

# Supplementary Materials: Amelioration of BPSD-Like Phenotype and Cognitive Decline in SAMP8 Mice Model Accompanied by Molecular Changes after Treatment with I<sub>2</sub>-Imidazoline Receptor Ligand MCR5

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**Table S1.** Antibodies used in Western blot studies.

Antibody	Host	Source/Catalog	WB Dilution
SERT	Goat	Abcam/ab130130	1:1000
p-AKT (Ser473)	Rabbit	Cell signaling/#D9E	1:1000
AKT	Rabbit	Cell signaling/#9272	1:1000
PTEN	Rabbit	Abcam/ab31392	1:1000
p-GSK3 (Ser9)	Rabbit	Cell signaling/#9336	1:1000
GSK3	Rabbit	Cell signaling/#9315	1:1000
p-mTOR	Rabbit	Santa Cruz/sc-293089	1:500
mTOR	Rabbit	Novus Biological/nb100-240	1:500
p-TORC1 (Ser 151)	Rabbit	Cell signaling/#3359	1:500
TORC1	Rabbit	Cell signaling/#2501	1:1000
p-p70S6K	Rabbit	Invitrogen/PA5-18093	1:1000
p70S6K	Goat	Invitrogen/44-920G	1:1000
TGF-1 $\beta$	Rabbit	Cell Signaling/3711	1:1000
PKA a	Mouse	Santa Cruz/sc-28315	1:1000
p-NMDRA2B (Tyr1472)	Rabbit	Invitrogen/OPA1-04116	1:1000
NMDAR2B	Mouse	Santa Cruz/sc-365597	1:1000
p-DARPP32 (Thr75)	Rabbit	Cell Signaling/#2301	1:500
DARPP32	Mouse	Santa Cruz/sc-271111	1:1000
p-CDK5	Rabbit	Abcam/ab63550	1:1000
CDK5	Rabbit	Santa Cruz/sc-173	1:1000
p-CREB(Ser133)	Rabbit	Cell signaling/#9198	1:1000
ERK $\frac{1}{2}$	Rabbit	Cell Signaling/#9102	1:1000
p-ERK $\frac{1}{2}$ (Thr202/Tyr204)	Rabbit	Cell Signaling/#9101	1:1000
CREB	Rabbit	Cell signaling/9197	1:1000
TrkB	Rabbit	Santa Cruz/sc-8316	1:1000
NGFR	Mouse	Santa Cruz/sc-271708	
PSD95	Rabbit	Abcam/ab18258	1:1000
GAPDH	Mouse	Millipore/MAB374	1:5000
Actin	Mouse	Sigma-Aldrich/A5441	1:2500
Goat-anti-mouse HRP conjugated		Biorad/170-5047	1:5000
Goat-anti-rabbit HRP conjugated		Biorad/170-6515	1:5000
Donkey-anti-goat HRP conjugated		Santa Cruz/sc-2020	1:5000

**Table S2.** Primers and probes used in qPCR studies.

Target	Product Size (bp)	Forward Primer (5'-3')	Reverse Primer (5'-3')
5-HT1A	293	GGAGCGGGCACCAGCTTCGGAACA	CACTGTCTTCTCTCACGGGCCAA
5-HT1B	125	AAGAAACTCATGGCCGCTAGGGAG	GCGTATCAGTTTGTGGAACGCTTG
5-HT2A	172	GGGTACCTCCCACCGACAT	AGGCCACCGGTACCCATAC
Tnf- $\alpha$	157	TCGGGGTGATCGGTCCCAA	TGGTTTGCTACGACGTGGGCT
Il-1 $\beta$	179	ACAGAATATCAACCAACAAGTGATA TTCTC	GATTCTTTCCTTTGAGGCCCA
Il-6	189	ATCCAGTTGCCTTCTTGGGACTGA	TAAGCCTCCGACTTGTGAAGTGGT
$\beta$ -actin	190	CAACGAGCGGTTCCGAT	GCCACAGGTTCCATACCA

**Table S3.** Results of Novel object recognition test (NORT), and Object location test (OLT) in male mice at 10-month-old SR1, SP8 Ct mice groups and SP8 treated with I<sub>2</sub>-IR ligand MCR5 (5mg/Kg) mice group. Summary of Discrimination Index (DI) from short-term memory (2h), summary of DI from long-term memory (24h), and summary of DI from OLT. \*p < 0.05; \*\*p < 0.01; \*\*\*p < 0.001; \*\*\*\*p < 0.0001 vs SR1-Ct.

Summary NORT 2 h		
Group	Number of mice	DI (-1,1)
SR1-Ct	11	0.258 $\pm$ 0.034**
SP8-Ct	11	0.010 $\pm$ 0.022
SP8-MCR5	14	0.274 $\pm$ 0.051***
Summary NORT 24 h		
Group	Number of mice	DI (-1,1)
SR1-Ct	11	0.260 $\pm$ 0.048***
SP8-Ct	11	0.032 $\pm$ 0.031
SP8-MCR5	14	0.299 $\pm$ 0.029***
Summary OLT		
Group	Number of mice	DI (-1,1)
SR1-Ct	11	0.267 $\pm$ 0.057***
SP8-Ct	11	-0.045 $\pm$ 0.035
SP8-MCR5	14	0.131 $\pm$ 0.039*

**Table S4.** Parameters measured in the Elevate plus maze (EPM). (n): number of events. Results are expressed as a mean  $\pm$  Standard error of the mean (SEM). \*p < 0.05; \*\*p < 0.01; \*\*\*p < 0.001; \*\*\*\*p < 0.0001 vs SP8-MCR5 (5mg/Kg) \$p < 0.05; \$\$p < 0.01; \$\$\$p < 0.0001 vs SR1-Ct.

