



2nd CORE SEMINAR in MENTAL HEALTH

Etiology, intervention and
prevention of suicide



Neurobiología de la conducta suicida

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Suicide

every 40 seconds...



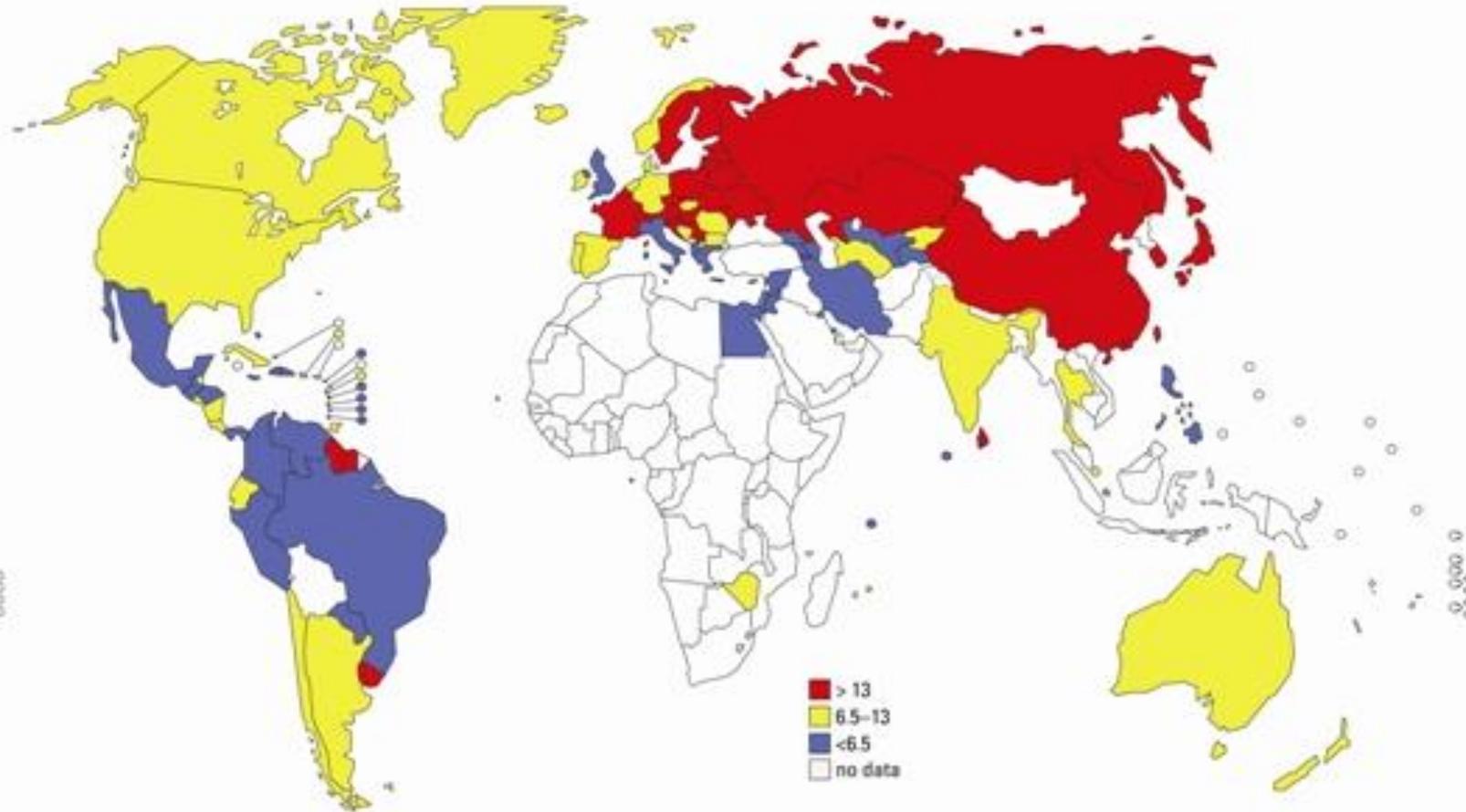
somebody dies
from suicide

The time to act is now

Provide support and restrict access to
pesticides and other suicide means



Map of suicide rates
(per 100 000; most recent year available as of 2009)



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Hay dos tipos de profesionales de la salud mental en esta reunion.....

Aquellos a los que se les ha suicidado algún paciente y....

aquellos a los que se les suicidara.....

Investigación en suicidio. Antecedentes

- Emile Durkheim "Suicide" 1897
- Factores de riesgo (Sifneos 1956)
 - Género, edad, intentos previos, religión, estado civil, climatología, enfermedad mental, discapacidad física, distocia familiar.
- Estudios de gemelos (Kallmann et al., 1949)
- 60' estudios neuroquímicos y postmortem en suicidas
- Autopsia psicológica (Barraclogh et al., 1974)



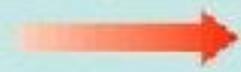
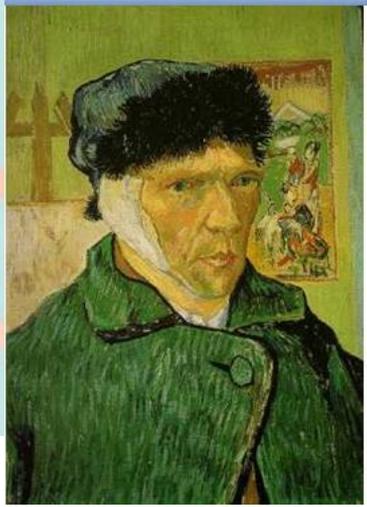
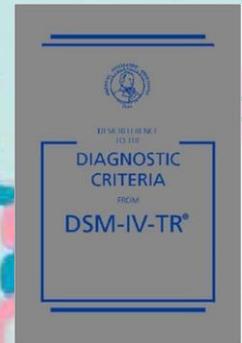
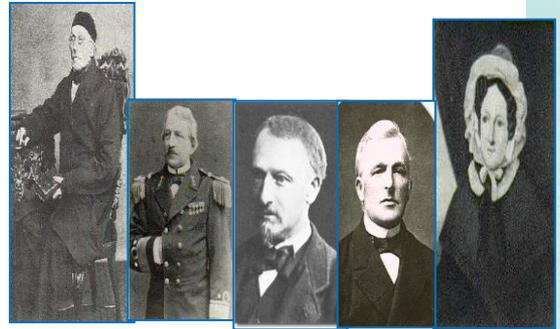
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Historia/genética familiar

- Los familiares de sujetos suicidas tienen 4 veces más riesgo de suicidio.
- Los estudios con gemelos indican una mayor concordancia de la conducta suicida en MZ
 - MZ 11.3% vs 1.8% en DZ (Roy et al., 1991)
- Estudios de adopción: mayor riesgo de suicidio entre familiares biológicos que entre familiares adoptivos.
 - 12/269 F. biológica vs 2/269 en F. adoptiva
(Schulsinger et al 1979)

Conducta suicida y heredabilidad genética

- La contribución de factores genéticos se estima entre el 30% y el 50% para un amplio fenotipo de tendencias suicidas que incluye ideación, planes, e intentos, y es en gran parte independiente de la herencia de la enfermedad mental.
- **La conducta suicida, como rasgo complejo, es probablemente el resultado de una combinación de numerosos factores ambientales y el efecto de múltiples genes.**

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Noradrenergic

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GABAergic

Neurotrophic

HPA axis

Other

WELCOME

The SBGAS is a repository of genetic variation data compiled by [the McGill Group for Suicide Studies](#).

Genetic data tables are organized largely according to the navigation bar on the left.

