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15 **Abstract**

16 Major Depressive Disorder is a significant and costly cause of global disability. Until the  
17 discovery of the rapid acting antidepressant (RAAD) effects of ketamine, treatments were  
18 limited to drugs that have delayed clinical benefits. The mechanism of action of ketamine is  
19 currently unclear but one hypothesis is that it may involve neuropsychological effects  
20 mediated through modulation of affective biases (where cognitive processes such as  
21 learning and memory and decision-making are modified by emotional state). Previous work  
22 has shown that affective biases in a rodent decision-making task are differentially altered by  
23 ketamine, compared to conventional, delayed onset antidepressants. This study sought to  
24 further investigate these effects by comparing ketamine with other NMDA antagonists using  
25 this decision-making task. We also investigated the subtype selective GluN2B antagonist,  
26 CP-101,606 and muscarinic antagonist scopolamine which have both been shown to have  
27 RAAD effects. Both CP-101,606 and scopolamine induced similar positive biases in  
28 decision-making to ketamine, but the same effects were not seen with other NMDA  
29 antagonists. Using targeted medial prefrontal cortex (mPFC) infusions, these effects were  
30 localised to the mPFC. In contrast, the GABA<sub>A</sub> agonist, muscimol, induced general  
31 disruptions to behaviour. These data suggest that ketamine and other RAADs mediate a  
32 specific effect on affective bias which involves the mPFC. Non-ketamine NMDA antagonists  
33 lacked efficacy and we also found that temporary inactivation of the mPFC did not fully  
34 recapitulate the effects of ketamine, suggesting a specific mechanism.

## 35 **Introduction**

36 Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) is a prevalent psychiatric disorder, affecting over 300  
37 million people globally<sup>1</sup>. It is the leading worldwide cause of disability, and, until recently,  
38 pharmacological treatments were limited to drugs that take weeks to improve symptoms and  
39 subjective reporting of mood<sup>2</sup>. The discovery of the rapid acting antidepressant (RAAD)  
40 effects of ketamine, an NMDA receptor antagonist, has rejuvenated the field by  
41 demonstrating that subjective changes in mood in depressed patients can be seen less than  
42 2 hours following administration and are sustained for at least 7 days in some patients<sup>3</sup>.  
43 Although this RAAD has been shown repeatedly<sup>4,5, 6,7,8</sup>, the mechanism underlying this effect  
44 is unclear, and better understanding could be critical for the development of new, fast-acting  
45 treatments.

46 Patients with MDD exhibit affective biases, whereby impairments in emotional processing  
47 leads to reduced positive and/or enhanced negative biases in multiple cognitive domains,  
48 including attention, memory, emotional interpretation and decision-making<sup>9,10,11</sup>. In humans,  
49 acute (and chronic) treatment with conventional antidepressants induces positive biases in  
50 emotional memory and recognition in healthy controls<sup>12,13,14</sup> and patients<sup>15</sup>, despite a lack of  
51 subjectively reported change in mood. It has been suggested that similar affective biases  
52 can also be measured in non-human animals using learning and memory tasks<sup>16</sup> and in  
53 decision making under ambiguity (first demonstrated by Harding et al.<sup>17</sup> using a judgement  
54 bias task). For review and more detailed discussion of translational studies of affective  
55 biases see Robinson and Roiser<sup>18</sup>. Judgement bias tasks (also known as cognitive bias  
56 tasks, or ambiguous cue interpretation tasks) were first developed as a cognitive test to  
57 measure animal affect (see reviews by Mendl et al.<sup>19</sup> and Roelofs et al.<sup>20</sup>). In the task,  
58 animals are trained to associate the presentation two distinct reference cues with two  
59 differently valenced outcomes (e.g. positive: reward/high reward, or negative/less positive:  
60 punishment/low reward). After training, individuals are presented with untrained, ambiguous  
61 cue(s), and responses to these are measured to see whether they respond with a positive or

62 negative bias (more responses matching the positive or negative choice respectively). A  
63 recent systemic review and meta-analysis across judgement bias tasks in animals has  
64 shown that across 20 published research articles, pharmacological manipulations to induce  
65 changes in affective state overall did alter decision making about ambiguous cues as  
66 predicted<sup>21</sup>, demonstrating the validity of these types of tasks. In previous work in rodents in  
67 our lab using a reward-based judgement bias task (first reported by Hales et al.<sup>22</sup>), decision  
68 making biases were differentially altered by conventional, delayed acting antidepressants  
69 versus the RAAD ketamine<sup>24</sup>. In this task, where reference cues are associated with more or  
70 less positive outcomes<sup>22-24</sup>, we found that an acute, low dose of ketamine, but not acute  
71 treatment with another NMDA receptor antagonist, PCP, immediately induced more  
72 optimistic decision making, the direction that would be induced by a more positive affective  
73 state, whereas acute treatment with conventional antidepressants had no effect on bias<sup>24</sup>.  
74 However, when given chronically, the conventional antidepressant fluoxetine did induce a  
75 positive bias<sup>24</sup>, but only over a timescale similar to the drugs' efficacy in patients, as  
76 measured by self-reported improvements in symptoms and mood<sup>25</sup>. The same pattern was  
77 also seen in this task with negative affective states, where a chronic stress manipulation, but  
78 not an acute stressor, induced more pessimistic decision making at later timepoints<sup>22</sup>.

79 The aim of this study was to build upon these findings by testing a selection of other drugs  
80 that act via NMDA receptor antagonism: lanicemine, a low-trapping NMDA receptor channel  
81 blocker developed for the treatment of MDD, but failed to show efficacy in clinical trials<sup>26</sup>;  
82 memantine, an Alzheimer's medication that is a moderate affinity, non-competitive NMDA  
83 receptor antagonist, but also lacked antidepressant efficacy in clinical trials<sup>5,27</sup>; and MK-801,  
84 a potent, non-competitive NMDA receptor antagonist that has shown RAAD efficacy in  
85 animal models<sup>28</sup>. We also tested other compounds that have been shown to have RAAD in  
86 human clinical trials: the GluN2B subunit selective NMDA receptor antagonist CP-101,606<sup>29</sup>,  
87 and the acetylcholine muscarinic receptor antagonist scopolamine<sup>30</sup>. We also tested  
88 additional doses of ketamine and PCP to ensure we had examined effects across a wider

89 range of receptor occupancy and in line with doses commonly used in preclinical animal  
90 models used to study depression<sup>31</sup>. To investigate the mechanism underlying the rapid  
91 positive change in decision-making bias we tested local administration of drugs shown to  
92 cause this effect directly into the prefrontal cortex (PFC), a brain area thought to be critical in  
93 the mechanism of RAAD of ketamine<sup>32,33</sup> and previously shown to modulate learning biases  
94 in rodents<sup>34</sup>.

95 **Materials and Methods**

96 *Animals and apparatus*

97 Three cohorts of male Lister Hooded rats (each cohort n=16) were used (Envigo, UK). Rats  
98 were pair-housed with environmental enrichment, consisting of a red 3 mm Perspex house  
99 (30x10x17cm), a large cardboard tube (10cm diameter), a wood chew block (9x2.5x2.5cm)  
100 and a rope tied across the cage lid (the rope was not present in cages for cohort 3 post-  
101 surgery to avoid any possibility of implanted cannula getting caught). Animals were kept  
102 under temperature (19-23°C) and humidity (45-65%) controlled conditions on a 12-h reverse  
103 lighting cycle (lights off at 08:00h). Water was available *ad libitum* in the home cage, but rats  
104 were maintained at no less than 90% of their free-feeding body weight, matched to a  
105 standard growth curve, by restricting access to laboratory chow (LabDiet, PMI Nutrition  
106 International) to ~18g per rat per day. All procedures were carried out under local  
107 institutional guidelines (University of Bristol Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board) and  
108 in accordance with the UK Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986. Rats weighed 270-305  
109 g (cohort 1) / 250-295 g (cohort 2) / 240-290 g (cohort 3) at the start of training, and 400-465  
110 g (cohort 1) / 360-460 g (cohort 2) / 320-380 g (cohort 3) by the start of experimental  
111 manipulations. During experiments all efforts were made to minimise suffering including  
112 using a low stress method of drug administration<sup>35</sup>, and at the end of experiments rats were  
113 killed by giving an overdose of sodium pentobarbitone (200mg/kg). Behavioural testing was  
114 carried out between 0800 and 1800h, using standard rat operant chambers (Med  
115 Associates, Sandown Scientific, UK) as previously described<sup>22,24</sup>. Operant chambers  
116 (30.5x24.1x21.0cm) used for behavioural testing were housed inside a light-resistant and  
117 sound-attenuating box. They were equipped with two retractable response levers positioned  
118 on each side of the centrally located food magazine. The magazine had a house light (28V,  
119 100mA) located above it. An audio generator (ANL-926, Med Associates, Sandown  
120 Scientific, UK) produced tones that were delivered to each chamber via a speaker positioned

121 above the left lever. Operant chambers and audio generators were controlled using K-Limbic  
122 software (Conclusive Solutions Ltd., UK).

### 123 *Judgement bias training*

124 Animals were trained and tested using a high versus low reward version of the judgement  
125 bias task as previously reported<sup>22,24</sup>. Rats were first trained to associate one tone (2kHz at  
126 83dB rats, designated high reward) with a high value reward (four 45mg reward pellets;  
127 TestDiet, Sandown Scientific, UK) and the other tone (8kHz at 66dB, designated low reward)  
128 with a low value reward (one 45mg reward pellet) if they pressed the associated lever (either  
129 left or right, counterbalanced across rats) during the 20s tone (see Figure 1 for a detailed  
130 depiction of the task). Unless otherwise specified in Table S1, response levers were  
131 extended at the beginning of every session and remained extended for the duration of the  
132 session (maximum one hour for all session types). All trials were self-initiated via a head  
133 entry into the magazine, followed by an intertrial interval (ITI), and then presentation of the  
134 tone. Pressing the incorrect lever during a tone was punished by a 10s timeout, as was an  
135 omission if the rat failed to press any lever during the 20s tone. Lever presses during the ITI  
136 were punished by a 10s timeout. During a timeout, the house light was illuminated, and  
137 responses made on levers were recorded but had no programmed consequences.

138 Animals underwent a graduated training, and were required to meet criteria for at least two  
139 consecutive days before progressing to the next stage. Training stages were as follows:

- 140 1) Magazine training: tone played for 20s followed by release of one pellet into  
141 magazine. Criteria: .20 pellets eaten for each tone frequency.
- 142 2) Tone training: response on lever during tone rewarded with one pellet. Only one tone  
143 frequency, and one lever available per session. Criteria: >50 trials completed.
- 144 3) Discrimination training: response on correct corresponding lever only during tone  
145 rewarded with one pellet. Both tones played (pseudorandomly) and both levers  
146 available. Criteria: >70% accuracy for both tones, <1:1 ratio of correct:premature



147 responses and no significant difference on any behavioural measures analysed over  
148 three sessions.

149 4) Reward magnitude training: As for discrimination training but 2kHz tone now  
150 rewarded with four pellets, 8kHz tone rewarded with one pellet. Criteria: as for  
151 discrimination training but with >60% accuracy for both tones.

152 All training sessions consisted of a maximum of 100 trials. Table S1 contains full details of  
153 training stages and criteria used. Rats were considered trained when they maintained stable  
154 responding for three consecutive days. This was after a maximum of 29 sessions for cohort  
155 1, 25 sessions for cohort 2, and 25 sessions for cohort 3 (see Table S1 for details of session  
156 numbers for each training stage).

#### 157 *Judgement bias testing*

158 Baseline sessions (100 trials: 50 high and 50 low reward tones; presented pseudorandomly,  
159 for details see Table S1) were conducted on Monday and Thursday. Probe test sessions  
160 (120 trials: 40 high reward, 40 low reward, and 40 ambiguous midpoint tones that were 5kHz  
161 at 75dB; pseudorandomly, for details see Table S1) were conducted on Tuesday and Friday.  
162 The midpoint tone was randomly reinforced whereby 50% of trials had outcomes as for the  
163 high reward tone, and 50% had outcomes as for the low reward tone. This was to ensure a  
164 specific outcome could not be learnt, and to maintain responding throughout the experiments  
165 (see Figure 1 and Table S1 for a detailed description of how this was implemented). Cohort  
166 1 were used to test the effect of acute systemic treatments with putative RAAD and other  
167 NMDA receptor antagonists. Cohort 2 were made up of two groups of eight rats that had  
168 previously been used as control animals in another experiment (data not shown) and were  
169 then used for the extension of doses of ketamine and PCP. Cohort 3 were used for mPFC  
170 infusion experiments. For further details of the different treatments received by each cohort  
171 see Table S2.

172 *Study 1: the effect of acute, systemic treatments with RAADs and NMDA receptors*  
173 *antagonists on judgement bias.*

174 **Experimental design:** Each study used a within-subject fully counterbalanced drug  
175 treatment schedule (see Table S2 for details of individual treatments). [The study design](#)  
176 [followed the same procedures as used in our earlier work characterising the effects of](#)  
177 [ketamine in the JBT<sup>24</sup>. We also included a replication study with systemic ketamine in our](#)  
178 [infusion cohort in order to confirm similar systemic effects before proceeding to the infusion](#)  
179 [studies.](#) Each animal received [all doses for any given treatment](#) in a counter-balanced  
180 design with drug doses separated by a minimum of 72 hrs and at least a one-week drug free  
181 period between different treatments. There is the potential for compensatory changes to  
182 develop due to repeated testing and the drug treatments, but these are minimised by  
183 managing washout periods and also recording and analysing the animals' baseline data in  
184 between drug studies. [We are aware of the increasing evidence that ketamine, and](#)  
185 [potentially the other treatments tested, can have long lasting effects<sup>36</sup> which may not fully](#)  
186 [reverse over this dosing schedule. The counterbalanced design does mitigate the risks of](#)  
187 [any bias of these schedules on the results but there may be carryover effects which could](#)  
188 [influence the main findings. We carry out analysis of the between treatment baseline](#)  
189 [sessions \(data shown in Table S3-S6\) and these analyses do not suggest that the](#)  
190 [behavioural parameters we measure were affected for any of the cohorts over time.](#) All drugs  
191 were given by intraperitoneal injection using a low-stress, non-restrained technique<sup>35</sup>.  
192 Ketamine<sup>¥</sup> (Sigma-Aldrich, UK), scopolamine<sup>§</sup> (Tocris, UK), lanicemine<sup>¥</sup> (Sigma Aldrich, UK),  
193 memantine<sup>¥</sup> (Tocris, UK), MK-801<sup>§</sup> (Tocris, UK) and PCP<sup>¥</sup> (Sigma Aldrich, UK) were  
194 dissolved in 0.9% sterile saline and given 30<sup>§</sup> or 60<sup>¥</sup> minutes prior to testing. CP-101,606  
195 (Experiment 1: Sigma Aldrich, UK; Experiment 2: Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH) was  
196 dissolved in 5% DMSO, 10% cremaphor and 85% sterile saline and given 60 minutes prior  
197 to testing. Drug doses were selected based on previous rodent behavioural studies<sup>24,37</sup>.  
198 Doses for ketamine and PCP were chosen to extend the range of doses tested in this task

199 e.g. higher doses of ketamine and lower doses of PCP were used than previously<sup>24</sup>. For all  
200 studies, the experimenter was blind to drug dose. The order of testing for each cohort is  
201 displayed in Table S2.

