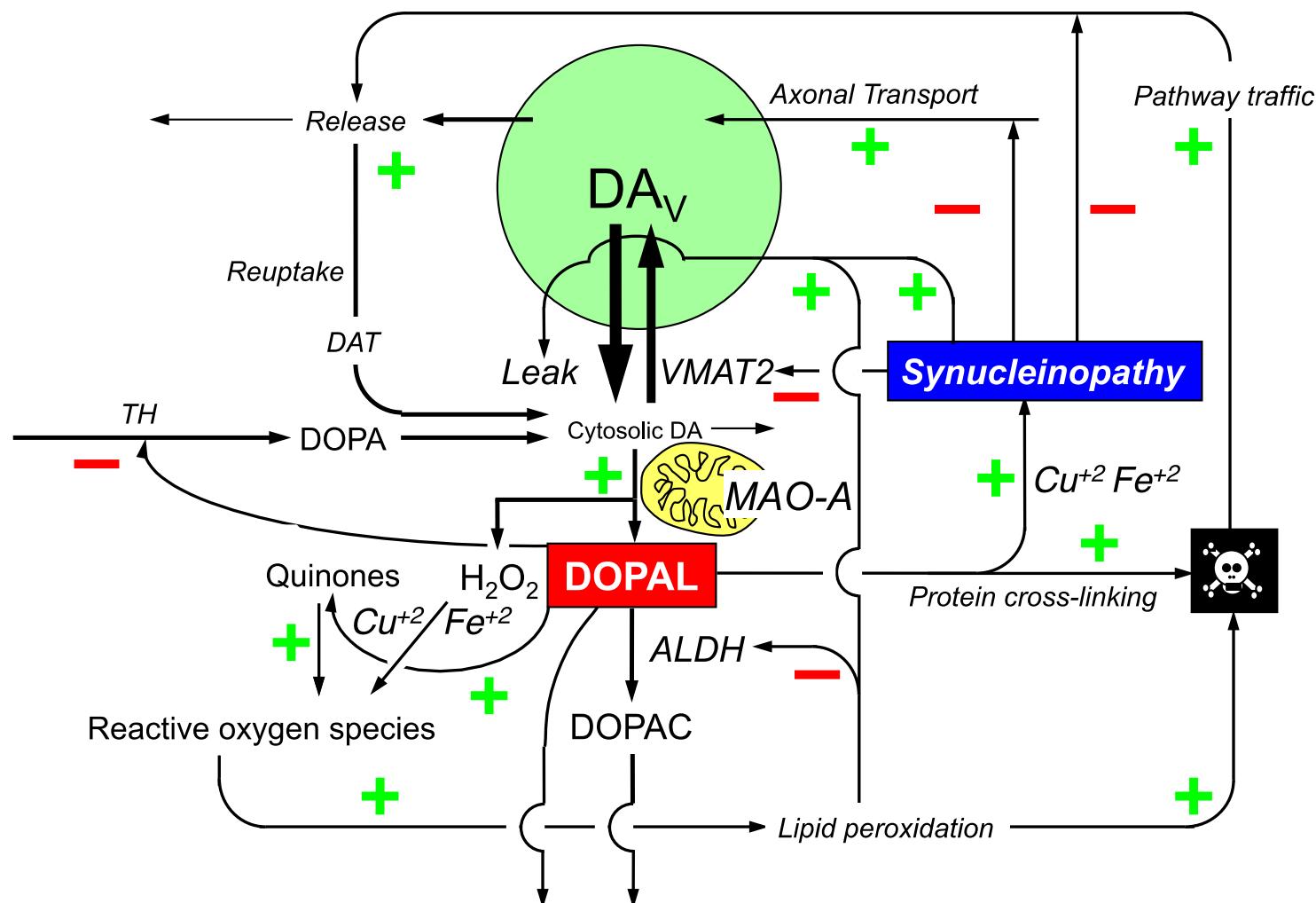
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*DOPAL potently oligomerizes  $\alpha$ -synuclein.  
Divalent metal cations augment the oligomerization.*