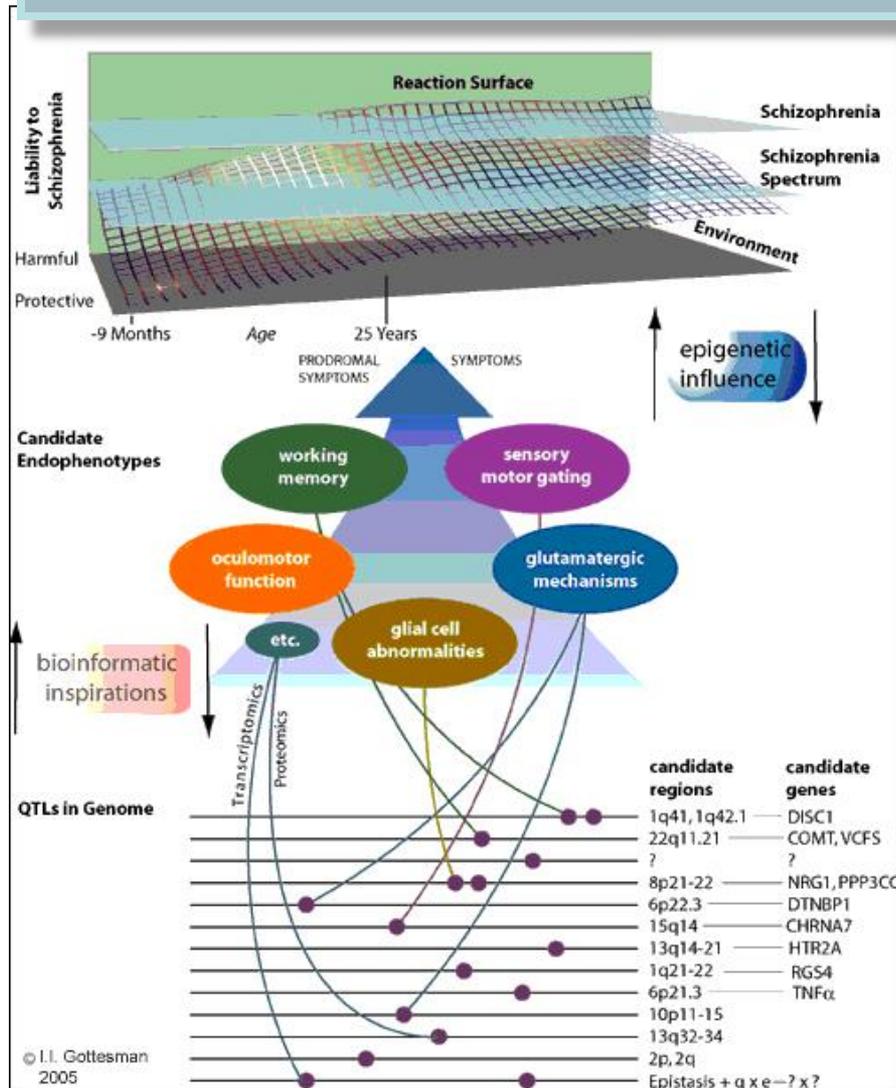
More detail on our data sources, search strategies, and other [Information page](#), also accessible through the top navigation bar.

This resource is a work in progress. We thank you for your interest. You may email us at gilles.maussion@mcgill.ca.

Thank you!



Endofenotipos de la conducta suicida



Criterios para un endofenotipo:

- 1) asociación con la enfermedad en la población
- 2) hereditario (> 20%)
- 3) independiente del estado primario
- 4) la enfermedad y el endofenotipo agregan intrafamiliarmente (vínculo entre rasgo y variante del gen)
- 5) Es más frecuente en familiares no afectados que en la población general

Gottesman and Gould 2003

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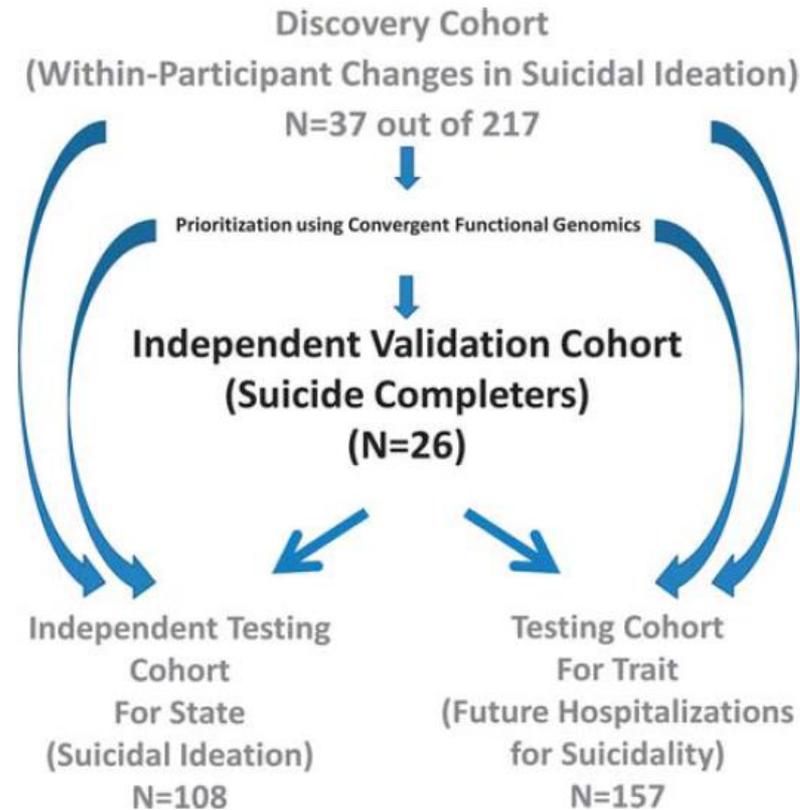


Figure 1. Cohorts used in study depicting flow of discovery, prioritization, validation and testing of biomarkers from each step.

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Table 2. Top biomarkers for suicidality from discovery, prioritization and validation

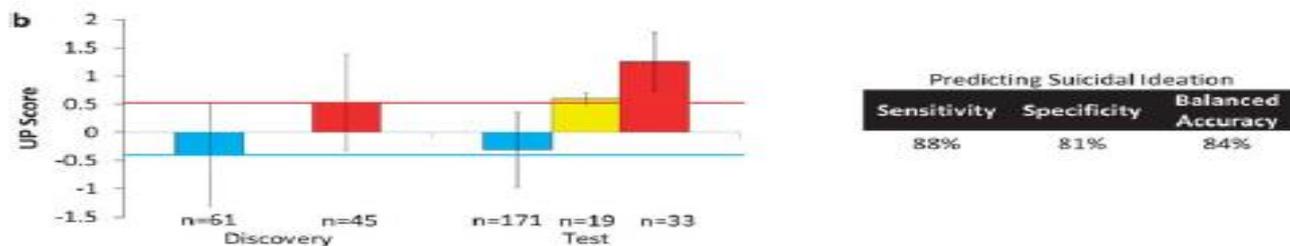
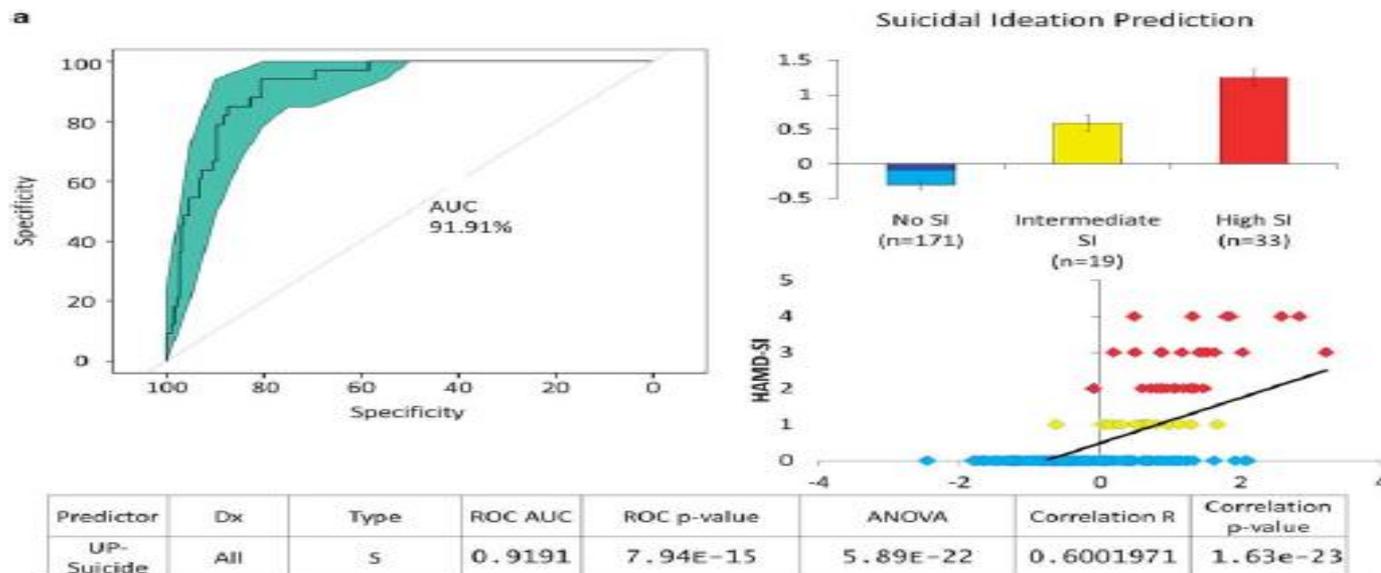
| Gene symbol/gene name | Probesets | Discovery (change) method/ score | Prior human genetic evidence | Prior human brain expression | Prior human peripheral expression evidence | Prioritization Total CFG score For suicide | Validation ANOVA P-value | Comment |
|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| SKA2 spindle and kinetochore associated complex subunit 2 | 225686_at | (D) DE/1 AP/1 | Suicide ¹⁵ | (D) PFC ¹⁵ | (D) Methylation in blood ¹⁵ | 9 | 0.006 0.027 | Top Decreased BioM In prioritization from AP and DE |
| IL6 interleukin 6 (Interferon, beta 2) | 205207_at | (I) AP/2 | | (I) PFC ²⁷ Hippocampus ²⁸ | (I) CSF ^{29,30} (D) Blood ³¹ | 8 | 1.44e-08 | Top Increased BioM in Validation from AP |
| SAT1 spermidine/spermine N1-acetyltransferase 1 | 213988_s_at 210592_s_at 230333_at 203455_s_at | (I) DE/2 DE/1 | Suicide ^{22,23} | (I) PFC BA6 ¹² | (I) Blood ¹ | 8 | 1.08e-44 1.24e-40 6.93e-12 3.09e-38 | Top Increased BioM in Prioritization from DE Top biomarker in our previous work |
| SLC44A4 solute carrier family 4 (sodium bicarbonate cotransporter), member 4 | 211494_s_at 210739_x_at | (I) AP/2 DE/1 | Suicide ³⁴ | (D) PFC BA46/10 ¹⁵ | | 8 | 5.84e-05 0.002 | Top Increased BioM in Prioritization from AP |
| JUN jun proto-oncogene | 201464_x_at 213281_at 201466_s_at | (I) DE/1 AP/1 | | (D) HIP ³⁶ | | 5 | 2.63e-51 1.02e-41 2.21e-08 | Top Increased BioM in Validation from DE |
| MBP myelin basic protein | 225408_at | (D) AP/1 | | (I) NAC ¹¹ | | 5 | 6.74e-10 | Top Decreased BioM in Validation from AP |
| CADM1 cell adhesion molecule 1 | 237259_at | (I) DE/4 | | | | 4 | NC | Top Increased BioM in Discovery from DE |
| CLIP1 CAP-GLY domain containing linker protein family, member 4 | 219944_at | (D) DE/4 | | | | 4 | NC | Top Decreased BioM in Discovery from DE |
| DTNA dystrobrevin, alpha | 211493_x_at | (I) AP/4 | | | | 4 | NC | Top Increased BioM in Discovery from AP |
| KIF2C kinesin family member 2C | 211519_s_at | (D) AP/4 | | | | 4 | 0.00056 | Top Decreased BioM in Discovery from AP |
| KLHDC3 kelch domain containing 3 | 214383_x_at | (D) DE/4 | | | (D) Blood ¹ | 4 | 1.57e-17 | Top Decreased BioM in Validation from DE A top biomarker in our previous study |
| MAOA monoamine oxidase B | 204041_at | (I) DE/1 | | (I) PFC ³⁷ | (D) Blood ³⁸ | 7 | 8.11e-08 | Top Pharmacological Target |
| MARCKS myristoylated alanine-rich protein kinase C substrate | 213002_at 201670_s_at | (I) DE/1 | | (I) HIP; PFC ³⁹ PFC ⁴⁰ | (I) Blood ¹ | 5 | 1.51e-06 ; 0.0004 | A top biomarker in our previous study |
| PTEN phosphatase and tensin homolog | 204053_x_at 222176_at | (I) DE/1 | | (I) PFC; HIP ^{41,42} | (I) Blood ¹ | 5 | 7.66e-17 ; 0.0003 | A top biomarker in our previous study |