202 *Study 2: mPFC cannulation and infusions*

203 **mPFC cannulation:** To localize the site and mechanism of action of RAAD drugs, rats were  
204 implanted with mPFC guide cannula. Rats were anaesthetised with isoflurane/O<sub>2</sub> and  
205 secured in a stereotaxic frame. Bilateral 32-gauge guide cannulae (Plastics One, UK) were  
206 implanted in the mPFC according to the stereotaxic coordinates: anteroposterior +2.7mm,  
207 lateral  $\pm 0.75$ mm and dorsoventral  $-2.0$ mm from bregma<sup>38</sup>. The cannulae were secured to  
208 the skull with gentamicin bone cement (DePuy CMW, UK) and stainless steel screws  
209 (Plastics One, UK). Animals received long acting local anaesthetic during surgery, and after  
210 surgery the animals were housed individually for 2-3 hours then allowed 10-13 days  
211 recovery in normal paired housing conditions. Following the recovery period, rats underwent  
212 one week of baseline sessions to re-establish performance. Following this, one week of  
213 probe testing was carried out to check that judgement of the ambiguous tone had not altered  
214 after surgery. Based on this, another two weeks of probe testing (4 test sessions) was then  
215 conducted.

216 **Systemic ketamine:** Following this, an acute systemic treatment with ketamine was given  
217 as a positive control manipulation to ensure that bias could still be manipulated post-surgery.  
218 This study was a within-subject fully counterbalanced design, with two treatments (see Table  
219 S2, top row of section 3), with the experimenter blind to drug dose. Ketamine (1.0 mg/kg,  
220 Sigma Aldrich, UK) was dissolved in 0.9% sterile saline vehicle (0.0 mg/kg) and was given  
221 by intraperitoneal injection using a low-stress, non-restrained technique<sup>35</sup> 60 minutes prior to  
222 testing.

223 **Infusion Procedure:** Rats were then used for mPFC infusion experiments. For details of the  
224 infusion procedure. Rats were habituated to the infusion procedure during one session

225 where animals were lightly restrained and the cannula dummy removed and then replaced.  
226 In a second habituation session animals were gently restrained while the cannula dummy  
227 was removed and a 33-gauge bilateral injector extending 2.5mm beyond the length of the  
228 guide cannula was inserted into the mPFC. This was left in place for two minutes, but no  
229 infusion occurred. During experimental infusions, the rats were gently restrained while the  
230 cannula dummy was removed and the injector inserted. The injector was left in place for  
231 1 min prior to infusions of vehicle or drug (1.0µl total volume) over 2 minutes. The injector  
232 was left in place for a further 2 minutes to allow diffusion of the drug into the tissue  
233 surrounding the injector, and then the injector was removed and the dummy replaced. The  
234 ambiguous probe test session occurred 5 minutes after the dummy was replaced.

235 **Infusion experiments:** In the first infusion experiment vehicle (sterile phosphate-buffered  
236 saline (PBS); 0.0µg/µl), ketamine (1.0µg/µl), muscimol (0.1µg/µl) or scopolamine (0.1µg/µl),  
237 all dissolved in sterile PBS, were infused intracerebrally into mPFC 5 minutes before testing.  
238 Following this, CP-101,606 (1.0µg/µl in the first study, 3.0µg/µl in the second study) was  
239 dissolved in 10% 2-hydroxypropyl-cyclodextrin and 90% PBS and tested. All experiments  
240 used a within-subject fully counterbalanced design for drug treatments, with the  
241 experimenter blind to treatment. Drug doses were chosen based on the results from acute,  
242 systemic treatments (see Table S2).

243 **Histology:** Following the completion of mPFC infusions, rats were killed and brains were  
244 fixed and processed for histology. Rats were anaesthetised with a lethal dose of sodium  
245 pentobarbitone (0.5ml Euthatal, 200mg/ml, Genus Express, UK) and perfused via the left  
246 ventricle with 0.01M PBS followed by 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA). The brains were  
247 removed and post-fixed in 4% PFA for 24 hours. Prior to being cut, brains were transferred  
248 to 30% sucrose in 0.1M PBS and left for 2 days until brains were no longer floating. Coronal  
249 sections were cut at 40µm on a freezing microtome and stained with Cresyl Violet. Locations  
250 of the injector tip positions in the mPFC were mapped onto standardised coronal sections of  
251 a rat brain stereotaxic atlas<sup>38</sup> (Figure 3).

252 *Data and statistical analysis*

253 Sample size was estimated based on our previous studies using the JBT<sup>22,24</sup> but with a more  
254 conservative effect size as we were looking at acute rather than chronic effects and  
255 expected to see greater variation in mPFC infusion studies. Changes in judgement bias  
256 should occur without effects on other variables and therefore strict inclusion criteria were  
257 established to reduce any potential confound in the data analysis. Only animals which  
258 maintained more than 60% accuracy for each reference tone, and less than 50% omissions  
259 were used for analysis.

260 Cognitive bias index (CBI) was used as a measure of judgement bias in response to the  
261 midpoint tone. CBI was calculated by subtracting the proportion of responses made on the  
262 low reward lever from the proportion of responses made on the high reward lever. This  
263 created a score between -1 and 1, where negative values represent a negative bias and  
264 positive values a positive bias. Change from baseline in CBI was then calculated for all  
265 experimental manipulations as follows: vehicle (0.0mg/kg) probe test CBI – drug dose probe  
266 test CBI. This was calculated to take into account individual differences in baseline bias, and  
267 to make directional changes caused by drug treatments clearer. To provide a value for  
268 vehicle probe test sessions for this measure, the population average for the vehicle  
269 (0.0mg/kg) probe test was taken away from each individual rats' CBI score for [this dose](#).  
270 This allowed this measure to be analysed with repeated measures analysis of variance  
271 (rmANOVA) with [drug dose](#) as the within-subjects factor for drug studies with more than two  
272 treatments, or paired samples t-test for studies with only two treatments. The raw data for  
273 CBI is included for all drug treatments in Figure [S1-S2](#).

274 Response latency and accuracy, omissions and premature responses were also analysed  
275 (see Table S8 for details of these). These measures were analysed with rmANOVAs with  
276 [drug dose](#) and tone as the within-subjects factors. Paired t-tests were performed as post-hoc  
277 tests if significant effects were established. Huynh-Feldt corrections were used to adjust for  
278 violations of the sphericity assumption, and Sidak correction was applied for multiple

279 comparisons. All statistical tests were conducted using SPSS 24.0.0.2 for Windows (IBM  
280 SPSS Statistics) with  $\alpha=0.05$ . Results are reported with the ANOVA F-value (degrees of  
281 freedom, error) and  $p$ -value as well as any post-hoc  $p$ -values. All graphs were made using  
282 Graphpad Prism 7.04 for Windows (Graphpad Software, USA).

## 283 Results

284 *Study 1: The effect of acute, systemic treatment with RAADs and selected NMDA receptor*  
285 *antagonists*

286 **CP-101,606:** One animal was excluded in experiments 1 and 2 as accuracy criteria was not  
287 met on the vehicle **drug dose**. In the initial dose response study, CP-101,606 treated animals  
288 did not overall show any change in CBI (no main effect of drug dose ( $F_{2,237,31.323}=0.811$ ,  
289  $p=0.495$ ). Due to the possibility that there might be small change in CBI for the highest dose  
290 (3.0mg/kg; visual inspection of the data and one sample t-test (not corrected for multiple  
291 comparisons):  $p=0.038$ ; Figure 2A), we then tested a higher dose of CP-101,606 (6.0mg/kg)  
292 in the second experiment. This dose (6.0mg/kg) resulted in a positive bias relative to vehicle  
293 treatment (paired samples t-test:  $p=0.027$ ; Figure 2A). In experiment 1, 3.0mg/kg CP-  
294 101,606 also caused a decrease in response latency (main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{3,42}=4.858$ ,  
295  $p=0.005$ , post-hoc:  $p=0.027$ ; Table S7). There were no effects on other behavioural  
296 measures in experiment 1 (Table S7). In experiment 2, CP-101,606 (6.0mg/kg) caused  
297 response latencies to decrease (main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{1,14}=27.396$ ,  $p<0.001$ ; Table S7).  
298 This dose had no effect on accuracy for the reference tones (Table S7), but did increase  
299 premature responses (paired samples t-test:  $p=0.001$ ), and reduced omissions (main effect  
300 of **drug dose**:  $F_{1,14}=10.506$ ,  $p=0.006$ ; Table S7).

301 **Scopolamine:** The highest dose tested (0.3mg/kg) had to be excluded from the analysis as  
302 most rats did not complete sufficient trials. Scopolamine (0.1mg/kg) induced a positive bias  
303 (main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{2,30}=6.739$ ,  $p=0.004$ , post-hoc:  $p=0.035$ ; Figure 2B). This dose of  
304 scopolamine (0.1mg/kg) also increased response latencies (main effect of **drug dose**:  
305  $F_{2,30}=17.263$ ,  $p<0.001$ , post-hoc:  $p=0.001$ ; Table S7), increased premature responding (main  
306 effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{1,355,20.330}=4.387$ ,  $p=0.039$ , post-hoc:  $p=0.047$ ; Table S7), and increased  
307 omissions for all tones (significant **drug dose**\*tone interaction:  $F_{2,343,35.150}=4.739$ ,  $p=0.011$ ,  
308 main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{2,30}=24.257$ ,  $p<0.001$ , post-hoc:  $ps<0.001$ ; Table S7). The lower  
309 dose also caused response latencies to increase (post-hoc:  $p<0.001$ ; Table S7), accuracy to

310 increase (main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{1,605,24.069}=8.558$ ,  $p=0.003$ , post-hoc:  $p=0.002$ ; Table  
311 **S7**), and omissions to increase for all tones (post-hoc:  $ps\leq 0.019$ ; Table **S7**).

312 **Ketamine**: In the rats who had undergone mPFC cannulation surgery, ketamine (1.0mg/kg)  
313 caused a positive change in CBI (paired samples t-test:  $p=0.033$ ; Figure **2C**), as has been  
314 seen previously<sup>24</sup>. Ketamine did not alter any other behavioural measures (Table **S7**).

315 **Lanicemine**: None of the doses of lanicemine tested caused a change in CBI (Figure **2D**).  
316 This drug also had no effect on any other behavioural measures (Table **S7**).

317 **Memantine**: Memantine did not cause any change in CBI at the doses tested (Figure **2E**).  
318 There was also no effect on other behavioural measures (Table **S7**).

319 **MK-801**: MK-801 did not change CBI (Figure **2F**). The highest dose of MK-801 tested  
320 (0.03mg/kg) decreased response **latencies** (main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{2,30}=3.843$ ,  $p=0.033$ ;  
321 Table **S7**). There was no effect on accuracy for the reference tones, percentage omissions  
322 or **premature responding**.

323 **High-dose ketamine**: In experiment 2 (25mg/kg ketamine) one rat was excluded for failure  
324 to complete sufficient trials. In experiments 1 and 2, ketamine (10mg/kg and 25mg/kg  
325 respectively) did not change CBI (Figure **3A**). In both experiments these higher doses did  
326 alter all other behavioural measures. There was an increase in response latency across all  
327 three tones for both 10mg/kg (**drug dose**\*tone interaction:  $F_{2,30}=7.323$ ,  $p=0.003$ , post-hoc:  
328  $ps<0.001$  for all tones; Figure **3C**), and 25mg/kg ketamine (**drug dose**\*tone interaction:  
329  $F_{2,28}=4.686$ ,  $p=0.018$ , post-hoc:  $ps\leq 0.002$  for all tones; Figure **3C**). Both doses decreased  
330 premature responses (paired samples t-tests: 10mg/kg –  $p=0.005$ , 25mg/kg –  $p=0.006$ ;  
331 Figure **3E**). Ketamine also improved accuracy in experiment 1 (10mg/kg: main effect of **drug**  
332 **dose**:  $F_{1,15}=8.774$ ,  $p=0.010$ ; Figure **3B**) and **for the low reward tone in** experiment 2  
333 (25mg/kg: **drug dose**\*tone interaction:  $F_{1,14}=5.513$ ,  $p=0.034$ , post-hoc:  $p=0.033$ ; Figure  
334 **3B**). In both experiments, there was an increase in omissions for all three tones (experiment  
335 1, 10mg/kg: **drug dose**\*tone interaction:  $F_{1,401,21.021}=5.662$ ,  $p=0.018$ , post-hoc: high reward



336 tone –  $p=0.015$ , midpoint tone:  $p=0.003$ , low reward tone:  $p=0.010$ ; experiment 2, 25mg/kg:  
337 **drug dose\*tone** interaction:  $F_{1,368,19,150}=11.964$ ,  $p=0.001$ , post-hoc: high reward tone –  
338  $p=0.003$ , midpoint tone –  $p<0.001$ , low reward tone –  $p=0.001$ ; Figure 3D).

339 **Low dose PCP:** Doses of PCP (0.03, 0.1, 0.3mg/kg) that were lower than those previously  
340 tested<sup>24</sup> did not cause any change in CBI (Figure 2G). There was also no effect on any other  
341 behavioural measures (Table S7).

342 **Analysis of performance split over session:** In addition to the analyses above we also  
343 compared performance for the first and last 20 probe trials in order to check whether  
344 animals' performance changed within a session during these randomly reinforced trials.  
345 Analysis of the data for doses of ketamine (1.0mg/kg), CP101606 (6.0mg/kg) and  
346 scopolamine (0.1mg/kg) which change CBI did not find any evidence of differences across  
347 the session between vehicle or drug treatments based on this analysis (see Figure S3).