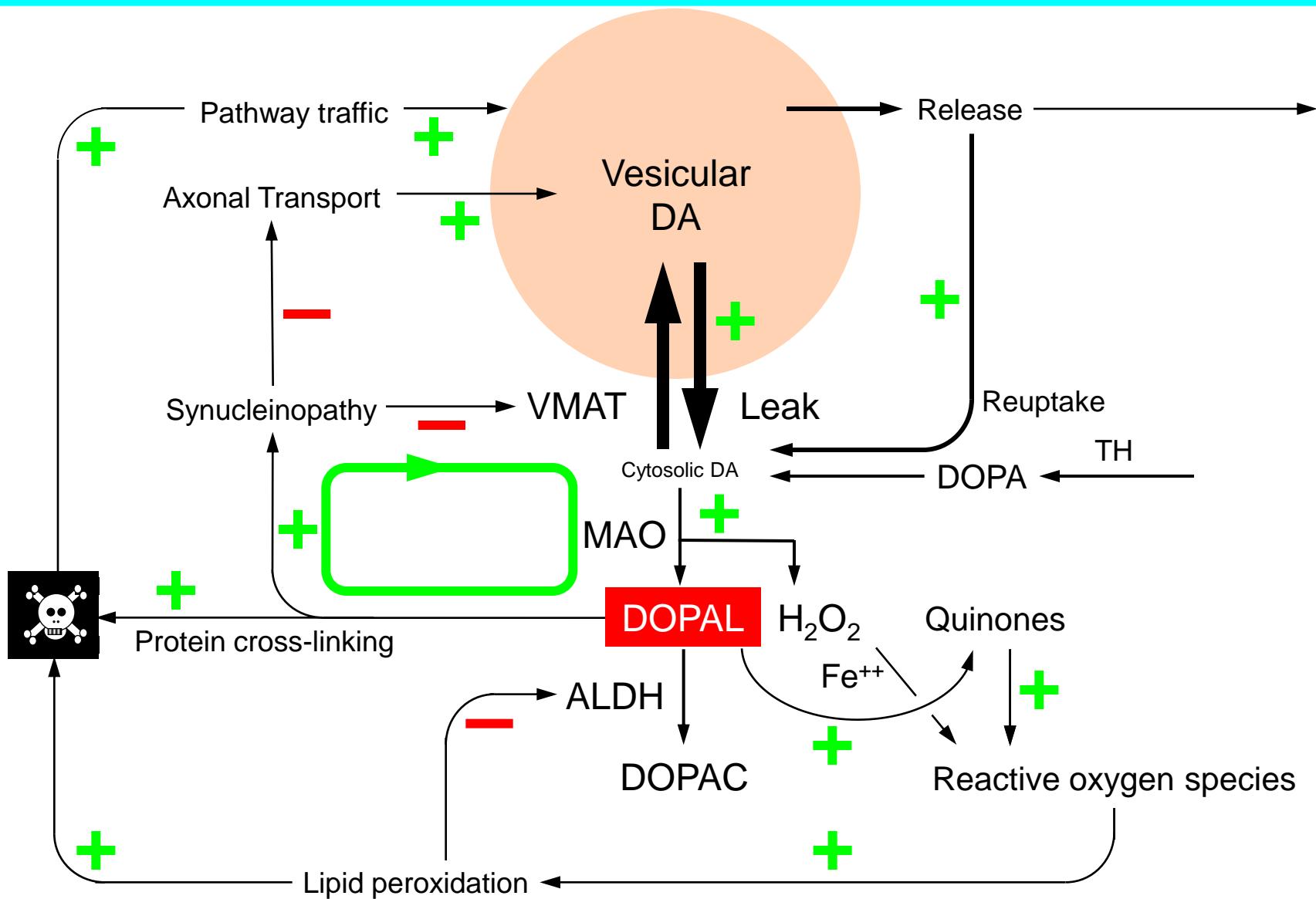


# DOPAL-Synuclein Interactions



*DOPAL and  $\alpha$ -synuclein as nodes in a pathophysiologic nexus*

# Concepts of Scientific Integrative Medicine



Prevention and disease  
modifying intervention?