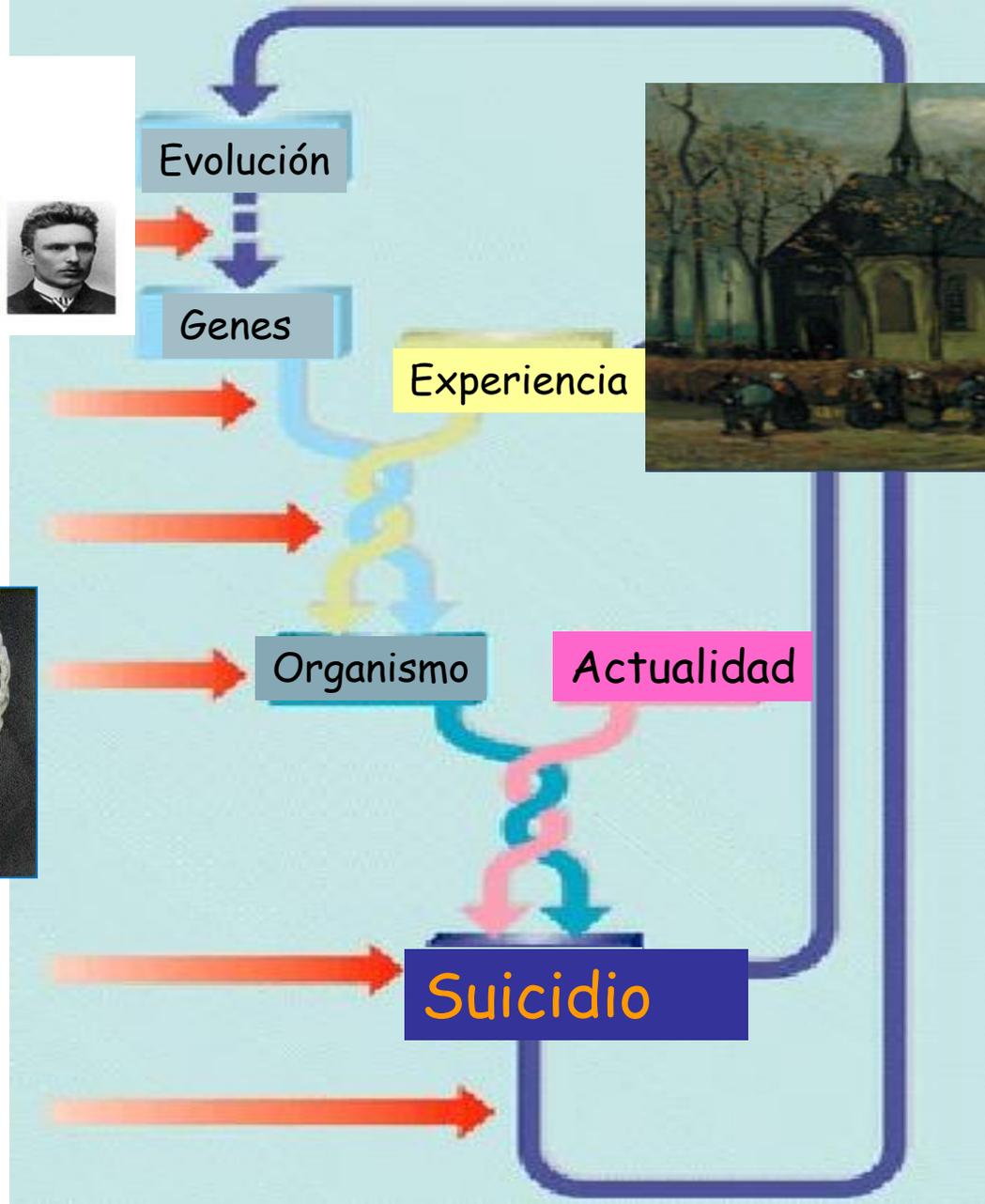
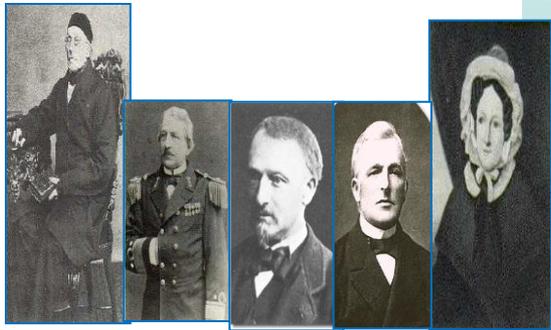
Abbreviations: ANOVA, analysis of variance; AP, absent-present; CFG, convergent functional genomics; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; DE, differential expression; SI, suicidal ideation. Bolded P-values are Bonferroni significant. NC—Non-concordant-not stepwise from no SI to high SI to suicide completers.