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349 *Study 2: mPFC infusions of drugs shown to cause positive judgement biases*

350 Two rats were excluded in cohort 3: one rat did not meet accuracy criteria for any probe (or  
351 baseline) session following the second drug infusion; and after the end of testing another  
352 animal was found to have an incorrect cannula placement. Therefore, both were excluded  
353 retrospectively from the entire study. Compared to pre-surgery performance, the CBI of rats  
354 became more negative after surgery, and this was stable across testing over three weeks  
355 (main effect of week:  $F_{3,42}=6.335$ ,  $p=0.001$ , post-hoc:  $ps\leq 0.011$ ; Figure 4A). There were no  
356 differences in response latencies, premature responses, accuracies for reference tones or  
357 omissions before compared to after surgery (Table S7). The change in CBI occurred before  
358 infusions and seemed to be a response to the surgical intervention potentially causing a  
359 more negative affective state. We found no evidence of tissue damage in the area  
360 surrounding the cannula post-mortem, so it is unlikely that this was a result of trauma. We  
361 think it is not surprising that undergoing surgery and having to adapt to intracerebral cannula

362 could cause a permanent negative change in affect. It is exactly this sort of affective state  
363 change that judgement bias assays have been developed to detect (for example see  
364 Bethell<sup>39</sup>, and Baciadonna & McElligott<sup>40</sup> for reviews summarising how judgement bias tasks  
365 can be used as measure of animal welfare).

366 In the first infusion experiment, ketamine (1.0µg/µl), muscimol (0.1µg/µl) and scopolamine  
367 (0.1µg/µl) all induced positive biases (main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{3,36}=7.241$ ,  $p=0.001$ ; post-  
368 hoc: ketamine –  $p=0.012$ , muscimol –  $p=0.001$ , scopolamine –  $p=0.032$  Figure 4C). The  
369 effect of PFC infusion of ketamine or scopolamine was specific to CBI, as these drugs had  
370 no effect on other behavioural measures (Figure 4D-G), unlike muscimol infusions which  
371 caused changes to all other behavioural measures. There was an increase in response  
372 latency (**drug dose**\*tone interaction:  $F_{6,72}=4.181$ ,  $p=0.001$ ) for the high reward (post-hoc:  
373  $p<0.001$ ) and midpoint tone ( $p=0.028$ ; Figure 4E), and a large increase in premature  
374 responses to over 100% (main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{1,151,13,809}=33.784$ ,  $p<0.001$ , post-hoc:  
375  $p<0.001$ ; Figure 4G). Muscimol also caused accuracy to decrease (main effect of **drug dose**:  
376  $F_{1,181,14,172}=43.775$ ,  $p<0.001$ , post-hoc:  $p\leq 0.001$ ; Figure 4D). For the low reward tone, this  
377 reduction was so great that rats were no longer performing any better than chance (one-  
378 sample t-test against a test value of 50%:  $p=0.197$ ; Figure 4D). Omissions increased  
379 following muscimol infusion (main effect of **drug dose**:  $F_{1,338,16,057}=10.418$ ,  $p=0.003$ , post-hoc:  
380  $p=0.007$ ; Figure 4F).

381 In the experiments testing the effect of CP-101,606 mPFC infusion, in experiment 1 the  
382 lower dose (1.0µg/µl) did not alter CBI (Figure 5A), but in experiment 2, the higher dose  
383 (3.0µg/µl) induced a positive bias (paired samples t-test:  $p=0.043$ ; Figure 5A). In experiment  
384 1, CP-101,606 (1.0µg/µl) caused an increase in response latency (main effect of **drug dose**:  
385  $F_{1,12}=5.064$ ,  $p=0.044$ ; Figure 5C) but had no other behavioural effects (Figure 5B,D,E). In  
386 experiment 2, 3.0µg/µl CP-101,606 did not have any effects on other behavioural measures  
387 (Figure 5B-E).

388 **Discussion**

389 As previously shown<sup>24</sup>, low dose ketamine (1.0mg/kg) had a specific effect on decision-  
390 making biases, inducing a positive change in CBI following acute administration. This effect  
391 of ketamine was dose dependent, with higher doses having general effects on task  
392 performance without changing CBI. The effects of ketamine were recapitulated to some  
393 extent by the GluN2B antagonist, CP-101,606 and muscarinic antagonist, scopolamine, but  
394 both also had more general effects on other behavioural measures following systemic  
395 administration. All three treatments have previously been reported to have RADD effects in  
396 clinical trials<sup>3,29,30</sup>, whilst the other NMDA antagonists tested here did not<sup>5,26-28</sup>, and these  
397 also failed to induce a change in bias. The mPFC infusions suggest that this brain region is  
398 central to the effects of ketamine, scopolamine and CP-101,606. Interestingly, mPFC  
399 infusions more specifically altered bias, suggesting other brain regions may contribute to the  
400 systemic effects on other behavioural measures. The importance of the mPFC in modulating  
401 RAAD effects in neuropsychological tasks is consistent with previous findings in our learning  
402 and memory bias assay, the affective bias test<sup>34</sup>. Inactivation of the mPFC with muscimol did  
403 positively change bias but animals also exhibited large changes in other behavioural  
404 measures. This suggests that the RAADs can modulate activity in this brain region in a more  
405 specific way than muscimol, which results in a relatively specific effect on biases in decision-  
406 making.

407 For lanicemine and memantine, the lack of any behavioural effects means there is a  
408 possibility that the doses tested were too low. For both treatments the range of doses tested  
409 covers the doses that are equivalent to those used humans in clinical trials (lanicemine: 50,  
410 100mg<sup>26</sup>, equivalent to approximately 0.75, 1.5mg/kg; memantine: 5-20mg<sup>5</sup>, equivalent to  
411 approximately 0.07-0.3mg/kg), paralleling our effective dose of ketamine (1.0mg/kg, similar  
412 to the 0.5mg/kg dose used by Zarate et al.<sup>3</sup>). Although higher doses may yield behavioural  
413 effects, these are likely to be due to much higher levels of receptor occupancy than those  
414 relevant to the antidepressant effects and may also arise from non-specific actions at other

415 receptors. When testing lower doses of PCP (another NMDA receptor antagonist not known  
416 to show RAAD) than previously used<sup>24</sup>, we also failed to see any change in CBI. Conversely,  
417 when we tested higher doses of ketamine than those we had previously<sup>24</sup>, doses that are  
418 often used to demonstrate antidepressant effects in other preclinical models used to study  
419 depression such as the forced swim test (FST)<sup>41</sup>, we failed to see any change in bias,  
420 instead only seeing non-specific changes in other behavioural measures. The behavioural  
421 profile seen with these higher doses of ketamine (increased response latency and omissions  
422 and decreased premature responding) suggests that these doses may be causing locomotor  
423 depression or reducing motivation to respond. Higher doses of ketamine have not been  
424 found to have antidepressant effects in clinical trials and these data also suggest that rodent  
425 studies using these higher doses may not be looking at specific effects. It may be that the  
426 lower 1.0mg/kg dose of ketamine can specifically alter decision making biases because they  
427 target a specific population and hence modulate a specific circuit. Some studies have  
428 suggested that ketamine may act via disinhibition of GABAergic interneurons leading to a  
429 glutamate burst which then activates prefrontal glutamate neurons<sup>42</sup>. Overall, the results  
430 from systemic administration of different NMDA receptor antagonists lends support to our  
431 interpretation that this reward-based judgement bias task can specifically dissociate between  
432 drugs that do show RAAD, and those that do not, despite them having similar pharmacology.

433 The difference in specificity on behavioural effects, whereby ketamine (1.0mg/kg) only  
434 positively changes decision-making bias, but both CP-101,606 and scopolamine have other  
435 non-specific effects, suggests that 1.0mg/kg ketamine is able to relatively selectively  
436 modulate affective bias. The changes in response latencies, omissions and premature  
437 responses caused by CP-101,606 and scopolamine suggest that these drugs may also be  
438 having effects on other cognitive processes, such as motivation. However, the direction of  
439 changes for these drugs are in opposite directions (decreases in response latency and  
440 omissions for CP-101,606 but increases in these for scopolamine) despite them both  
441 causing positive changes in CBI. This, combined with the lack of change in accuracy for the

442 reference tones, suggest that these non-specific effects cannot fully explain the change in  
443 decision-making bias.

444 The neurobiology underlying the relative specificity of ketamine, CP-101,606 and  
445 scopolamine in being able to immediately alter decision-making bias, in contrast to the other  
446 NMDA receptor antagonists tested that have not shown these effects, are likely to be due to  
447 differences in their mechanisms of action. Our findings add weight to the strong body of  
448 evidence suggesting that NMDA receptor antagonism is important for short-term, RAAD  
449 effects of these drugs<sup>43</sup>, but suggests that specific modulation of either a specific subtype of  
450 the receptor or a sub-population of neurons may be involved. CP-101,606 is selective for the  
451 GluN2B NMDA receptor subunit, whilst it has been shown that scopolamine, and more  
452 recently ketamine, cause a glutamate burst via blockade of NMDA receptors specifically on  
453 GABA interneurons that leads to increased mechanistic target of rapamycin complex 1  
454 signalling, brain-derived neurotrophic factor release and synaptic changes in the PFC<sup>42,44-46</sup>.  
455 Further studies would be required to test whether these mechanisms also drive these drugs  
456 effects on affective bias.

457 The infusion studies localise the site of action of this rapid change in decision-making bias to  
458 the mPFC, corresponding with brain imaging studies in humans that have also shown  
459 ketamine-dependent changes in prefrontal glutamatergic neurotransmission<sup>32,33</sup>. This also  
460 matches with previous rodent studies, where using the affective bias test, it has been shown  
461 that whilst ketamine does not induce positive biases in learning, it can remediate previously  
462 acquired negative biases, an effect which also localises to the mPFC<sup>34</sup>. For CP-101,606 and  
463 scopolamine, unlike when given systemically, intracerebral mPFC infusion did not cause any  
464 non-specific behavioural changes on the task. This could suggest that these non-specific  
465 effects are driven by off-target effects of drug binding in other brain areas, or in the case of  
466 scopolamine, the periphery. The localisation of the positive modulation of decision making  
467 caused by these drugs to the mPFC provides further support for the hypothesis that this  
468 might be mediated through burst firing in the prefrontal cortex, an effect that has recently

469 been shown to cause the activation of downstream pathways thought to be important in the  
470 RAAD effects of both ketamine and scopolamine<sup>42,44-46</sup>.

471 Interestingly, both GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor agonism (musciol infusion), and NMDA receptor  
472 antagonism (ketamine infusion) in the mPFC caused the same qualitative, but not  
473 quantitative behavioural change in judgement bias (a positive shift but of different  
474 magnitudes), mirroring findings seen previously with intra-infralimbic infusions of muscimol  
475 and (R)-CPP on the five choice serial reaction time task, where both drugs increased  
476 impulsive responding but by different amounts<sup>47</sup>. It has been suggested that the functional  
477 effects of NMDA receptor antagonism may be due to excess extracellular glutamate<sup>48,49</sup>.

478 However, the pronounced, non-specific behavioural effects on other measures seen  
479 following muscimol infusion suggests that mechanism of action of the other infusion drugs is  
480 more refined than global inhibition of neurotransmission in the mPFC. Previous work in  
481 humans and rodents has shown that subcortical and limbic brain regions, such as the  
482 amygdala, are important in the neurocircuitry of MDD / depression-related behaviour<sup>50-52</sup>,  
483 and a recent study suggests that ketamine may play a critical role in restoring dysfunctional  
484 connectivity in these circuits<sup>33</sup>. Furthermore, in rodents, a recent study found that  
485 optogenetic activation of pyramidal mPFC neurons containing dopamine receptor D1 caused  
486 RAAD-like responses in the forced swim test, and that blockade of these receptors  
487 prevented the RADD effects of ketamine<sup>53</sup>. In order to further our understanding of this  
488 mechanism, it will be important to investigate the effects of these drugs on different neuronal  
489 subtypes within the mPFC, as well as investigating the wider circuitry that is altered by these  
490 drugs.

491

#### 492 *Final conclusions*

493 This study adds to the evidence that the neuropsychological effects of ketamine are  
494 potentially important in its RAAD in patients with MDD, and that these effects in altering

495 affective biases, both in decision-making as demonstrated here, as well as in learning and  
496 memory occur at time points (one hour) before major plastic changes arise. It will be  
497 important to investigate the neurobiological effects of not just the immediate, RAAD of  
498 ketamine, but also the sustained effects by examining how affective biases are altered at  
499 longer time points. Furthermore, investigation of the wider circuits involved in this RAAD  
500 efficacy will be crucial in revealing the mechanism underlying these actions, which will be  
501 important for the development of novel therapeutics. Ketamine (at 1.0mg/kg) seems to have  
502 very specific effects on affective bias, which we can capitalise on to better understand the  
503 circuits that contribute to these modulations of affective biases that are potentially very  
504 important in the cause, perpetuation and treatment of MDD. More detailed circuit analyses  
505 are needed including undertaking studies in other brain regions to determine whether  
506 ketamine's effects are specific to the mPFC.

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677 **Figure Legends**

678 **Figure 1** – *Schematic of the judgement bias task and trial structure.*

679 In the judgement bias task (JBT), rats are trained to associate one tone frequency (2kHz)  
680 with a high value reward: i.e. if the rat presses the correct lever (shown as the left lever in  
681 (A), but counterbalanced across rats in a cohort) they receive a high value reward (four  
682 reward pellets). They also learn to associate a second tone frequency (8kHz) with receiving  
683 a low value reward (one reward pellet; shown in (A) as pressing the right lever during the  
684 tone). Judgement bias, or decision making about an ambiguous cue, which is known to be  
685 influenced by affective state, can be probed by presenting an ambiguous tone that has a  
686 midpoint frequency between the two reference cues (5kHz), and recording which lever the  
687 rat presses. If the rat is expecting the more positive outcome (indicative of an optimistic  
688 judgement bias), then they will more often choose the large reward lever, but if the rat is in a  
689 more negative affective state, they will expect the less positive outcome and more often  
690 choose the low reward lever, a pessimistic judgement bias. During the task, tones are  
691 presented within discrete trials, the format of which is depicted as a flow chart in (B). The  
692 task is self-initiated, and so each trial begins only once the rat makes a nosepoke entry into  
693 the magazine port. This is followed by a 5 second inter-trial interval (ITI), during which time  
694 the rat has to wait and refrain from making a lever press response. If the rat does press a  
695 lever, they are punished with a 10 second timeout (TO). The tone cue is presented for a  
696 maximum of 20 seconds following the ITI, or until the rat makes a lever press response. The  
697 outcome following each lever press depends on which tone was played, and which lever was  
698 pressed. Correct lever presses to either reference tone (high or low tones) results in the  
699 corresponding reward being delivered to the magazine, whilst incorrect lever presses results  
700 in a 10 second TO. This TO also occurs if the rat fails to make any lever press during the 20  
701 second tone presentation (an omission). During TOs, lever presses and magazine entries  
702 are recorded but have no consequences, meaning the rat has to wait to be able to begin the  
703 next trial. When the midpoint tone is presented, 50% of the time this tone is “classified” by



704 the software as having the same response properties as the high reward tone. I.e., if the rat  
705 makes a high reward lever press during a midpoint tone presentation classified in this way,  
706 then they will receive a four pellet reward, but will experience the 10 second TO if they make  
707 a low reward lever press. Similarly, if the midpoint tone is “classified” as having the same  
708 response properties as the low reward tone, then a high reward lever press would result in a  
709 TO, whilst a low reward lever press would result in delivery of the small reward. In this way,  
710 each lever is only every associated with the same reward outcome (i.e. four pellets for the  
711 high reward lever), but the midpoint tone becomes randomly reinforced, and so rats will  
712 maintain responding for this tone across multiple trials within a session, whilst being unable  
713 to learn a specific reward contingency to associate with the midpoint tone.