# PD-Risk project



## The PDRisk Study

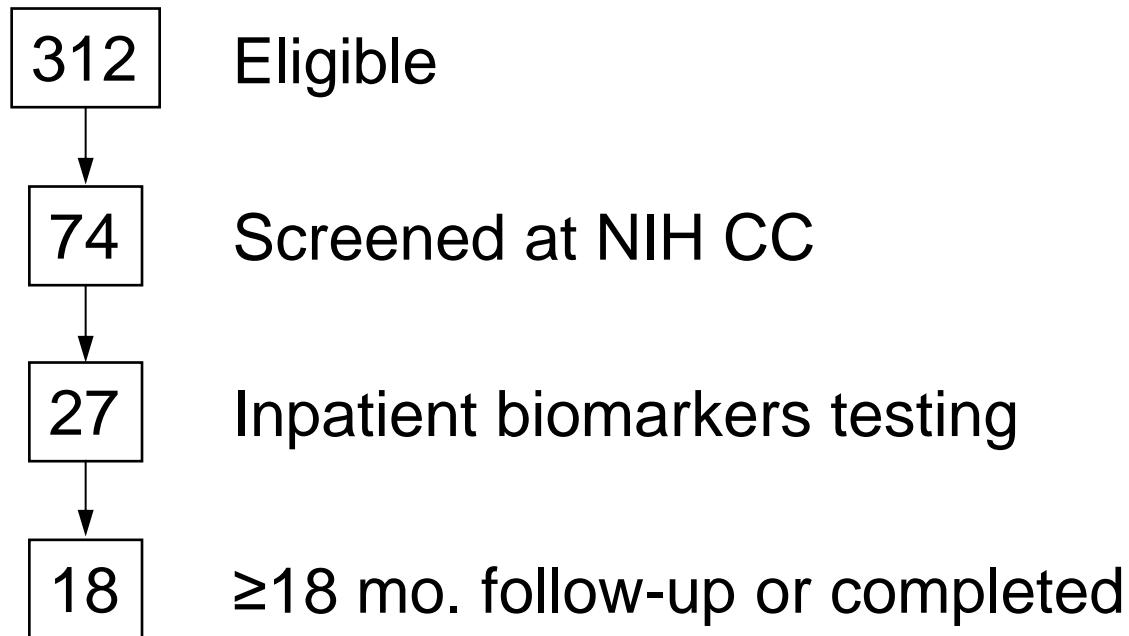
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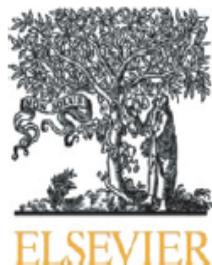
### Goals

- Determine whether people with statistical risk factors have biomarkers of catecholamine deficiency.
- Determine whether people with abnormal biomarkers develop PD during several years of follow-up.
- Risk factors: family history of PD, decreased sense of smell, dream enactment behavior, orthostatic intolerance ( $\geq 3$  to be eligible)



# PDRisk Study Progress to Date





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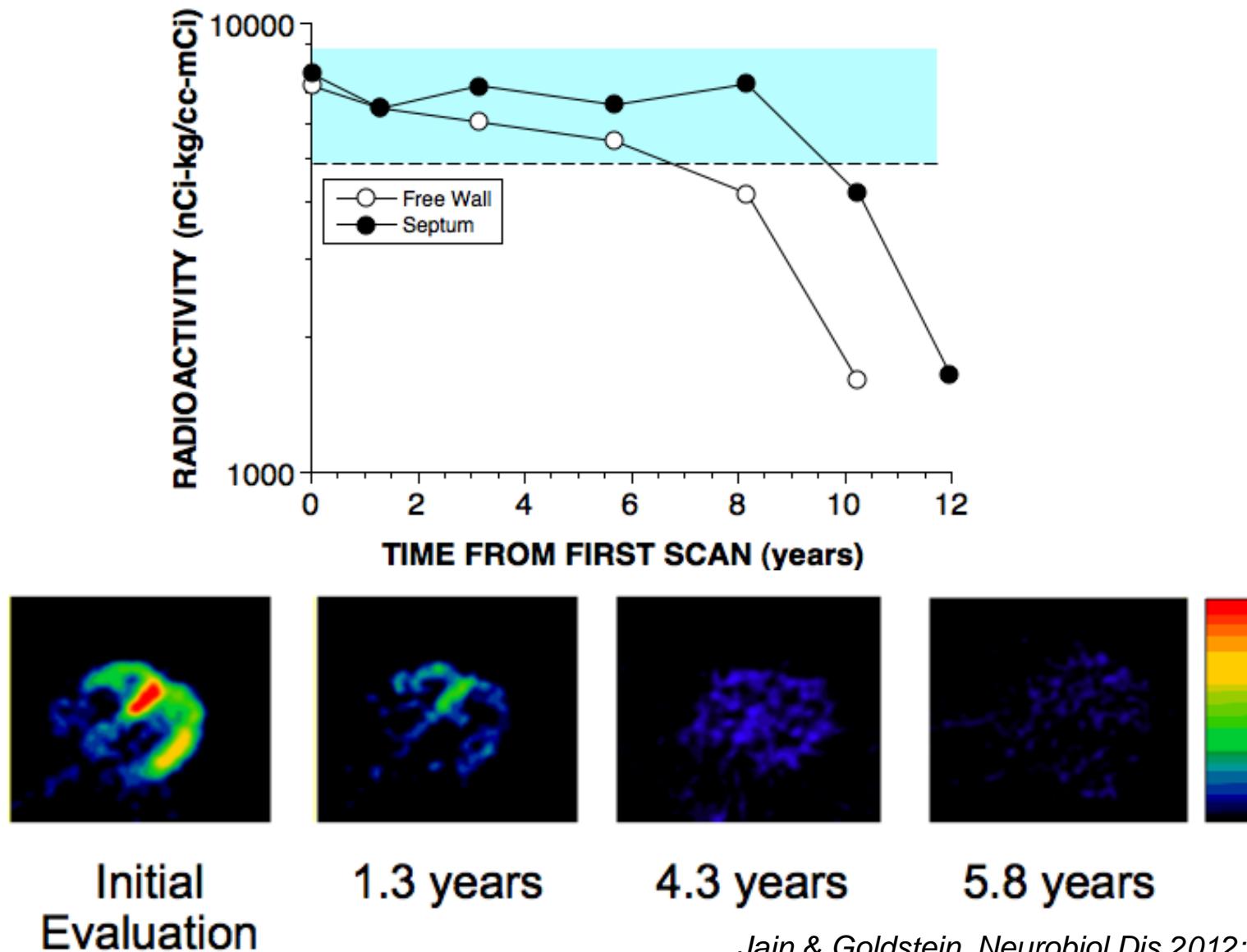