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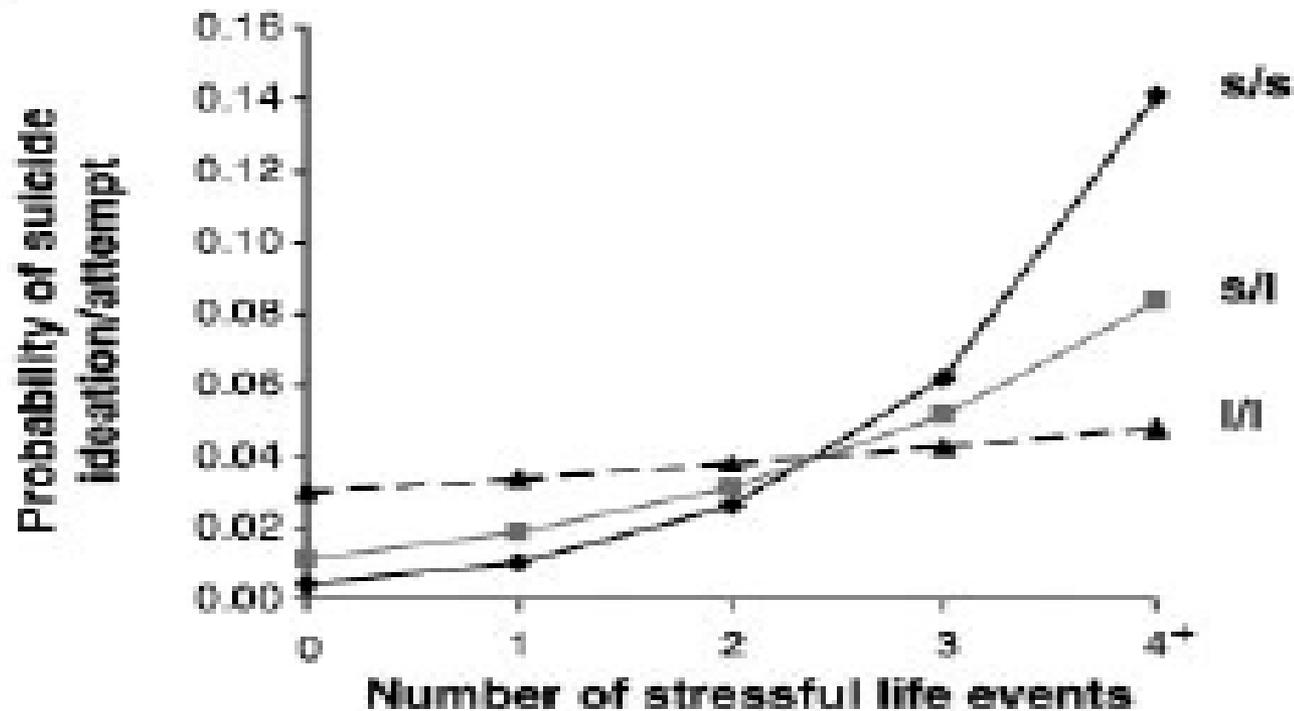


Polymorphism in the 5-HTT Gene

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La interacción genes-ambiente podría tener un papel en la etiopatogenia de la conducta suicida

- Epístasis genética: interacciones complejas entre los genes "de vulnerabilidad", que hacen que se potencien o anulen los efectos entre sí
- Modulación epigenética: los acontecimientos vitales podrían influir en la expresión genética
- La diátesis sobre los trastornos del estado de ánimo es probablemente un producto de la compleja interacción de un gran número de genes con menores efectos individuales y factores ambientales

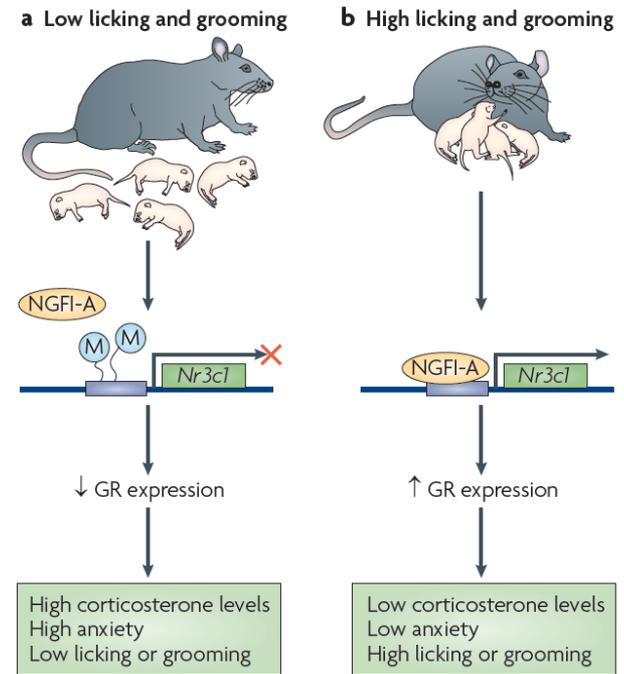


Figure 1 | Epigenetic mechanisms of stress



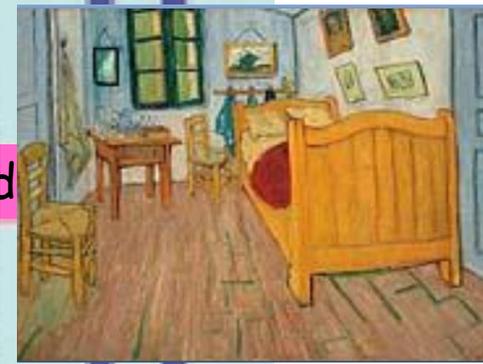
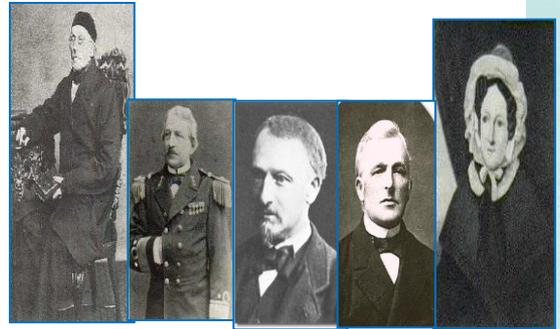
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Comorbilidad

En general, a mayor número de diagnósticos, mayor es el riesgo de suicidio

Autopsia psicológica de 229 suicidas:

- 44% presentaban 2 o más diagnósticos de Eje I
- 31% presentaban diagnósticos de Eje I y Eje II
- 50% presentaban diagnósticos de Eje I y al menos uno de Eje III
- Solo el 12% presentaba diagnóstico de Eje I sin comorbilidad

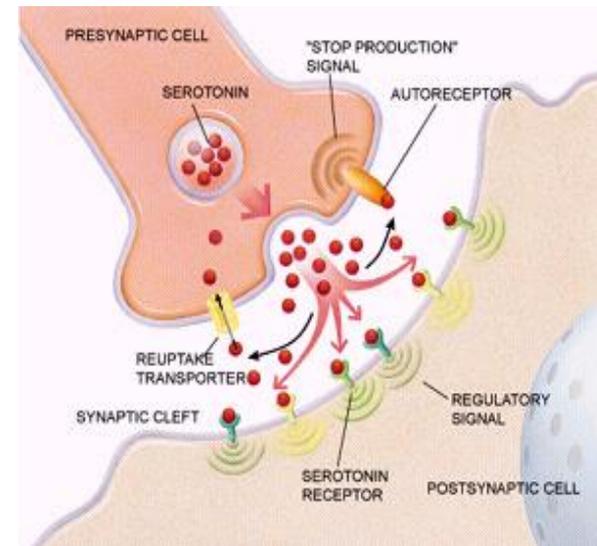
Neurotransmisores y conducta suicida

El sistema neuromodulador en estudios sobre suicidas, tanto por suicidios consumados como por intentos de suicidio.

La idea de una disfunción en la transmisión 5-HT que provoca un humor depresivo y un posible suicidio surgió de los beneficios clínicos de los antidepresivos que actúan sobre la neurotransmisión serotoninérgica, así como de los estudios que correlacionaban el CSF-5HIAA con la depresión y el suicidio (Asberg et al., 1976)

Serotonina y conducta suicida

- Disminución de los niveles de metabolitos del 5HT (5HIAA, HVA) en el líquido cefalorraquídeo (replicado en el 80% de los estudios)
- Disminución del transportador del 5HT en la corteza ventral prefrontal
- Sondas neuroendocrinas (fenfluramina)
- Polimorfismos genéticos en el gen para la hidroxilasa triptófano (TPH)



5-HT_{1A} receptor distribution (single brain)