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715 **Figure 2** – *The effect of acute treatment with rapid acting antidepressant drugs and NMDA*  
716 *receptor antagonists on judgement bias of the midpoint ambiguous tone.*

717 Ketamine (0.0, 1.0 mg/kg; n = 13), scopolamine (0.0, 0.03, 0.1 mg/kg; n = 16), CP-101,606  
718 (Expt 1: 0.0, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0 mg/kg, n = 15; Expt 2: 0.0, 6.0 mg/kg, n = 15), lanicemine (0.0, 0.3,  
719 1.0, 3.0 mg/kg; n = 16), memantine (0.0, 0.1, 0.3, 1.0 mg/kg; n = 16) and MK-801 (0.0, 0.01,  
720 0.03 mg/kg; n = 16) were administered acutely by intraperitoneal injection prior to testing on  
721 the judgement bias task. (A) Replicating previous studies, ketamine (1.0 mg/kg) positively  
722 changed CBI. (B) Scopolamine (0.1 mg/kg) also caused a positive change from baseline in  
723 CBI. (C) In experiment 1, there was no overall effect of CP-101,606 on change in CBI. A  
724 positive change was seen in experiment 2 with a higher 6.0 mg/kg dose. (D-G) Lanicemine,  
725 memantine, MK-801 and low doses of PCP did not induce a change in CBI for the midpoint  
726 tone at the doses tested. Data shown and represent mean  $\pm$  SEM (bars and error bars)  
727 overlaid with individual data points for each rat. Dashed line (panel C) indicates separate,  
728 counterbalanced experiments. \* $p < 0.05$ ; # $p < 0.05$  for a one-sample t-test for 3.0 mg/kg CP-  
729 101,6060 only (comparison to a test-value of zero representing a change in CBI for that drug

730 only from baseline). CP-101,606, ketamine, lanicemine, memantine, PCP: 60 min pre-  
731 treatment; scopolamine, MK-801: 30 min pre-treatment

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733 **Figure 3** – *Behavioural data from the judgement bias task following acute treatment with*  
734 *high doses of ketamine.*

735 Acute doses of ketamine (Expt 1: 0.0, 10.0 mg/kg, n = 16; Expt 2: 0.0, 25.0 mg/kg, n = 16)  
736 were administered by intraperitoneal injection to measure their effect on judgement bias. (A)  
737 Neither high dose of ketamine caused a change in interpretation of the midpoint tone. (B)  
738 Both doses of ketamine increased accuracy for the low tone. (C) Both doses of ketamine  
739 increased response latencies across all three tones. (D) Omissions were increased across  
740 all three tones following both ketamine doses. (E) High doses of ketamine (10.0, 25.0 mg/kg)  
741 decreased premature responding. \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \* $p < 0.05$ . Data represent mean  $\pm$   
742 SEM (panels B-E) with individual data points overlaid for each rat (panel A). Dashed lines  
743 indicate separate, counterbalanced experiments. 60 min pre-treatment. HT - high reward  
744 tone; MT - midpoint tone; LT - low reward tone.

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746 **Figure 4** – *Data from mPFC cannulated rats on the judgement bias task.*