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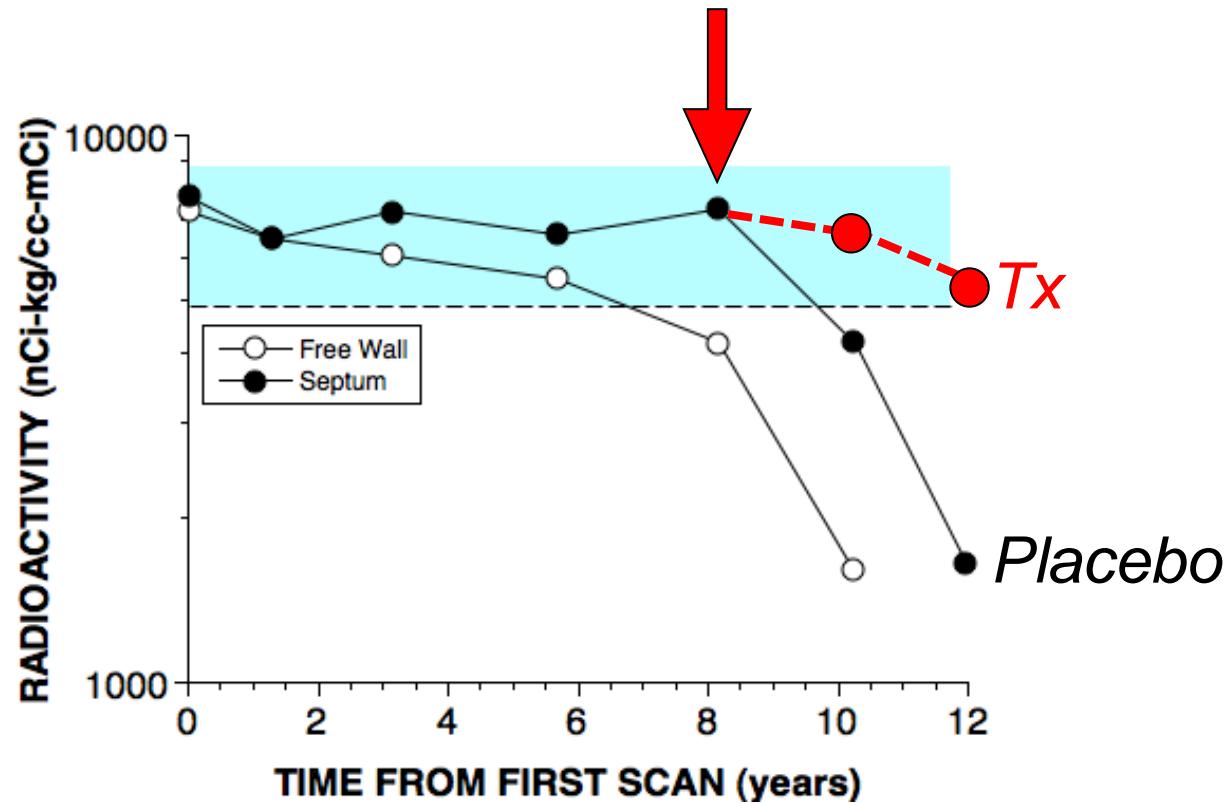
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# Conclusions

- Catecholamine depletion in PD is determined by denervation and decreased vesicular storage.
- Decreased vesicular storage and decreased ALDH tend to build up DOPAL, which is toxic and oligomerizes alpha-synuclein.
- The catecholaldehyde hypothesis and concepts of scientific integrative medicine lead to novel, testable treatment and prevention strategies.