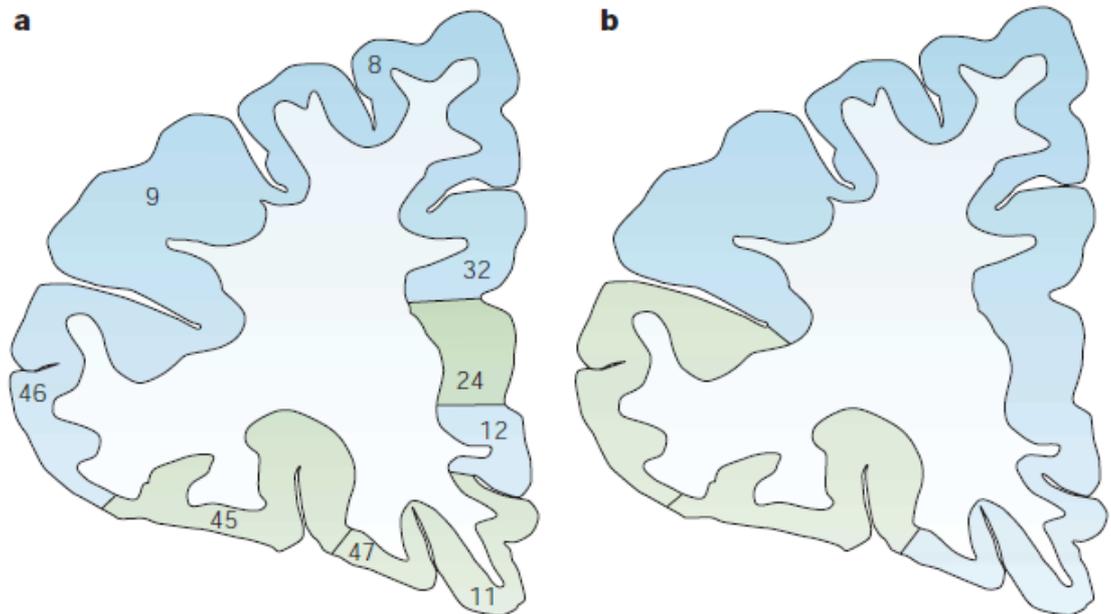
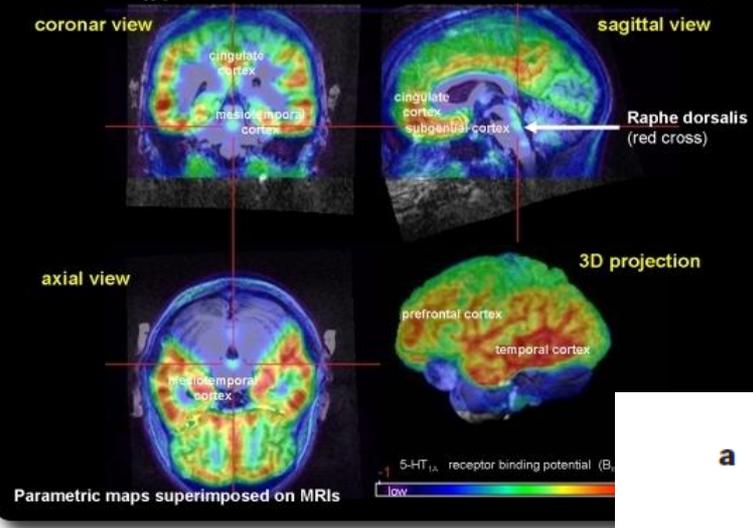
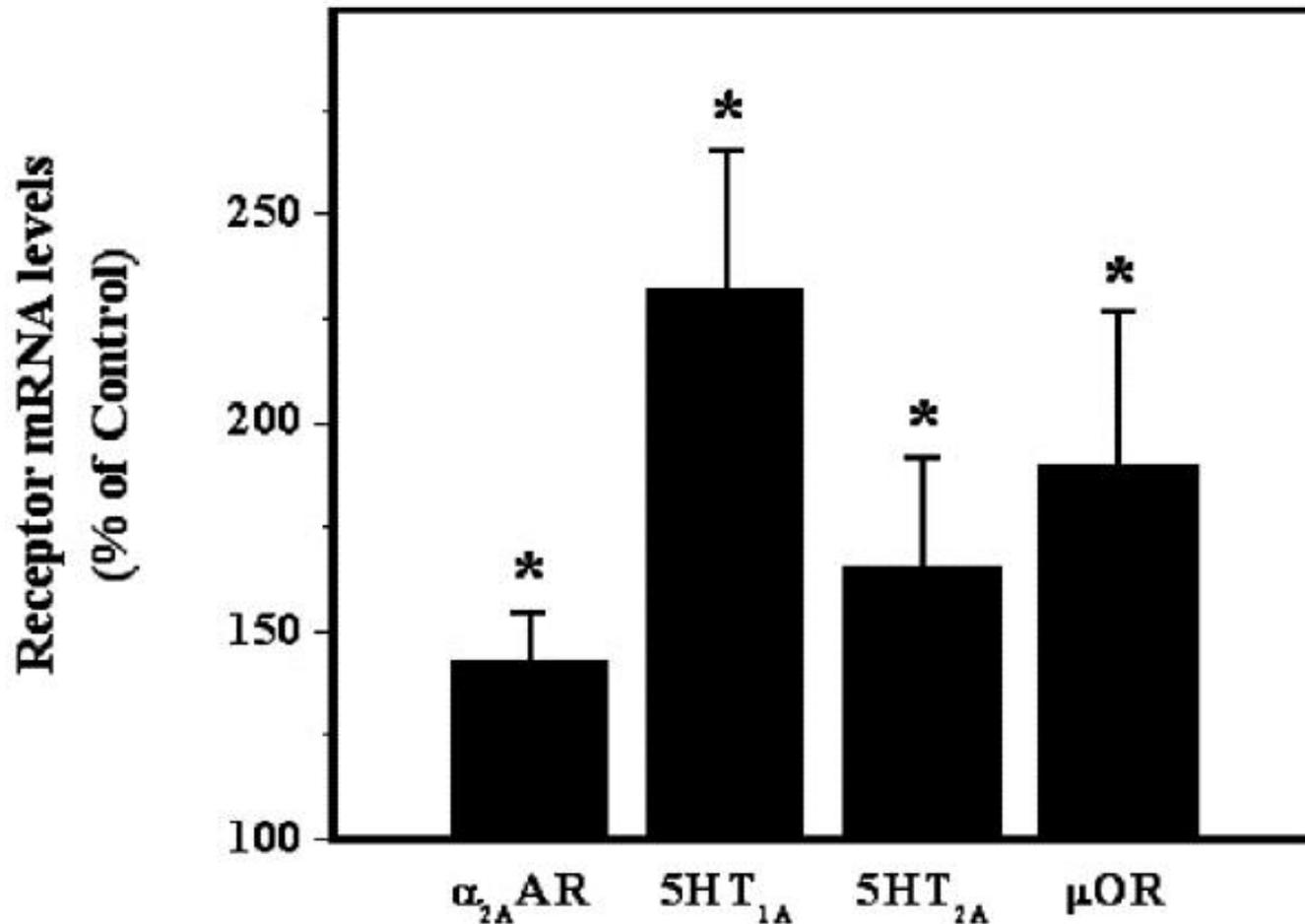


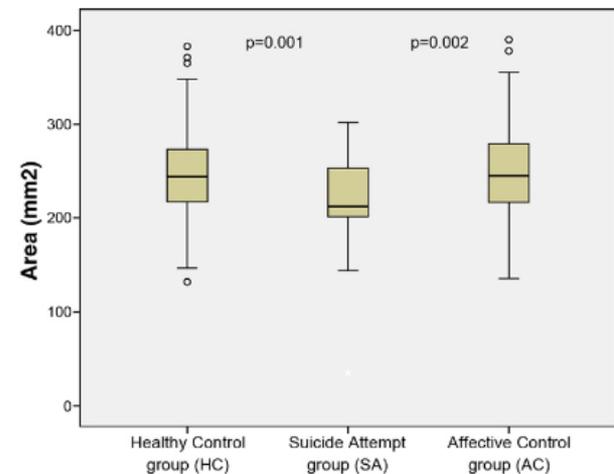
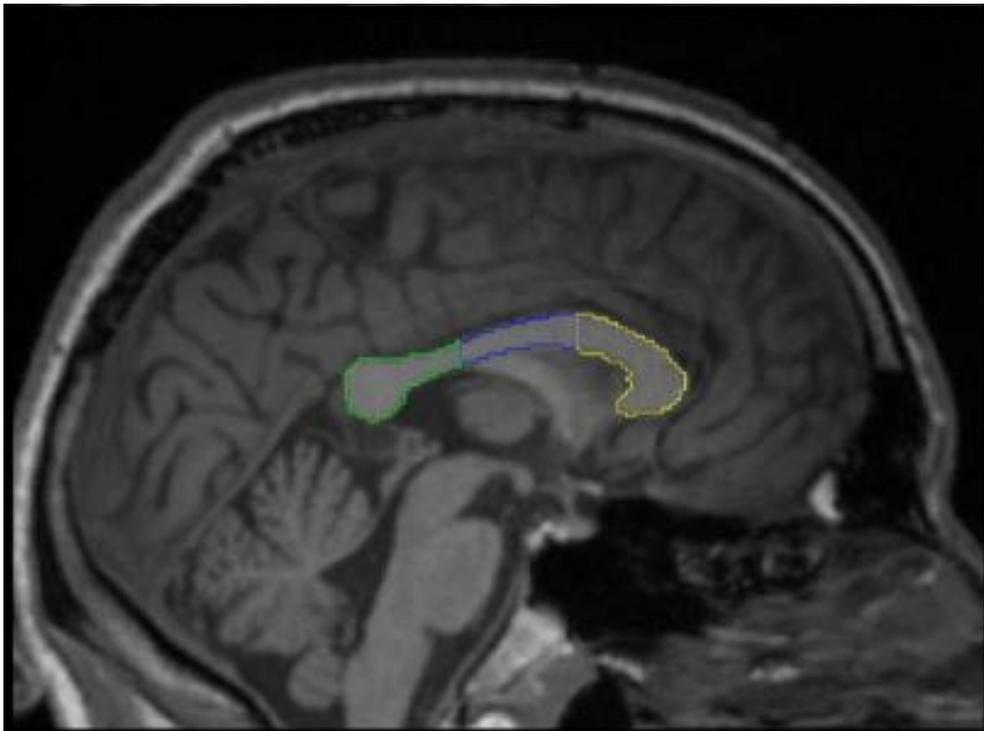
Figure 3 | **Serotonin and suicidal behaviour.** Post-mortem binding differences (green arrows) in serotonin transporter (a) and serotonin receptor 5-HT_{1A} (b) in the prefrontal cortex of people who committed suicide. Whereas serotonin transporter binding was decreased in these subjects, 5-HT receptor binding was increased. The numbers correspond to the different Brodmann areas. (Image courtesy of V. Arango and M. Underwood.)