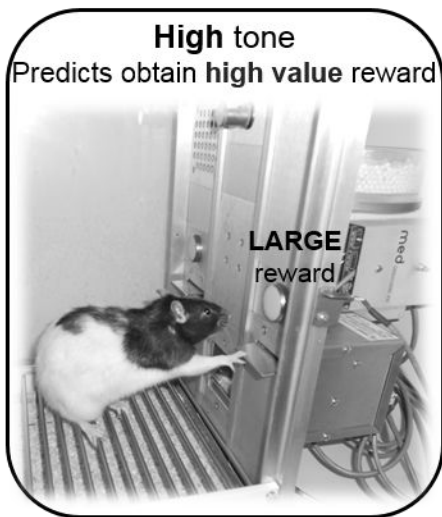
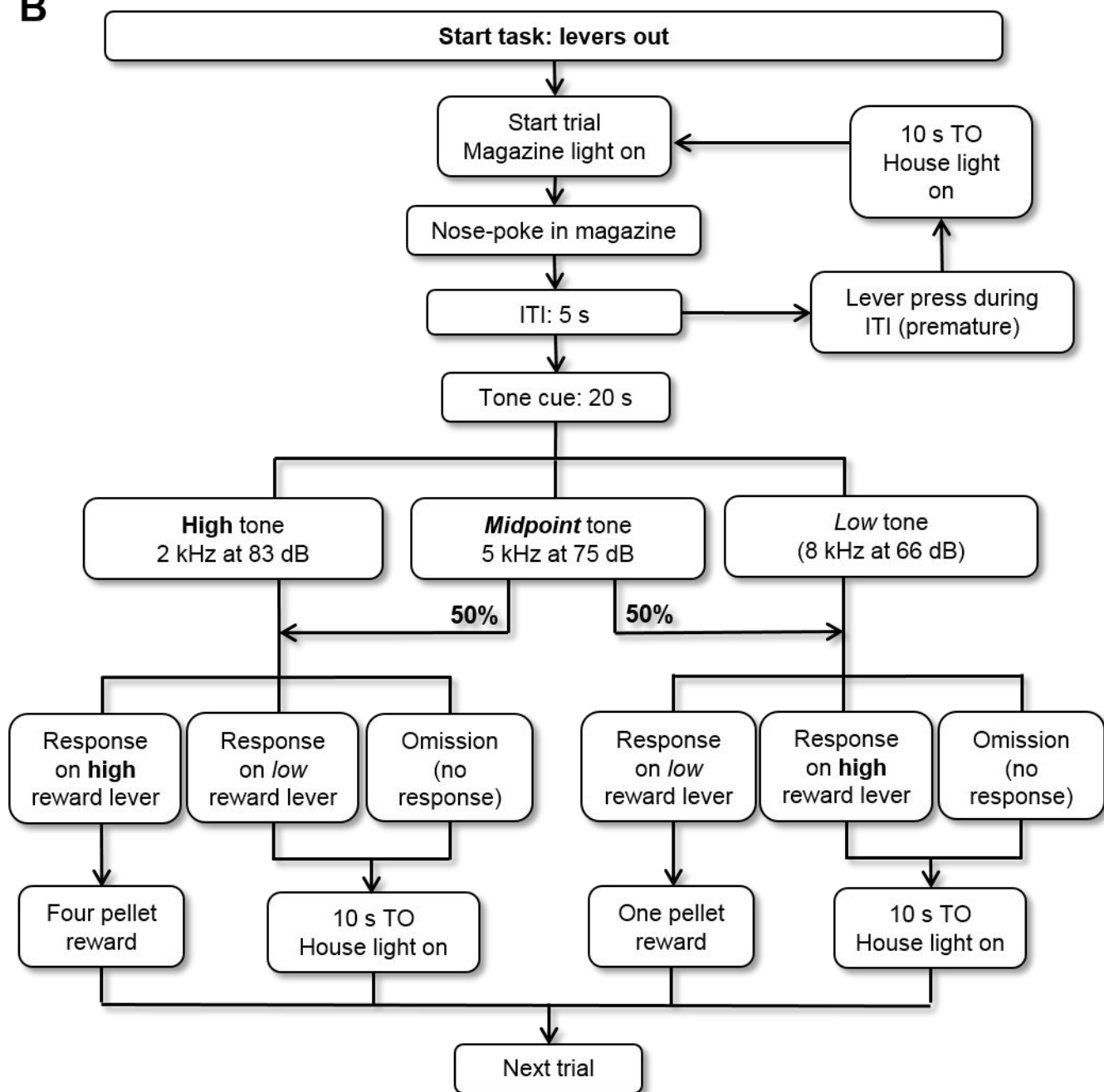
747 Probe tests with no experimental manipulation were conducted before and after mPFC  
748 cannulation surgery to ensure that the surgery itself did not effect performance in the  
749 judgement bias task. (A) Cognitive bias index became more negative in the probe tests  
750 conducted after surgery. (B) The location of the injector placement was confirmed post-  
751 mortem and black dots represent the location of the cannula tip as assessed from Cresyl  
752 violet-stained brain sections. Coronal sections are +3.7 mm to +2.5mm relative to bregma  
753 (Paxinos and Watson, 1998). (C-G) In the first infusion experiment, ketamine (Ket; 1.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ )  
754 muscimol (Mus; 0.1  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ), scopolamine (Sco; 0.1  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ) or vehicle (Veh; 0.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ; n = 13),  
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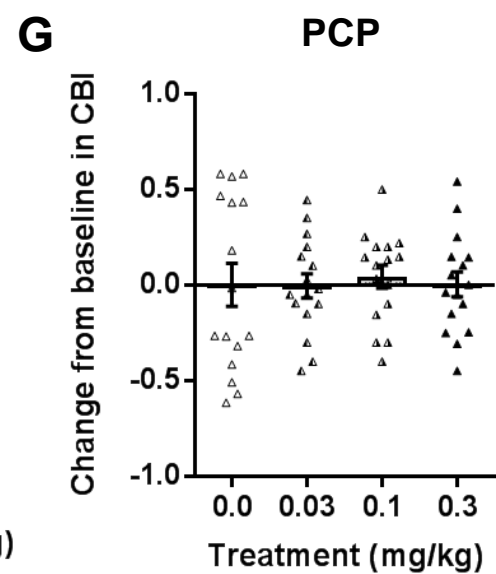
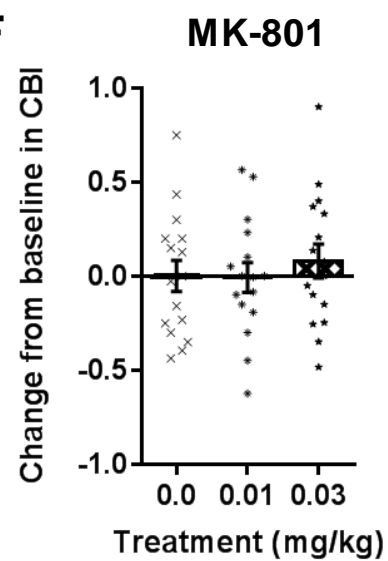
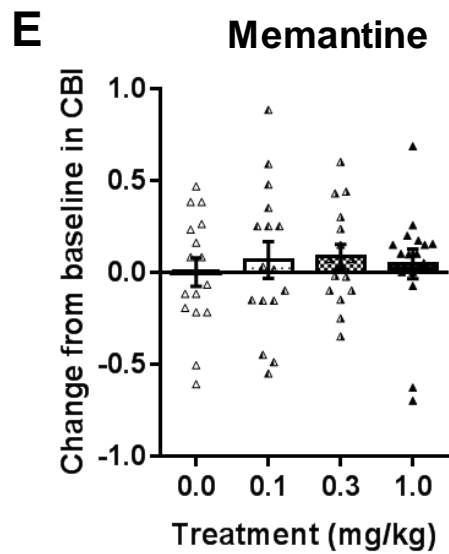
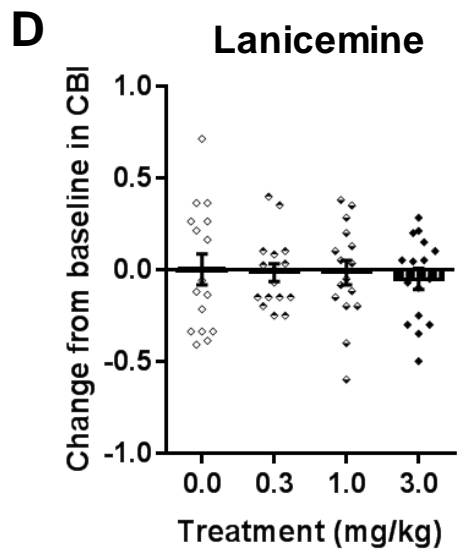
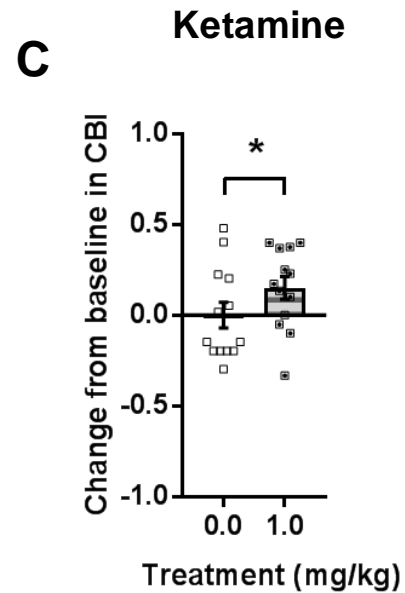
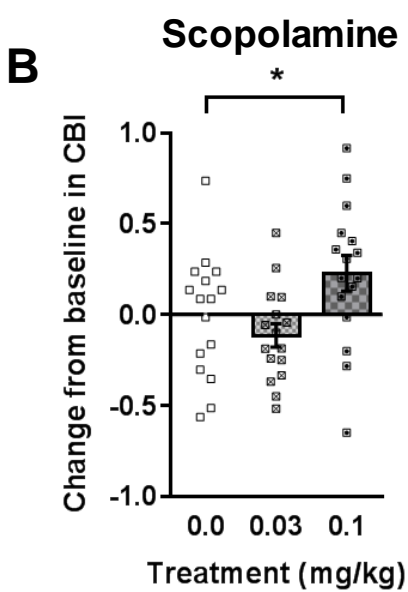
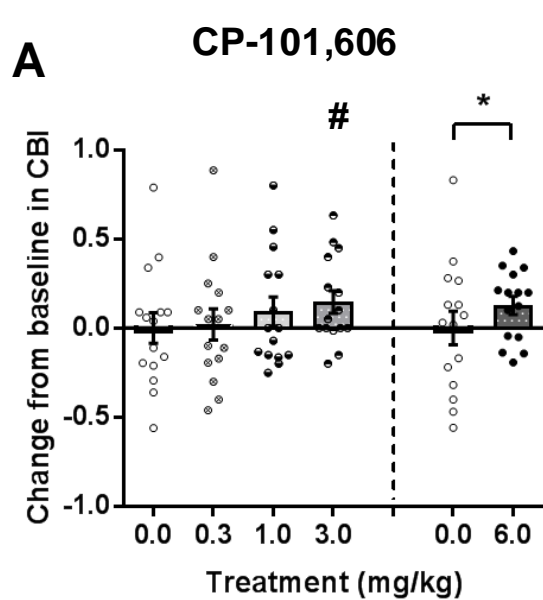
756 judgement bias. (C) Ketamine, muscimol and scopolamine all caused a positive change in  
757 cognitive bias index (CBI) for the midpoint tone. (D) Muscimol decreased accuracy for both  
758 reference tones. (E) Muscimol increased response latencies for the high and midpoint tones.  
759 (F) For the high and low tones, muscimol increased omissions. (G) Muscimol also increased  
760 premature responding. Data represent mean  $\pm$  SEM (panels A, C-G) with individual data  
761 points overlaid for each rat (panel A,C). Black dashed line (panel f) represents 50% accuracy  
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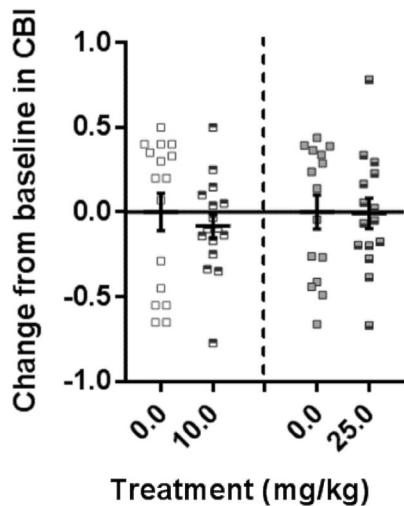
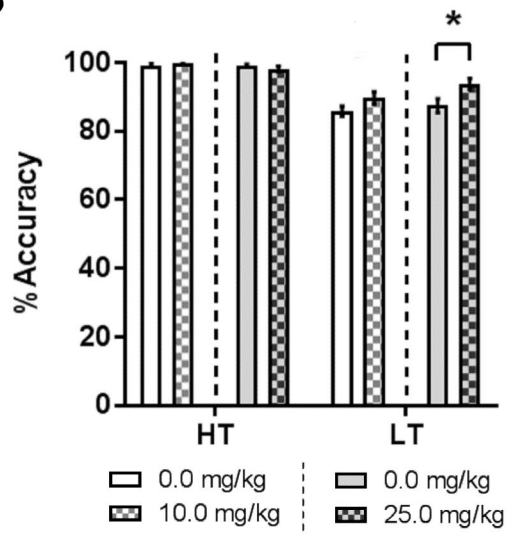
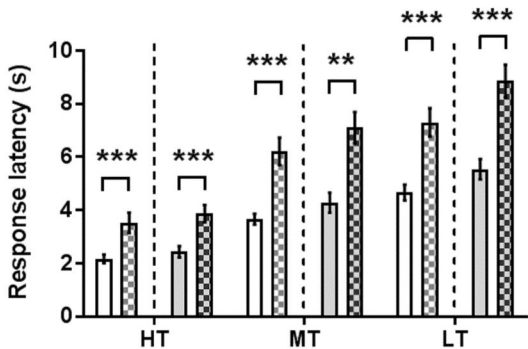
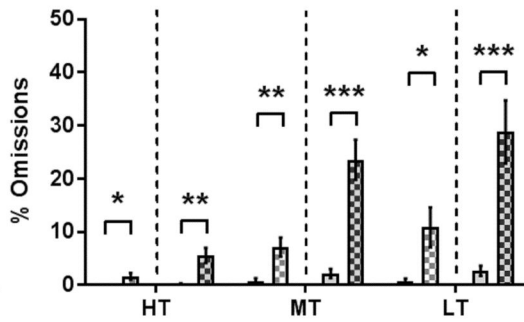
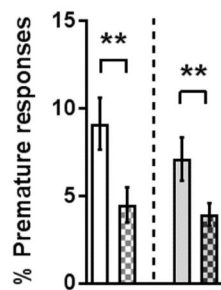
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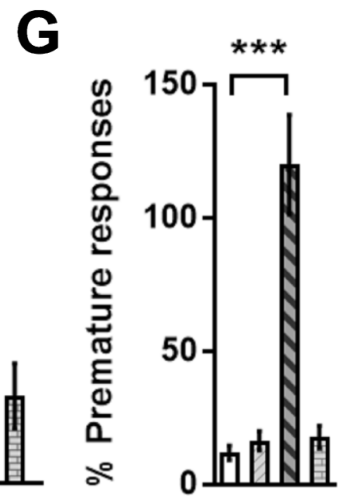
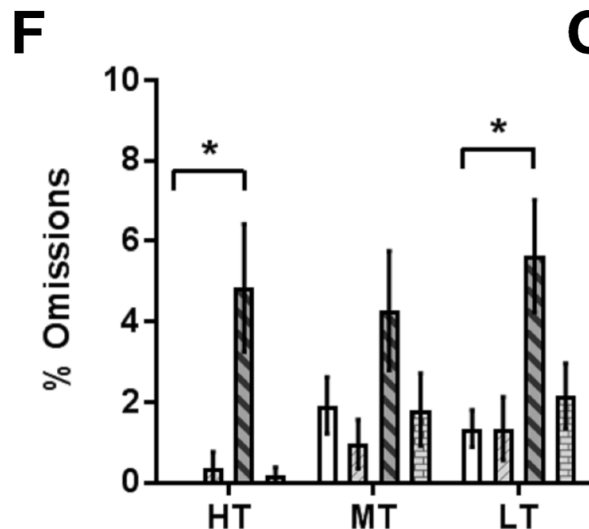
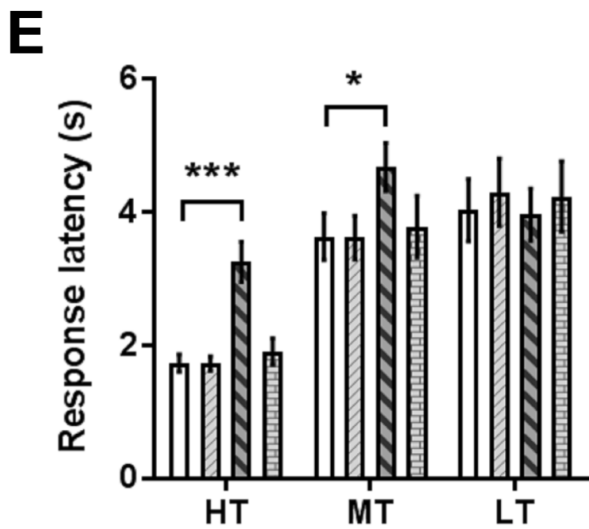
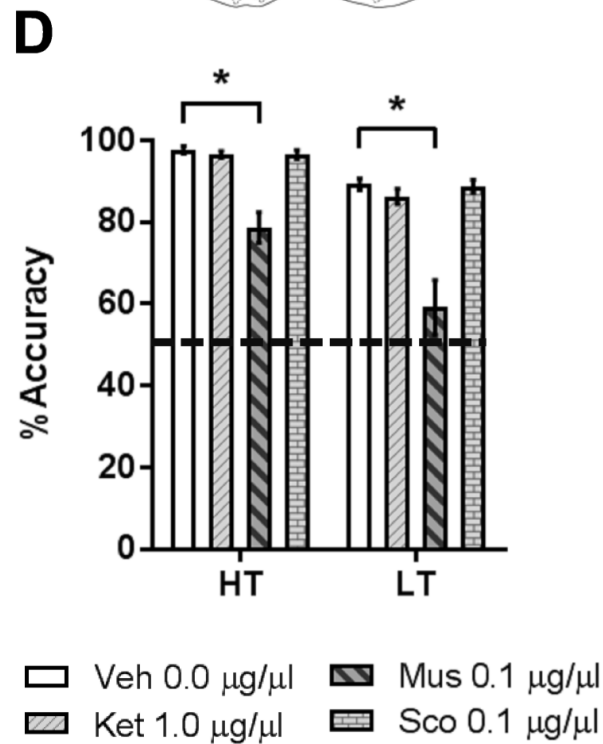
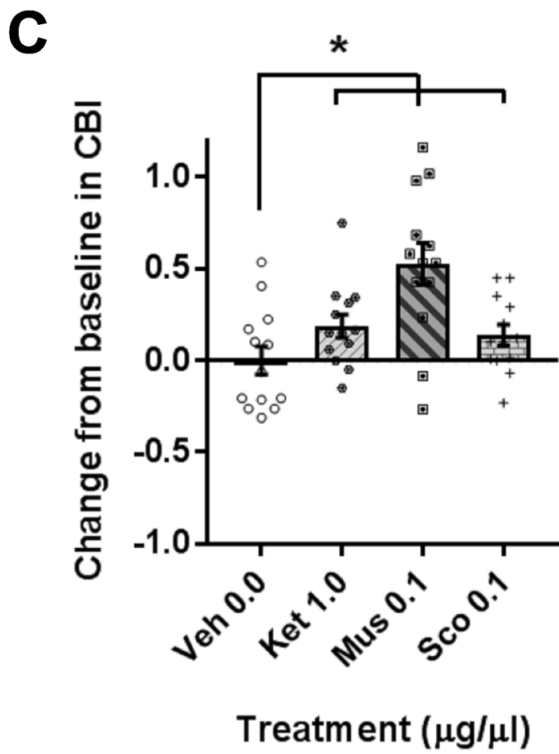
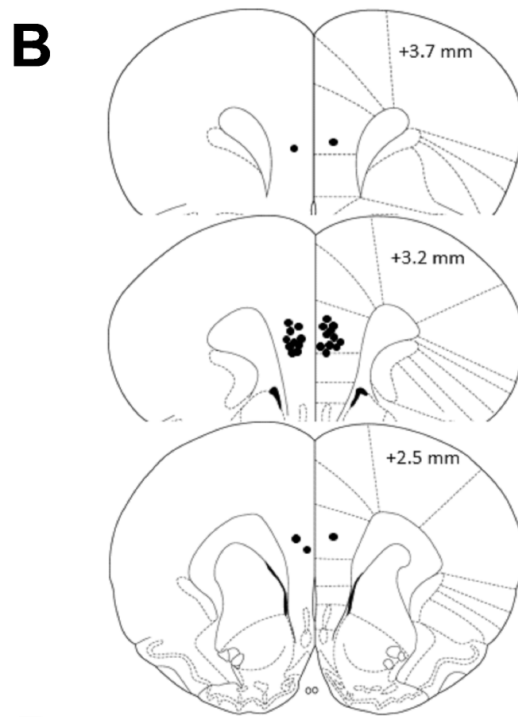
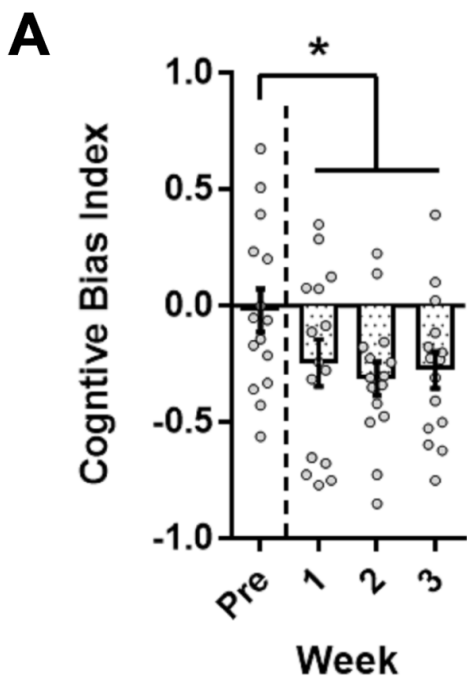
765 **Figure 5** – *Behavioural data from the judgement bias task following mPFC infusions of CP-*  
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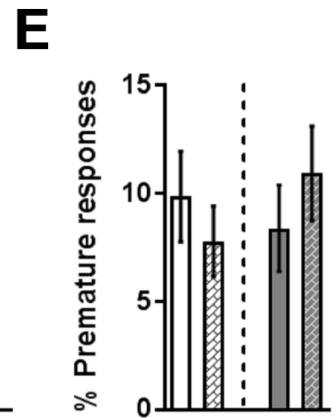
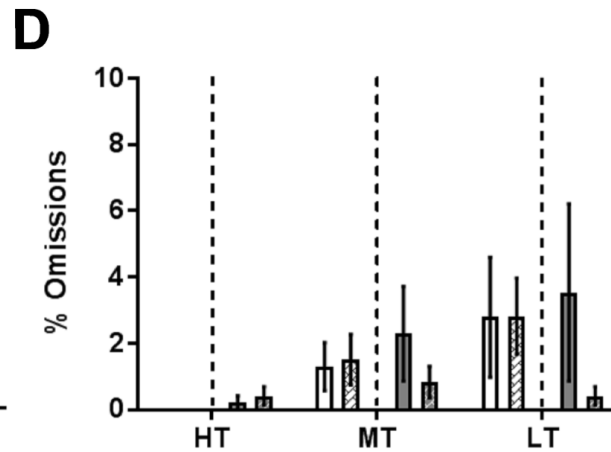
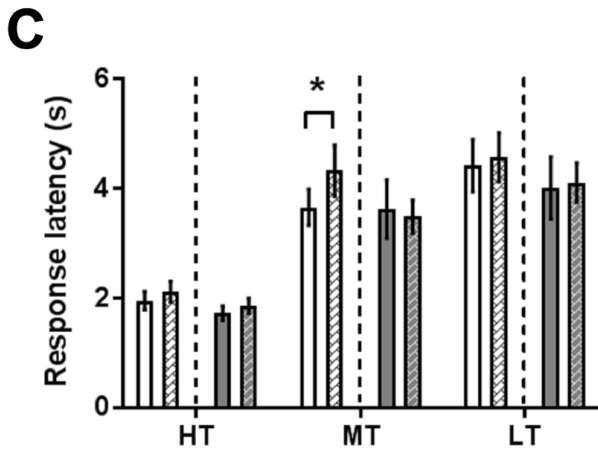
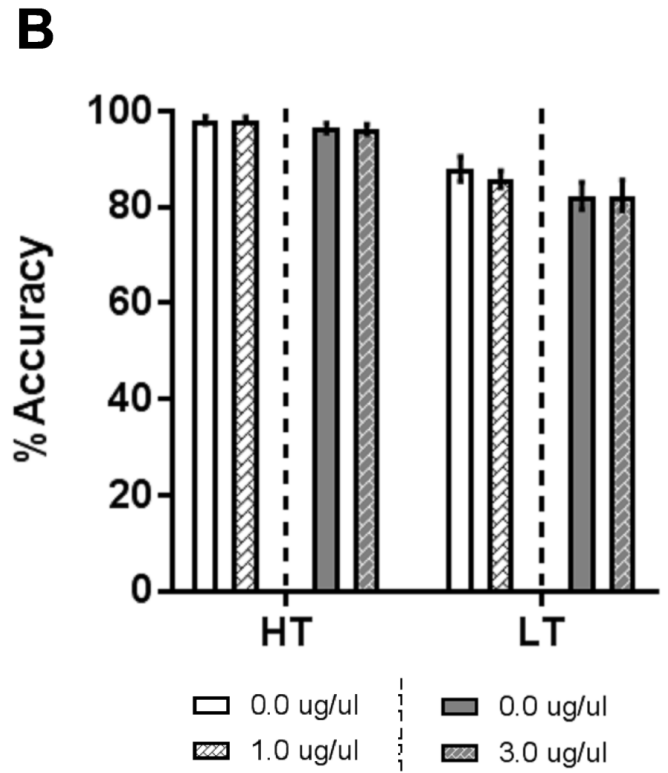
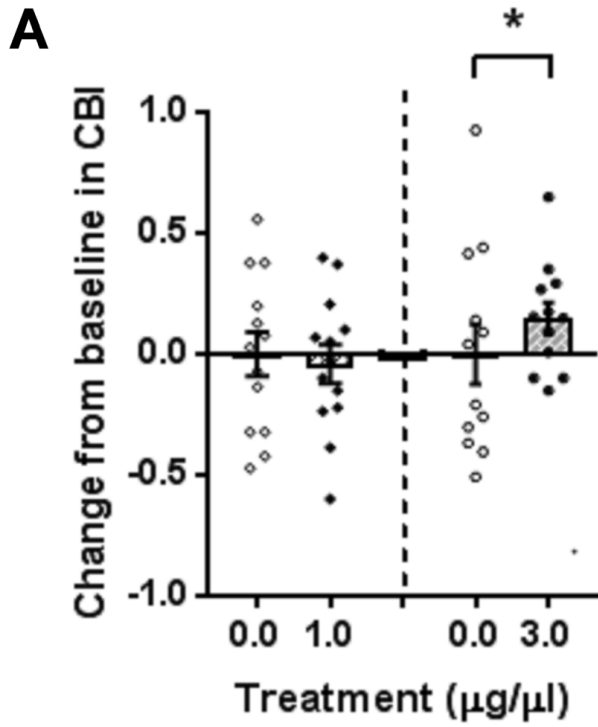
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768 by intracerebral infusion in the mPFC to measure the effect on judgement bias. (A) The  
769 higher dose of CP-101,606 (3.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ) caused a positive change from baseline in CBI. (B)  
770 Accuracy was not altered by either dose of CP-101,606. (C) In experiment 1, CP-101,606  
771 (1.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ) increased response latency for the midpoint tone. (D/E) There was no effect of  
772 either dose on omissions or premature responding, \* $p < 0.05$ . Data represent mean  $\pm$  SEM  
773 (panels B-E) with individual data points overlaid for each rat (panel A). Dashed lines indicate  
774 separate, counterbalanced experiments. 5 min pre-treatment. HT - high reward tone; MT -  
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**Table S1 - Training stages and required performance criteria for the judgement bias task.**