	SR1-Ct	SP8-Ct	SP8-MCR5 (5mg/Kg)
Anxiety Index	1.11 $\pm$ 0.01**	1.08 $\pm$ 0.02**	0.95 $\pm$ 0.03
Locomotor Activity (cm)	977.42 $\pm$ 39.85	761.56 $\pm$ 42.70 \$\$\$ *	954.67 $\pm$ 45.07
Time spent in Open Arms (s)	25.31 $\pm$ 5.96****	43.52 $\pm$ 10.89***	99.02 $\pm$ 9.80
Time Spent in Closed Arms (s)	20.50 $\pm$ 2.49****	12.50 $\pm$ 1.21\$ *** \$	15.55 $\pm$ 0.92
Entries in Open Arms	13.90 $\pm$ 4.44*	10.75 $\pm$ 1.57*	17.64 $\pm$ 1.94
Rearings (n)	23.90 $\pm$ 1.25	12.25 $\pm$ 1.59** \$\$\$\$	19.60 $\pm$ 1.24
Groomings (n)	1.30 $\pm$ 0.29 <sup>0.09</sup>	1.38 $\pm$ 0.18 <sup>0.07</sup>	0.60 $\pm$ 0.27
Defecations (n)	0.70 $\pm$ 0.38	0.25 $\pm$ 0.16	0.20 $\pm$ 0.13
Urinations (n)	0.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.0 $\pm$ 0.00	0.0 $\pm$ 0.00

**Table S5.** Parameters measured in the Open Field Test (OFT). (n): number of events. Results are expressed as a mean  $\pm$  Standard error of the mean (SEM). \*p < 0.05; \*\*p < 0.01; \*\*\*p < 0.001; \*\*\*\*p < 0.0001 vs SP8-MCR5 (5mg/Kg). \$p < 0.05 vs SR1-Ct.

	SR1-Ct	SP8-Ct	SP8-MCR5 (5mg/Kg)
Locomotor activity (cm)	1594.44 $\pm$ 94.34**	1680.77 $\pm$ 104.53*	2036.58 $\pm$ 89.77
Mean Speed(cm/s)	5.32 $\pm$ 0.31**	5.60 $\pm$ 0.35*	6.62 $\pm$ 0.26
Distance in Center (cm)	38.36 $\pm$ 4.79	32.67 $\pm$ 5.69*	62.95 $\pm$ 10.86
Entries in Center (n)	3.27 $\pm$ 0.33***	4.30 $\pm$ 0.76*	7.33 $\pm$ 0.94
Time in Center (s)	4.83 $\pm$ 0.69	3.52 $\pm$ 0.70	5.16 $\pm$ 0.77
Rearings (n)	20.73 $\pm$ 2.03	14.45 $\pm$ 2.31**	26.42 $\pm$ 2.27
Groomings (n)	2.40 $\pm$ 0.31	1.18 $\pm$ 0.26 \$	1.75 $\pm$ 0.25
Defecations (n)	1.55 $\pm$ 0.31	1.18 $\pm$ 0.44	0.75 $\pm$ 0.33
Urinations (n)	0.18 $\pm$ 0.18	0.0 $\pm$ 0.00	0.17 $\pm$ 0.11

**Table S6.** In Vitro Pharmacology: Binding Assays for MCR5 (10 $\mu$ M) to 5-HT receptors and transporter. Results showing an inhibition (or stimulation) lower than 50% are not considered significant and mostly attributable to variability of the signal around the control level.

Receptor/Transporter	Source (Biological Substrate)	Ligand/ Ki (M)	% Inhibition of Control Specific Binding by MCR5 (10 $\mu$ M)
5-HT1A	Human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[ <sup>3</sup> H]8-OHDPAT 3.9 $\times$ 10 <sup>-10</sup> M	0.2
5-HT1B	Human recombinant (Chem-1 (RBL) cells)	[ <sup>3</sup> H]GR125743 5.9 $\times$ 10 <sup>-8</sup> M	-7.0
5-HT2A	Human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[ <sup>125</sup> I]( $\pm$ )DOI 3.1 $\times$ 10 <sup>-10</sup> M	28.2
5-HT2B	Human recombinant (CHO cells)	[ <sup>125</sup> I]( $\pm$ )DOI 2.0 $\times$ 10 <sup>-9</sup> M	21.4
5-HT3	Human recombinant (CHO cells)	[ <sup>3</sup> H]BRL 43694 1.9 $\times$ 10 <sup>-8</sup> M	-10.8
5-HT transporter	Human recombinant (CHO cells)	[ <sup>3</sup> H]imipramine 1.2 $\times$ 10 <sup>-9</sup> M	-15.9