Regulación de los α_2A -Adrenoreceptores plaquetarios y postmortem en pacientes con conducta suicida:



Suicidal Behavior Is Associated with Reduced Corpus Callosum Area

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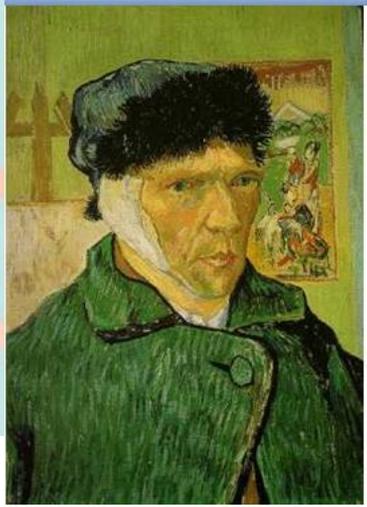
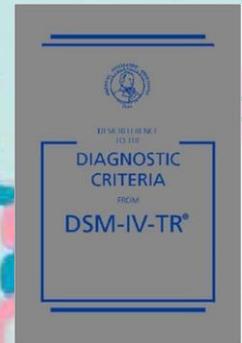
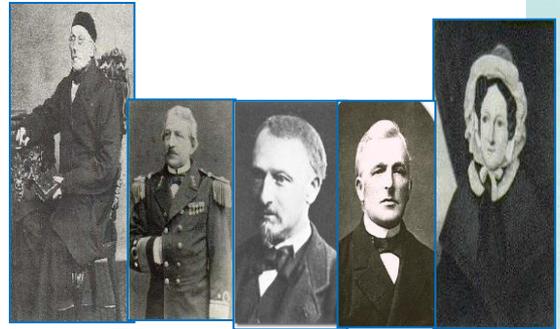
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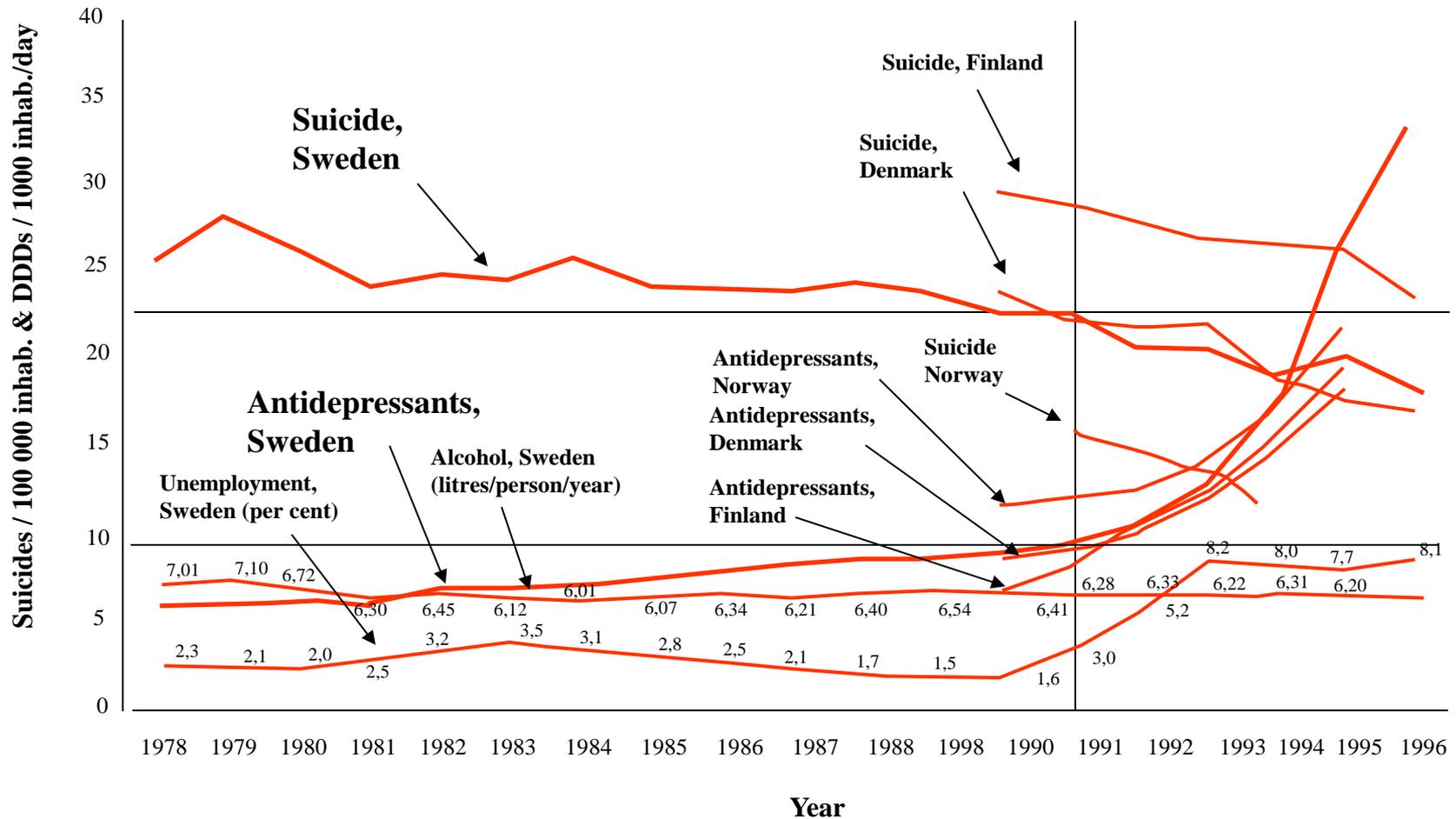
Psicoterapia - suicidio

2 técnicas psicoterapéuticas han demostrado eficacia

- Terapia Cognitivo Conductual

- Terapia Dialéctica -Conductual.

Suicide and sales of antidepressants



Risk factors and impact of antidepressants in suicidal behavior in patients with depressive disorder: A general population study across all ages

Objective: To determine the risk factors for suicide-related events, suicide and suicide attempts, in patients with depression across all ages; specifically, to study the impact of different antidepressants on the risk of suicide across the life span.

Data sources: We performed the study using The Health Improvement Network data, which is representative of the UK general population.

Participants: Depression cohort that consisted of 1.129.080 patients.

Main outcomes and measures: Incidence rate (IR) per 100000 person-years of completed suicide and attempted suicide and the hazard ratios (HR) associated with several risk factors, including antidepressants.