Stage	Description	Criteria	Sessions required to meet criteria		
			Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3
<b>1 – Magazine training</b>	Tone (2 kHz only for half the session followed by 8 kHz only for the rest of the session, order counterbalanced across rats) played for 20 s followed by release of one pellet into magazine; 10 s ITI. No levers available.	20 pellets eaten for each tone frequency	1	1	1
<b>2 – Tone training</b>	Response on lever during tone (2 kHz or 8kHz only, order counterbalanced across rats) rewarded with one pellet. Lever corresponding to that tone frequency available only.	> 50 trials completed for two consecutive sessions on each tone frequency	4	4	4
<b>3 – Discrimination training</b>	Response on correct corresponding lever only during tone (either 2 kHz or 8 kHz presented pseudorandomly) rewarded with one pellet. Both levers available. Incorrect or omitted trials were repeated (i.e. same tone frequency played) until a correct response occurred.	> 70% accuracy for both tones, no significant differences on analysed behavioural measures over three sessions and < 1:1 ratio of correct:premature responses	15	10	10
<b>4 – Reward magnitude training</b>	As Stage 3 but response on correct corresponding lever only rewarded with four pellets for high reward tone and one pellet for low reward tone. Both levers available.	As for Stage 3 but with > 60% accuracy for both tones (to allow for biases in responding to reference tones caused by the difference in associated reward magnitude).	9	8-10	10
<b>5 – Baseline session</b>	Same format as reward magnitude training sessions.	Animals had to show equivalent baseline session performance to pre-drug study baseline sessions (measured by no significant differences pre- and post- on behavioural measures.	-	-	-
<b>6 – Probe sessions</b>	For reference tones (2 of 8 kHz) response on correct corresponding lever during the tone rewarded with either 4 pellets (2 kHz) or 1 pellet (8 kHz) reward. For ambiguous midpoint tone (5 kHz), random reinforcement was used whereby outcomes for 50% of the trials followed 2 kHz tone trials, whilst the other 50% followed 8 kHz tone trials (see Supplementary Figure XX for further details). There were no repeated trials following incorrect or omissions.	< 60% accuracy for both reference tones, < 50% omissions	-	-	-

For all training stages, trial structure was as depicted in Figure S1 (except for magazine training which excludes any form of lever press response). Training stages 1-4 were conducted once per day, Monday to Friday, and consisted of a maximum of 100 trials, or lasted for 60 minutes. Where both tones were played (stages 3-4) tone type was equally split

across the session (50 trials per tone). Baseline sessions also consisted of 100 trials, and were conducted Monday to Friday during baseline weeks between drug studies, and on Monday and Thursday during drug studies. Probe sessions consisted of 120 trials: 40 of each reference tone (2 and 8 kHz) and 40 midpoint tones (5 kHz). Pseudorandom tone presentation was achieved by splitting each training/baseline (probe) session into blocks of 10 (12) trials, within which there were 5 (4) presentations of each tone frequency. Within a block, there could only be a maximum of n-1 consecutive tone presentations (i.e. in baseline sessions, a maximum of 4 consecutive trials of either 2 or 8 kHz). Omitted trials (no lever press during tone presentation; possible in stages 2-4) were punished with a 10 second timeout where the house light was turned on, and the animal was unable to initiate another trial. Incorrect trials (wrong lever for the tone presented; possible in stages 3-4) were also punished with a 10 second timeout with the house light on. Premature trials (lever press during the ITI; possible during stage 2-4) were similarly punished with a 10 second timeout with the house light on. Each new trial had to be self-initiated by the animal by making an entry into the magazine (this was signalled by the magazine light being turned on, and was switched off once animals made the magazine nose poke). Baseline sessions were the same format as reward magnitude training sessions, with animals required to repeat incorrect or omitted trials. Midpoint tones during the probe session were reinforced as follows: to program random reinforcement within the constraints of the software, the ambiguous midpoint tone was made up of two copies of the 5 kHz tone (75 dB), each of which was programmed to be classed as "correct" for one of the two lever press responses. This meant that the outcome associated with each of the two ambiguous tones could be programmed to be the same as one of the reference tones, hence resulting in random reinforcement. I.e., 50% of the time lever presses for the midpoint tone had outcomes that were the same as the high reward tone (4 pellets or a timeout), whilst 50% of the time lever presses had outcomes that were the same as the low reward tone (timeout or 1 pellet). Responses to either of the "two" midpoint tones were analysed together.

Cohort	# rats	Acute drug treatment	Doses (mg/kg)
1	16	Memantine	0.0, 0.1, 0.3, 1.0
		MK-801	0.0, 0.01, 0.03
		Lanicemine	0.0, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0
		CP-101,606 (Experiment 1)	0.0, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0
		CP-101,606 (Experiment 2)	0.0, 6.0
		Scopolamine	0.0, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3
2	16	Low dose PCP	0.0, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3
		High dose ketamine (Experiment 1)	0.0, 10.0
		High dose ketamine (Experiment 2)	0.0, 25.0
3	15 <sup>§</sup>	Ketamine (systemic)	0.0, 1.0
		mPFC infusions (Experiment 1): ketamine, muscimol, scopolamine	0.0, 1.0, 0.1, 0.1 µg/µl
		mPFC infusion: CP-101,606 (Experiment 1)	0.0, 1.0 µg/µl
		mPFC infusion: CP-101,606 (Experiment 2)	0.0, 3.0 µg/µl

**Table S2** - Summary of treatments used in the different cohorts.

<sup>§</sup>Initial total n number for this manipulation is 15 as one rat had to be euthanised after the first infusion habituation session as dummy cannula could not be removed from the guide.

**Table S3** – Data for response latency for baseline weeks between drug studies from the JBT.

Response Latency											
Drug	Cohort	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4		Day 5	
		HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT
Memantine	1	2.26±0.17	3.68±0.26	2.54±0.15	4.65±0.28	2.71±0.19	5.08±0.30	2.63±0.17	4.59±0.27	2.84±0.21	4.39±0.33
MK-801		2.52±0.19	4.57±0.32	2.92±0.15	5.61±0.28	2.97±0.15	5.35±0.23	2.82±0.16	5.20±0.26	3.11±0.22	5.72±0.29
Lanicemine		2.60±0.15	4.81±0.24	2.85±0.14	5.04±0.25	2.81±0.15	4.82±0.21	2.95±0.18	5.26±0.20	3.05±0.34	5.80±0.43
CP-101,606: low		2.58±0.21	4.59±0.26	2.72±0.15	4.94±0.29	2.72±0.20	4.91±0.26	2.48±0.19	4.44±0.17	2.94±0.21	5.42±0.20
CP-101,606: high		2.99±0.23	5.11±0.31	3.15±0.25	5.30±0.29	3.28±0.24	5.84±0.26	3.02±0.21	5.34±0.30	3.68±0.22	5.80±0.29
Scopolamine		2.62±0.22	4.92±0.33	2.97±0.19	5.23±0.30	3.93±0.24	5.69±0.32	3.03±0.22	5.62±0.28	4.32±0.71	6.16±0.30
PCP	2	2.29±0.13	4.52±0.37	3.07±0.29	6.12±0.43	2.88±0.31	5.74±0.46	2.82±0.29	5.59±0.47	2.84±0.24	5.36±0.46
Ketamine (10)		3.54±0.29	5.99±0.44	4.24±0.40	7.17±0.49	3.71±0.20	6.01±0.32	3.73±0.22	6.29±0.41	3.53±0.29	6.12±0.31
Ketamine (25)		2.63±0.26	4.17±0.47	3.21±0.22	5.61±0.35	3.48±0.24	6.42±0.49	3.54±0.20	6.41±0.31	3.62±0.26	5.93±0.28
Post-Surgery	3	1.86±0.13	3.20±0.26	1.97±0.10	4.06±0.27	2.08±0.11	4.33±0.27	2.00±0.15	4.37±0.24	2.49±0.15	4.61±0.34
Ketamine (1)		2.01±0.15	4.03±0.30	2.29±0.22	4.47±0.42	2.34±0.22	4.32±0.39	2.62±0.21	4.60±0.32	2.41±0.15	4.19±0.31
Infusions 1		2.14±0.24	4.33±0.38	2.43±0.27	4.89±0.37	3.02±0.30	5.69±0.41	2.54±0.25	5.19±0.36	2.32±0.20	4.99±0.34
CP-101,606 infusion: low		2.61±0.21	5.16±0.35	2.70±0.19	5.54±0.42	2.84±0.21	5.44±0.29	2.82±0.19	5.68±0.88	2.49±0.18	5.57±0.34
CP-101,606 infusion: high		2.55±0.20	5.03±0.36	2.81±0.28	5.54±0.45	2.83±0.28	5.63±0.40	2.88±0.20	5.80±0.42	2.89±0.15	5.57±0.21

Behavioural data are presented as mean ± SEM. Drug studies are listed in chronological order for each cohort. Ketamine doses are listed in brackets.

**Table S4** – Data for accuracy for baseline weeks between drug studies from the JBT.

Accuracy											
Drug	Cohort	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4		Day 5	
		HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT
Memantine	1	96.2±0.80	79.5±1.40	96.1±0.91	84.8±1.31	97.2±1.00	84.8±1.10	97.8±0.44	83.1±1.83	96.4±1.28	82.4±1.30
MK-801		95.9±1.00	83.4±1.27	95.3±1.22	85.4±2.06	96.9±0.76	86.7±1.11	97.5±0.80	86.0±1.38	97.7±0.51	88.8±1.08
Lanicemine		97.3±0.60	86.4±1.82	98.8±0.48	88.4±1.48	98.0±0.56	88.9±1.68	98.8±0.43	87.9±1.61	96.8±0.69	82.4±1.44
CP-101,606: low		95.8±1.49	82.3±1.25	97.8±0.65	87.8±1.69	98.5±0.42	88.4±1.31	98.2±0.62	90.1±1.49	98.6±0.46	89.3±1.34
CP-101,606: high		97.6±0.73	84.6±1.75	98.0±0.72	86.8±2.04	97.7±0.93	90.2±1.40	97.9±0.56	89.8±1.79	98.6±0.48	88.9±1.09
Scopolamine		97.5±0.57	85.6±1.79	98.3±86.6	86.6±1.70	96.3±1.20	87.8±1.93	98.0±0.57	86.3±1.33	97.1±0.64	87.1±1.22
PCP	2	91.0±3.68	79.3±2.05	93.8±2.03	81.5±2.56	97.1±1.48	82.1±2.07	97.8±1.01	81.6±1.87	96.6±1.78	80.9±2.86
Ketamine (10)		97.3±0.94	82.4±3.36	98.6±0.57	85.9±2.46	99.5±0.35	85.5±1.60	98.9±0.58	85.0±1.86	98.9±0.57	86.7±1.12
Ketamine (25)		93.5±3.66	79.6±3.50	98.1±0.88	84.5±3.28	97.0±1.08	86.5±2.18	98.7±0.79	87.8±1.76	97.6±1.19	85.1±2.23
Post-Surgery	3	92.2±1.47	70.4±1.73	94.9±1.11	85.4±1.75	95.1±1.13	84.9±1.45	93.2±1.29	87.8±1.64	93.1±1.68	86.6±1.93
Ketamine (1)		93.0±2.98	79.1±3.42	93.6±3.03	85.0±2.66	94.2±3.06	86.1±2.62	91.9±2.03	82.1±1.22	93.0±1.45	81.6±1.76
Infusions 1		96.3±1.22	81.7±2.50	96.7±0.89	83.6±2.10	96.0±0.80	86.6±2.23	96.9±0.79	88.6±1.78	96.7±0.45	84.7±1.24
CP-101,606 infusion: low		97.3±0.66	86.8±1.56	94.8±1.41	87.1±1.90	96.7±1.20	85.3±1.92	97.9±0.88	86.2±2.18	95.8±0.98	86.1±2.45
CP-101,606 infusion: high		96.9±0.79	83.6±1.89	96.5±0.90	82.3±1.81	98.0±0.77	84.5±0.90	97.3±0.74	87.0±1.63	97.0±0.81	85.4±1.58

Behavioural data are presented as mean ± SEM. Drug studies are listed in chronological order for each cohort. Ketamine doses are listed in brackets.

**Table S5** – Data for omissions for baseline weeks between drug studies from the JBT.

Omissions											
Drug	Cohort	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3		Day 4		Day 5	
		HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT	HT	LT
Memantine	1	0.00±0.00	2.57±0.86	0.66±0.32	2.55±0.82	0.26±0.18	3.84±0.86	0.00±0.00	3.86±1.10	0.42±0.30	4.32±0.96
MK-801		1.36±0.70	3.91±0.95	0.84±0.41	6.30±1.60	0.93±0.43	3.30±1.16	0.68±0.43	2.64±0.93	0.32±0.22	3.93±1.18
Lanicemine		0.38±0.28	1.98±0.52	0.00±0.00	3.13±1.08	0.13±0.13	2.44±0.82	0.28±0.19	3.94±1.17	0.27±0.18	4.34±0.97
CP-101,606: low		0.87±0.44	3.61±1.02	0.53±0.24	3.18±1.03	0.27±0.27	2.50±0.73	0.38±0.27	1.07±0.34	0.14±0.14	3.98±1.05
CP-101,606: high		0.77±0.37	5.77±1.53	0.26±0.17	4.48±1.00	0.24±0.24	4.03±1.14	0.52±0.29	3.67±1.13	0.26±0.18	3.52±0.90
Scopolamine		0.40±0.29	3.10±0.94	0.00±0.00	3.55±0.95	0.26±0.18	3.90±0.75	0.13±0.13	5.07±1.26	0.89±0.45	5.77±1.16
PCP	2	0.97±0.64	3.32±1.35	0.87±0.58	8.05±2.58	0.25±0.25	6.51±2.19	0.54±0.36	5.07±2.04	0.84±0.51	5.87±1.18
Ketamine (10)		0.00±0.00	5.28±1.91	0.54±0.36	7.75±1.90	0.00±0.00	5.35±0.85	0.28±0.28	6.62±2.37	0.00±0.00	3.49±0.89
Ketamine (25)		0.85±0.59	6.00±2.17	0.00±0.00	5.71±1.89	0.81±0.57	4.68±1.46	0.26±0.26	4.89±1.66	0.27±0.27	8.32±2.21
Post-Surgery	3	0.91±0.40	3.50±0.99	0.53±0.44	3.28±0.89	0.64±0.42	2.25±0.41	0.52±0.23	2.87±0.68	0.42±0.23	2.76±0.77
Ketamine (1)		0.00±0.00	5.95±1.94	0.14±0.14	2.03±0.64	0.07±0.07	2.17±0.63	0.13±0.13	3.32±0.68	0.27±0.19	2.33±0.55
Infusions 1		0.00±0.00	3.96±1.43	0.35±0.24	3.17±1.42	0.19±0.19	5.58±1.46	0.00±0.00	3.24±1.24	0.14±0.14	4.12±1.85
CP-101,606 infusion: low		0.16±0.16	4.14±0.90	0.48±0.25	3.53±0.95	0.54±0.37	3.94±1.07	0.16±0.16	5.07±1.26	0.00±0.00	5.01±1.01
CP-101,606 infusion: high		0.83±0.67	4.82±1.41	0.33±0.22	4.01±1.16	0.65±0.37	4.86±1.15	0.16±0.16	4.29±1.28	0.54±0.37	4.25±0.98

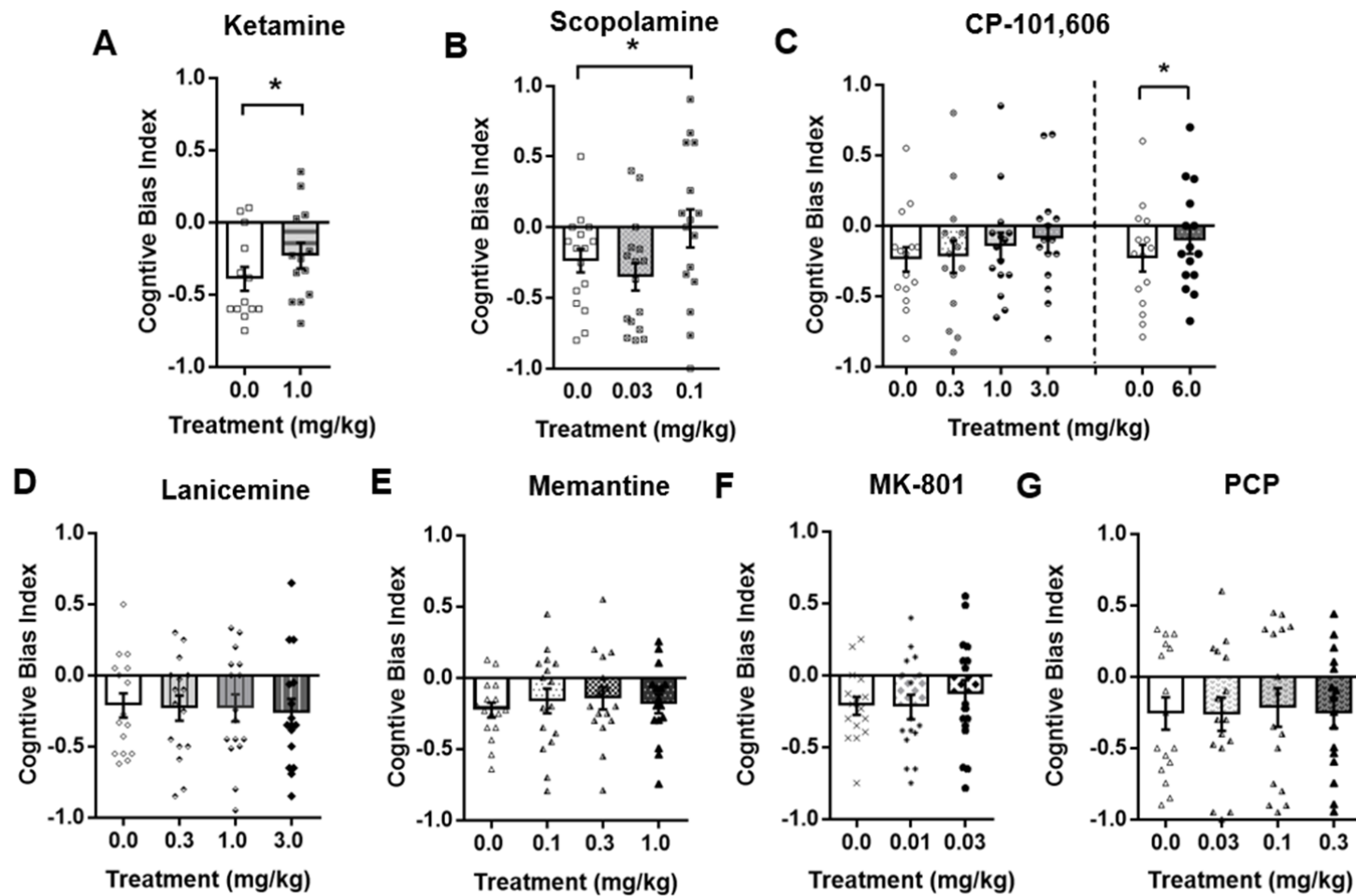
Behavioural data are presented as mean ± SEM. Drug studies are listed in chronological order for each cohort. Ketamine doses are listed in brackets.

**Table S6** – Data for premature responding for baseline weeks between drug studies from the JBT.

<b>Premature</b>						
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Day 5</b>
Memantine	1	7.71±1.56	6.38±0.97	6.19±0.90	7.02±0.83	6.30±0.73
MK-801		8.03±1.00	6.57±0.69	5.77±1.13	5.76±0.84	5.56±1.01
Lanicemine		6.38±0.81	5.60±0.83	5.57±0.93	5.03±0.71	8.72±1.37
CP-101,606: low		6.58±1.06	5.13±0.91	4.21±0.48	6.07±0.95	4.00±0.69
CP-101,606: high		5.05±0.63	4.91±0.77	3.62±0.79	4.26±0.560	3.41±0.46
Scopolamine		5.81±1.15	4.71±0.83	4.05±0.72	3.26±0.62	4.80±0.91
PCP	2	5.81±1.20	4.39±0.95	2.73±0.94	3.86±1.13	4.17±0.49
Ketamine (10)		12.0±2.15	6.55±1.62	3.66±0.96	3.13±0.49	3.44±0.88
Ketamine (25)		11.76±1.39	6.20±1.24	5.25±0.98	6.45±1.09	6.84±1.73
Post-Surgery	3	39.4±3.86	19.9±2.16	14.1±1.88	13.8±1.98	13.0±1.89
Ketamine (1)		14.0±4.41	11.8±3.03	12.3±3.00	13.0±1.89	12.3±2.00
Infusions 1		11.2±1.98	6.27±0.74	6.46±1.11	7.26±1.25	6.58±1.64
CP-101,606 infusion: low		6.74±0.87	6.39±1.03	4.86±0.82	4.89±0.80	5.86±0.98
CP-101,606 infusion: high		5.31±0.76	3.85±0.72	5.38±0.78	4.98±1.00	4.35±0.75

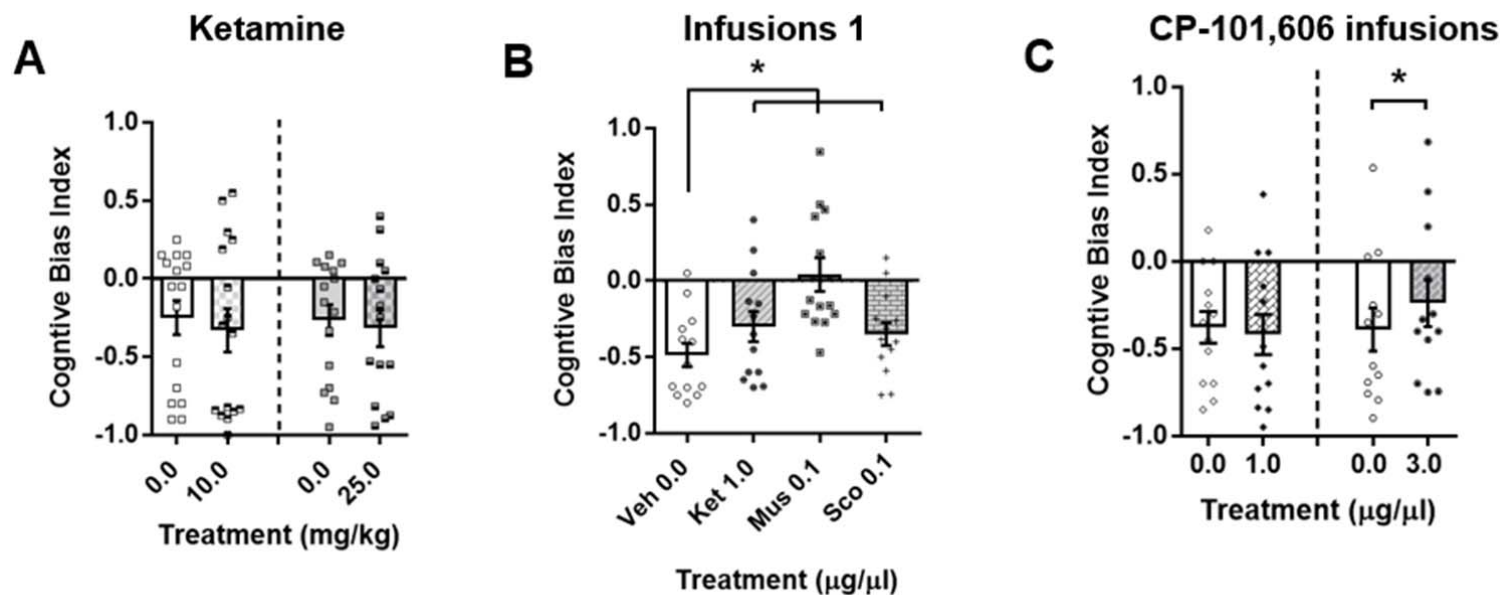
Behavioural data are presented as mean ± SEM. Drug studies are listed in chronological order for each cohort. Ketamine doses are listed in brackets.





**Figure S1** – The effect of acute treatment with rapid acting antidepressant drugs and NMDA receptor antagonists on judgement bias of the midpoint ambiguous tone displayed as CBI.

This figure shows data from Figure 1 displayed as cognitive bias index (CBI) scores. Ketamine (0.0, 1.0 mg/kg; n = 13), scopolamine (0.0, 0.03, 0.1 mg/kg; n = 16), CP-101,606 (Expt 1: 0.0, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0 mg/kg, n = 15; Expt 2: 0.0, 6.0 mg/kg, n = 15), lanicemine (0.0, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0 mg/kg; n = 16), memantine (0.0, 0.1, 0.3, 1.0 mg/kg; n = 16) and MK-801 (0.0, 0.01, 0.03 mg/kg; n = 16) were administered acutely by intraperitoneal injection prior to testing on the judgement bias task. (A) Replicating previous studies, ketamine (1.0 mg/kg) caused CBI to shift in the positive direction. (B) Scopolamine (0.1 mg/kg) changed CBI scores to near zero, a positive shift. (C) CBI became moved in a positive direction after a 6.0 mg/kg dose of CP-101,606. (D-G) Lanicemine, memantine, MK-801 and low doses of PCP did not alter CBI for the midpoint tone at the doses tested. Data shown and represent mean  $\pm$  SEM (bars and error bars) overlaid with individual data points for each rat. Dashed line (panel C) indicates separate, counterbalanced experiments. \* $p < 0.05$ . CP-101,606, ketamine, lanicemine, memantine, PCP: 60 min pre-treatment; scopolamine, MK-801: 30 min pre-treatment.



**Figure S2** – The effect of acute treatment with high doses of ketamine, and mPFC infusions of rapid acting antidepressants on judgement bias of the midpoint ambiguous tone displayed as CBI.

This figure shows data from Figures 2-4 displayed as cognitive bias index (CBI) scores. (A) From Figure 2: ketamine (Expt 1: 0.0, 10.0 mg/kg,  $n = 16$ ; Expt 2: 0.0, 25.0 mg/kg,  $n = 16$ ) were administered by intraperitoneal injection to measure their effect on judgement bias. Neither dose had any effect on CBI. (B) From Figure 3: ) In the first infusion experiment, ketamine (Ket; 1.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ) muscimol (Mus; 0.1  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ), scopolamine (Sco; 0.1  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ) or vehicle (Veh; 0.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ;  $n = 13$ ), were administered by intracerebral infusion into the mPFC to measure the effect on judgement bias. All infusions caused positive changes in CBI. (C) From Figure 4: CP-101,606 (Expt 1: 0.0, 1.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ,  $n = 13$ ; Expt 2: 0.0, 3.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ,  $n = 12$ ) was administered by intracerebral infusion in the mPFC to measure the effect on judgement bias. Only the higher dose (3.0  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ ) caused CBI to become more positive. Data shown and represent mean  $\pm$  SEM (bars and error bars) overlaid with individual data points for each rat. Dashed line (panel C) indicates separate, counterbalanced experiments. \* $p < 0.05$ . Ketamine (systemic): 60 min pre-treatment; infusions: 5 min pre-treatment.