Ayuso et al. under revision

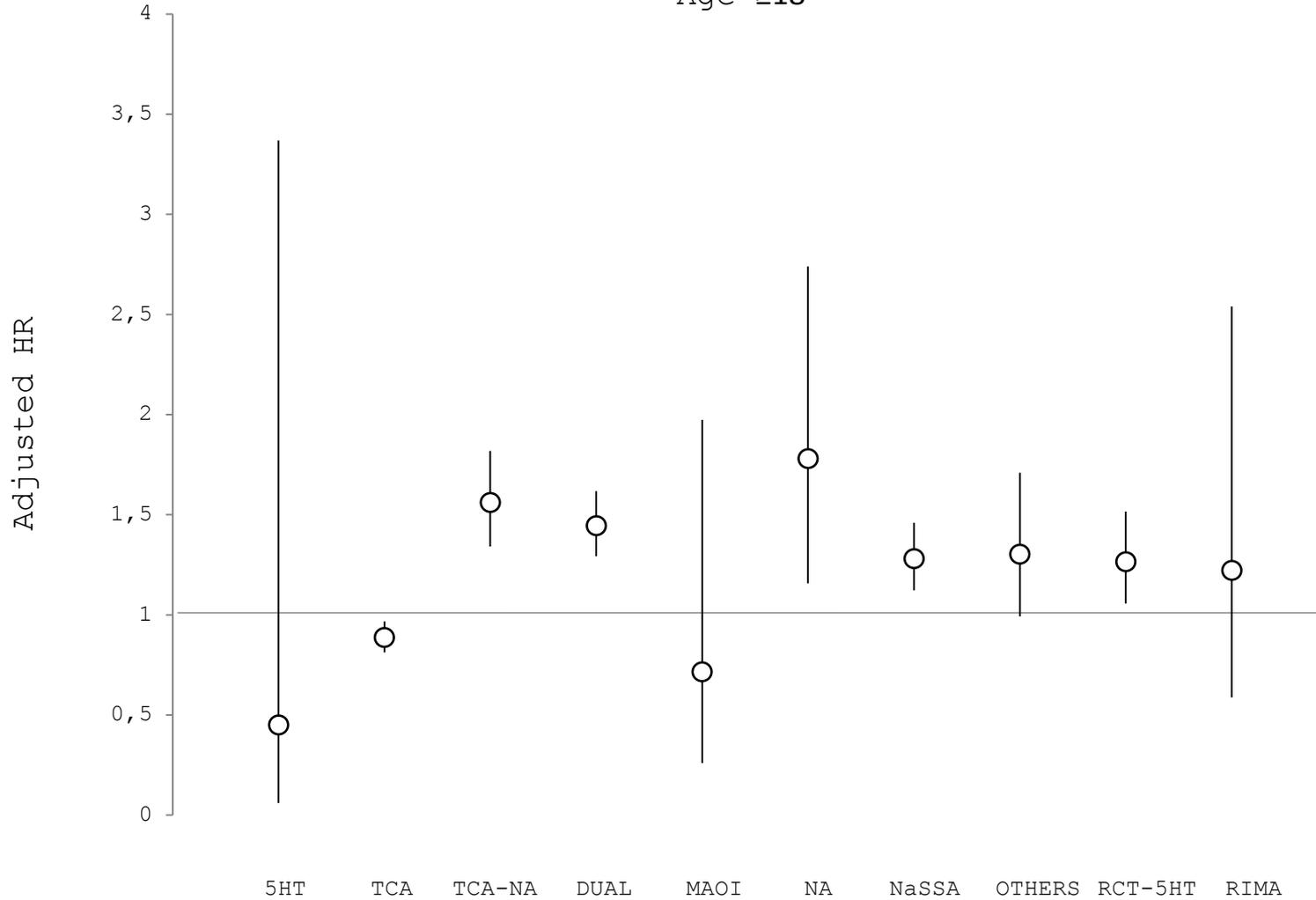
Table 1. Demographic and clinical characteristics as well as the distribution of the risk factors of the cases with a diagnosis of depression.

| Risk factors | N Pts | % | Risk factors | N Pts | % | Risk factors | N Pts | % |
|---|-------------|------|-------------------------------|---------|------|---|---------|------|
| Total | 1129 009 | 100 | Lithium use 6-m | 2 401 | 0.2 | Antidepressant drug exposure (in prior year) | | |
| Males | 386 990 | 34.3 | In prior year | 2 538 | 0.2 | Fluoxetine | 181 694 | 16.1 |
| Age, M (SD) | 45.0 (18.1) | | In anytime prior | 3 410 | 0.3 | Citalopram | 154 737 | 13.7 |
| ≤17 | 21 510 | 1.9 | Drug abuse 6-m | 434 | 0.03 | Escitalopram | 21 083 | 1.9 |
| 18-34 | 367 031 | 32.5 | In prior year | 579 | 0.05 | Paroxetine | 66 694 | 5.9 |
| 35-44 | 239 572 | 21.2 | In anytime prior | 2 652 | 0.23 | Fluvoxamine | 1 345 | 0.1 |
| 45-54 | 189 746 | 16.8 | Diagnosed mental disorder 6-m | 493 233 | 43.7 | Sertraline | 47 813 | 4.2 |
| 55-64 | 131 447 | 11.6 | In prior year | 530 541 | 47.0 | Antidepressant drug category exposure (in prior year) | | |
| 65-74 | 85 464 | 7.6 | In anytime prior | 878 779 | 77.8 | 5HT | 213 | 0.0 |
| 75-84 | 66 635 | 5.9 | Alcohol abuse anytime prior | 47 684 | 4.2 | TCA | 149 959 | 13.3 |
| 85+ | 27 604 | 2.4 | Depression severity: Mild | 423 819 | 37.5 | TCA-NA | 31 947 | 2.8 |
| M (SD) of study years | 6.10 (5,1) | | Moderate | 628 285 | 55.6 | Dual | 26 392 | 2.3 |
| Antipsychotic use 6-m | 40 564 | 3.6 | Severe | 76 905 | 6.8 | MAOI | 547 | 0.0 |
| In prior year | 44 225 | 3.9 | Chronic disease score, M(SD) | 0.97 | 1.28 | SSRI | 450 196 | 39.9 |
| In anytime prior | 64 703 | 5.7 | 0 | 556 061 | 49.3 | NA | 1 007 | 0.1 |
| Antidepressant use 6-m | 616 787 | 54.6 | 1 | 278 063 | 24.6 | NaSSA | 23 842 | 2.1 |
| In prior year | 638 267 | 56.5 | 2 | 157 854 | 14.0 | Others | 10 079 | 0.9 |
| In anytime prior | 731 824 | 64.8 | 3 | 78 389 | 6.9 | RCT-5HT | 12 953 | 1.1 |
| Antiepileptic Rx use 6-m | 26 555 | 2.4 | 4 | 34 861 | 3.1 | RIMA | 510 | 0.0 |
| In prior year | 28 793 | 2.6 | 5 | 14 788 | 1.3 | Other drug exposure (in prior year) | | |
| In anytime prior | 40 992 | 3.6 | 6-9 | 8 962 | 0.8 | Corticosteroids | 127 499 | 11.3 |
| BMI: Underweight (<18.5) | 21 502 | 1.9 | 10+ | 31 | 0.0 | Quinolones | 23 327 | 2.1 |
| Normal (18.5-25) | 268 349 | 23.8 | Townsend score: 1 (lowest) | 224 111 | 19.9 | Antipsychotics | 44 225 | 3.9 |
| Overweight (25-30) | 186 813 | 16.5 | 2 | 211 649 | 18.7 | Antiasthmatics | 134 578 | 11.9 |
| Obese (30+) | 136 336 | 12.1 | 3 | 222 410 | 19.7 | Antiinflammatories | 218 273 | 19.3 |
| Missing BMI | 516 009 | 45.7 | 4 | 224 115 | 19.9 | Prior history of suicide attempt | 28 869 | 2.6 |
| Family history of suicide anytime prior | 656 | 0.1 | 5 (highest) | 178 655 | 15.8 | | | |
| | | | Unavailable/missing | 68 069 | 6.0 | | | |