Table S7 – Data for behavioural measures from the JBT.

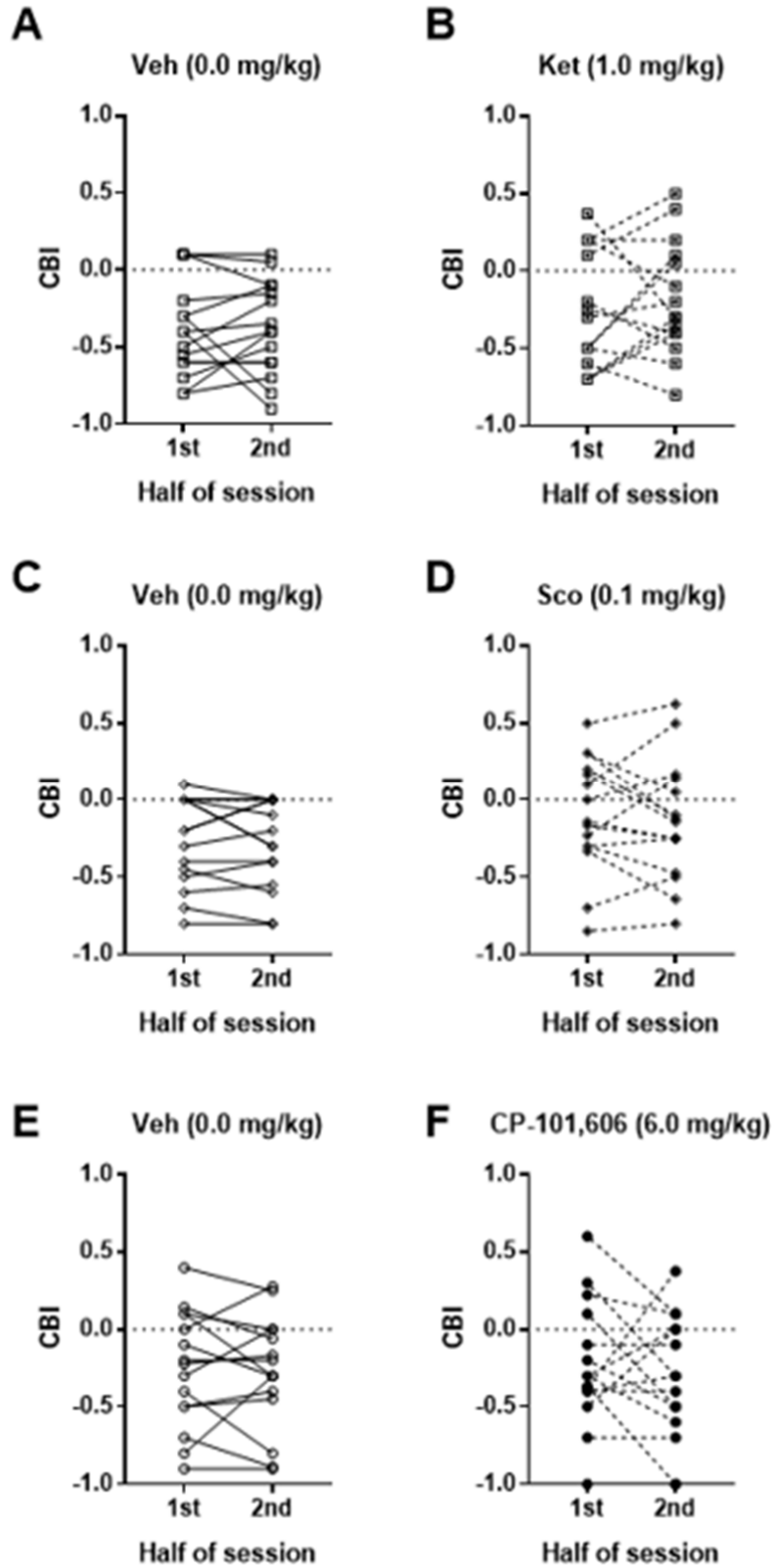
Drug / Session	Dose (mg/kg) / Week	Behavioural Measure								
		Response latency			% Accuracy		% Omissions			% Premature
		HT	MT	LT	HT	LT	HT	MT	LT	
Ketamine	0.0	1.62 ± 0.12	3.23 ± 0.22	3.80 ± 0.36	97.88 ± 0.62	83.06 ± 1.96	0.00 ± 0.00	0.58 ± 0.30	1.15 ± 0.36	12.44 ± 1.94
	1.0	1.77 ± 0.13	3.38 ± 0.29	4.05 ± 0.44	97.69 ± 9.57	83.54 ± 2.48	0.20 ± 0.20	0.38 ± 0.26	0.78 ± 0.34	14.09 ± 3.07
CP-101,606	0.0	2.19 ± 0.18	3.74 ± 0.39	4.26 ± 0.32	97.82 ± 0.77	84.87 ± 1.74	0.38 ± 0.26	0.88 ± 0.41	1.28 ± 0.55	8.34 ± 1.24
	0.3	2.43 ± 0.21	3.85 ± 0.36	4.54 ± 0.34	97.54 ± 0.91	85.44 ± 2.39	0.00 ± 0.00	0.82 ± 0.38	1.15 ± 0.47	7.42 ± 1.23
	1.0	2.21 ± 0.15	3.48 ± 0.26	4.46 ± 0.29	98.33 ± 0.72	83.49 ± 2.16	0.00 ± 0.00	0.69 ± 0.41	0.83 ± 0.47	8.80 ± 1.26
	3.0	*1.97 ± 0.17	*2.88 ± 0.23	*3.72 ± 0.27	95.83 ± 1.14	82.45 ± 2.62	0.00 ± 0.00	0.17 ± 0.17	0.33 ± 0.23	12.44 ± 2.58
CP-101,606	0.0	3.05 ± 0.24	4.52 ± 0.27	5.38 ± 0.33	98.25 ± 0.51	86.57 ± 1.70	0.70 ± 0.39	2.50 ± 0.82	2.81 ± 0.80	4.24 ± 2.58
	6.0	***2.32 ± 0.13	***3.52 ± 0.17	***4.10 ± 0.19	97.64 ± 0.87	84.37 ± 1.98	0.00 ± 0.00	**0.00 ± 0.00	**0.72 ± 0.32	**11.75 ± 1.80
Scopolamine	0.0	2.28 ± 0.17	3.84 ± 0.24	4.42 ± 0.31	97.80 ± 0.64	86.56 ± 1.84	0.16 ± 0.16	0.31 ± 0.21	1.09 ± 0.51	6.20 ± 0.70
	0.03	***4.10 ± 0.34	***5.52 ± 0.38	***6.51 ± 0.40	**99.50 ± 0.27	**94.01 ± 1.40	*7.17 ± 2.17	***17.18 ± 3.38	**18.02 ± 3.60	7.31 ± 1.55
	0.1	**4.26 ± 0.38	**5.54 ± 0.37	**6.27 ± 0.51	95.00 ± 1.76	85.26 ± 3.93	*22.85 ± 3.79	***27.98 ± 3.91	**35.92 ± 6.05	*14.52 ± 3.85
Lanicemine	0.0	2.42 ± 0.22	3.80 ± 0.31	4.72 ± 0.45	96.60 ± 0.82	86.24 ± 1.81	0.00 ± 0.00	3.16 ± 2.21	2.93 ± 1.89	7.17 ± 1.11
	0.3	2.23 ± 0.17	3.60 ± 0.24	4.40 ± 0.29	98.13 ± 0.63	85.01 ± 1.89	0.00 ± 0.00	0.31 ± 0.21	1.26 ± 0.95	9.48 ± 1.36
	1.0	2.40 ± 0.22	4.20 ± 0.32	4.79 ± 0.40	96.41 ± 1.58	85.45 ± 2.15	0.00 ± 0.00	3.54 ± 1.99	4.03 ± 2.76	6.68 ± 1.03
	3.0	2.55 ± 0.21	3.89 ± 0.28	4.81 ± 0.37	98.58 ± 0.57	86.74 ± 1.71	0.16 ± 0.16	1.56 ± 1.25	2.81 ± 1.72	8.18 ± 1.67
Memantine	0.0	2.38 ± 0.15	4.12 ± 0.21	4.94 ± 0.23	97.77 ± 0.60	83.96 ± 1.52	0.19 ± 0.19	1.16 ± 0.44	2.07 ± 1.03	7.98 ± 0.93
	0.1	2.48 ± 0.18	4.15 ± 0.23	4.65 ± 0.30	97.45 ± 0.82	84.75 ± 1.81	0.16 ± 0.16	2.30 ± 0.85	1.09 ± 0.45	8.45 ± 1.25
	0.3	2.42 ± 0.18	3.84 ± 0.25	4.53 ± 0.30	97.49 ± 0.65	81.21 ± 1.79	0.16 ± 0.16	0.63 ± 0.36	2.34 ± 0.84	9.25 ± 1.40
	1.0	2.40 ± 0.16	3.90 ± 0.23	4.50 ± 0.28	97.66 ± 0.58	84.98 ± 1.64	0.00 ± 0.00	1.56 ± 0.75	2.03 ± 1.25	8.38 ± 1.24
MK-801	0.0	2.51 ± 0.15	4.16 ± 0.28	4.72 ± 0.30	96.39 ± 1.00	85.23 ± 1.78	0.16 ± 0.16	1.12 ± 0.40	1.31 ± 0.54	6.66 ± 0.77
	0.01	2.25 ± 0.14	3.80 ± 0.21	4.39 ± 0.27	96.71 ± 0.78	83.05 ± 1.64	0.16 ± 0.16	0.47 ± 0.25	1.09 ± 0.51	8.39 ± 1.72
	0.03	*2.34 ± 0.13	*3.44 ± 0.29	*4.07 ± 0.35	97.19 ± 0.88	81.19 ± 2.15	0.00 ± 0.00	1.41 ± 0.56	1.88 ± 0.74	10.73 ± 1.64
PCP	0.0	2.23 ± 0.17	3.88 ± 0.23	4.96 ± 0.42	98.28 ± 0.50	84.89 ± 1.88	0.00 ± 0.00	0.47 ± 0.25	0.47 ± 0.34	6.46 ± 0.98
	0.03	2.22 ± 0.18	3.99 ± 0.29	5.11 ± 0.42	98.59 ± 0.56	87.44 ± 1.70	0.00 ± 0.00	1.25 ± 0.60	2.03 ± 1.08	5.72 ± 0.75
	0.1	2.25 ± 0.18	3.81 ± 0.29	4.60 ± 0.30	99.07 ± 0.31	86.37 ± 1.87	0.31 ± 0.21	0.94 ± 0.39	1.41 ± 0.94	5.63 ± 0.89
	0.3	2.24 ± 0.20	3.93 ± 0.37	4.99 ± 0.44	98.75 ± 0.51	86.78 ± 2.34	0.57 ± 0.57	1.34 ± 0.73	4.11 ± 1.70	6.77 ± 1.41
Pre-Surgery		2.05 ± 0.14	3.72 ± 0.22	4.47 ± 0.33	95.80 ± 0.69	83.07 ± 2.41	0.51 ± 0.30	1.50 ± 0.48	2.54 ± 0.77	14.80 ± 2.30
Post-Surgery	1	1.99 ± 0.15	3.82 ± 0.23	4.64 ± 0.36	95.89 ± 1.00	85.62 ± 1.95	0.00 ± 0.00	0.93 ± 0.31	2.18 ± 0.59	11.88 ± 1.53
	2	1.81 ± 0.12	3.81 ± 0.31	4.29 ± 0.44	97.17 ± 0.71	84.15 ± 1.45	0.17 ± 0.11	0.67 ± 0.24	2.25 ± 0.62	13.33 ± 1.44
	3	1.77 ± 0.16	3.43 ± 0.24	4.19 ± 0.40	96.58 ± 0.59	81.16 ± 2.43	0.08 ± 0.08	1.00 ± 0.28	1.25 ± 0.39	11.97 ± 1.70

Behavioural data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Cells marked in bold indicate a significant difference for that measure, for that tone (compared to vehicle 0.0 mg/kg session for that drug) from a significant dose\*tone interaction. Cells highlighted in grey indicate where a main effect of dose was found, indicating a difference for that drug treatment not specific to tone. \* / light grey shading:  $p < 0.05$ , \*\* / medium grey shading:  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* / dark grey shading:  $p < 0.001$ .

**Table S8 – Description of statistical analysis for other behavioural measures**

<b>Behavioural measure</b>	<b>Analysed for:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Statistical analysis</b>
<b>Response latency</b>	Each tone	Time between presentation of the tone and response on the lever (correct lever for high and low reward tones, either lever for midpoint tone)	Two-way repeated measures ANOVA with tone and session as within-subjects factors
<b>Accuracy</b>	Reference tones (high and low tones)	Number of correct responses made divided by the total number of responses made (correct + incorrect) for that tone	
<b>Percentage omissions</b>	Each tone	Number of trials where no lever press occurred during 20 s tone presentation divided by total completed trials for that tone	
<b>Percentage of premature responses</b>	Whole session	Number of trials where a response was made in the 5 s inter-trial interval divided by total completed trials	Repeated measures ANOVA with session as the within-subjects factor

This table details the other behavioural measures (apart from cognitive bias index) that were analysed for each experimental manipulation and are presented in Table 1. ANOVA – analysis of variance.



**Figure S3 – CBI analysed by session split in half for systemic drugs that caused a positive change in bias.**

Ketamine (0.0, 1.0 mg/kg; n = 13), scopolamine (0.0, 0.03, 0.1 mg/kg; n = 16), CP-101,606 (Expt 2: 0.0, 6.0 mg/kg, n = 15) were administered acutely by intraperitoneal injection prior to testing on the judgement bias task. Data from these drug studies for doses that showed a positive change in judgement bias (ketamine: 1.0 mg/kg; scopolamine: 0.1 mg/kg) and CP-101,606: 6.0 mg/kg) were re-analysed by splitting each session in half, and comparing CBI for the first and last half of the sessions. Vehicle doses for each drug (panels A,C,E) are also shown for comparison. There is no consistent change between CBI scores across the first and second halves of a session for the drugs shown. Data shown are individual data points, linked for each individual rat.