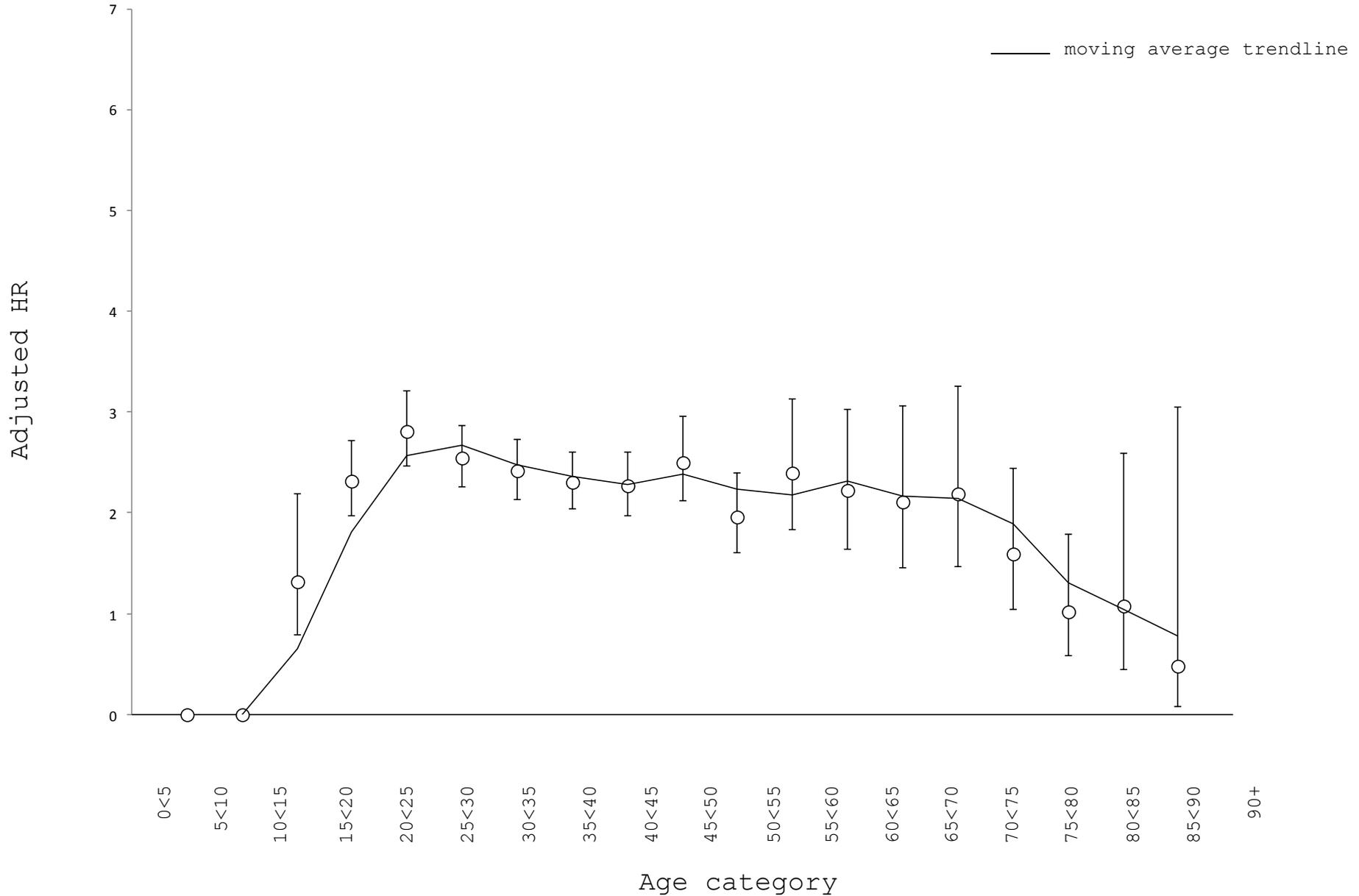
Note: M = Mean; SD = Standard deviation; BMI = Body Mass Index; 6-m = In prior 6-months. Risk factors on/prior to the study index date.

Figure 3

Suicide and suicide attempt adjusted HR
Antidepressant Rx categories vs SSRIs (AD Rx category)
among depressed patients in THIN database
Age ≥ 18



Suicide attempt adjusted HR Antidepressant Rx therapy vs non-Antidepressant among depressed patients in THIN database at each age category



Existing and Novel Biological Therapeutics in Suicide Prevention

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We summarize recent clinical trials of fast-acting antidepressants, including ketamine, in acute settings and behavioral interventions. We discuss the identification of novel biological targets and the role of genetics in the study of suicidal ideation and behavior. (Am J Prev Med 2014;47(3S2):S195–S203)

| Study | Diagnosis | History of suicide attempt | Design/sample | Primary measures | Results |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Grunebaum et al. (2012) ²² | MDD | Yes | DB, RCT, N=74, paroxetine (max 50 mg/day) versus bupropion (max 450 mg/day), 16 weeks | Suicidal attempt classification by weekly consensus; suicidal events by Columbia Suicide History Form; SSI | Depressed patients with greater baseline SI treated with paroxetine compared to bupropion appeared to experience greater acute improvement in suicidal ideation, after adjusting for global depression |
| Oquendo et al. (2011) ²³ | BD | Yes | DB, RCT, N=98, lithium versus valproate, 2.5 years | Time to suicide completion; time to suicide attempt; time to suicide event; SSI | Intent-to-treat analysis showed no differences between treatment groups in time to suicide attempt or to suicide event |
| Khan et al. (2011) ²⁴ | MDD | No | DB, RCT, N=80, parallel group; citalopram (20 mg/day) + placebo versus citalopram + lithium (300 mg/day), 4 weeks | At screening and trial end: suicidal thoughts/behaviors; S-STS; MADRS; CSSRS | No significant differences in primary outcome measures at 4 weeks; post hoc analysis showed patients assigned to citalopram + lithium had significantly higher S-STS remission rates |
| Rucci et al. (2011) ²⁵ | MDD | No | Two-site, RCT, N=29, allocated to IPT or SSRI, 4 months | SI; Suicidality items from HDRS and QIDS | Time to suicidal ideation was significantly longer in patients allocated to SSRI compared to those allocated to IPT, even after controlling for treatment augmentation, benzodiazepine use, and comorbid anxiety disorders |

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| Lauterbach et al. (2008) ²⁶ | Affective spectrum disorders | Yes | DB, RCT, N=167, recent suicide attempts (<3 months), treatment with lithium or placebo, 12 months | Suicide attempt; SSI | Survival analysis showed no significant difference of suicidal acts between lithium and placebo; post hoc analysis revealed that all suicide deaths had occurred in the placebo group, with significant difference in incidence rate |
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| Study | Diagnosis | History of suicide attempt | Design/sample | Primary measures | Results |
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| Meltzer et al. (2003) ¹⁶ | Schizophrenia/schizoaffective disorder | Yes | Multicenter, RCT, N=980, international, clozapine versus olanzapine, 2 years | Suicide attempts/completion; hospitalizations to prevent suicide; rating of "much worsening of suicidality" from baseline; CGI-SS | Clozapine therapy was superior to olanzapine therapy in preventing suicide attempts in patients with schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder at high risk for suicide |
| Verkes et al. (1998) ²⁹ | No DSM diagnosis | Yes | DB, RCT, N=91, paroxetine (40 mg/day) versus placebo in patients who recently attempted suicide for at least a second time, 1 year | suicide attempt; self-rating scales for depressive symptoms, anger; Axis II diagnoses | With adjustment for the number of previous suicide attempts, paroxetine showed significant efficacy in the prevention of recurrent suicidal behavior |

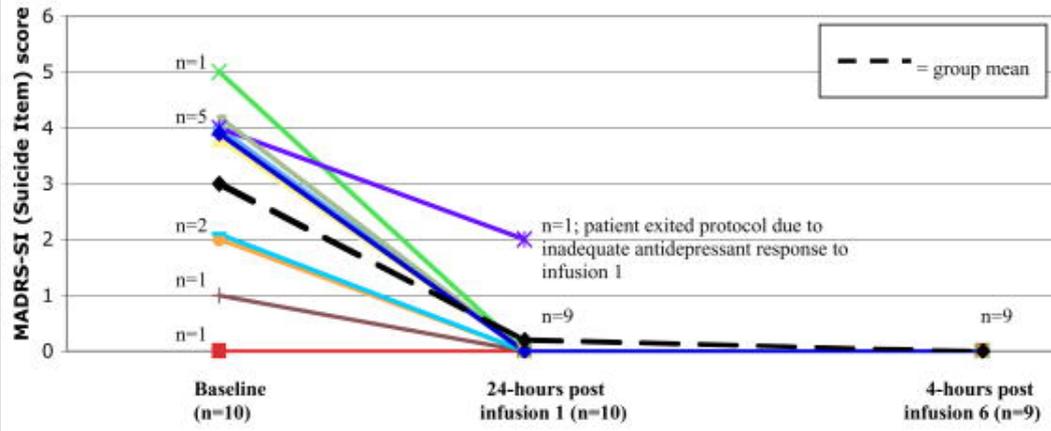
Ketamina y Conducta Suicida

Figure. Potential glutamatergic targets for novel antidepressants



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Repeated-infusions study



Individual patient scores on the Montgomery-Asberg Rating Scale—Suicide item at baseline (Day 1; 150 minutes prior to infusion), 24-hours following a single subanesthetic infusion of ketamine (Day 2), and 4-hours following the final repeated infusion (Day 12 of study; Panel 2 only).

Conducta Suicida alguna dudas de futuro

- ✗ Problemas de conductas poco frecuentes o raras
- ✗ ¿Qué estamos valorando?
- ✗ Comorbilidad
- ✗ **Variable temporal**
- ✗ Falsos positivos "*post hoc*"
- ✗ Implicaciones para el tratamiento y prevención del suicidio



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3. Consideracions específiques respecte al suïcidi

Creure que tot suïcida és un malalt mental, o que tot intent de suïcidi ja demostra la incompetència d'una persona, pot ser una exageració. Seria desconsiderar el que han mostrat grans personatges (reals o imaginaris) al llarg de la història i en diferents àmbits culturals; i seria menystenir el fet innegable que hi ha entre nosaltres qui contempla lúcidament el suïcidi com una sortida digna



Gracias por su atención

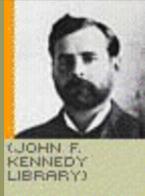




**EVERY 40
SECONDS
SOMEONE IN
THE WORLD
DIES BY
SUICIDE.**



**EVERY 41
SECONDS
SOMEONE
IS LEFT TO
MAKE SENSE
OF IT.**



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(1904-1995)

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(1899-1961)

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