



Isobolographic analysis of the interaction between synthetic drugs and natural products: synergistic, additive or antagonistic effects?

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Introduced by S. Loewe;

[Published: July 1926](#)

Über Kombinationswirkungen

Mitteilung: Hilfsmittel der Fragestellung

[S. Loewe](#) & [H. Muischnek](#)

[Naunyn-Schmiedebergs Archiv für experimentelle Pathologie und Pharmakologie](#) **114**, 313–326

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Effect of combinations:
mathematical basis of
problem.



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Ronald Tallarida discussed the use and construction of a linear isobole;

> [Pain.](#) 2002 Jul;98(1-2):163-8. doi: 10.1016/s0304-3959(02)00041-6.

The interaction index: a measure of drug synergism

[Ronald J Tallarida](#) ¹

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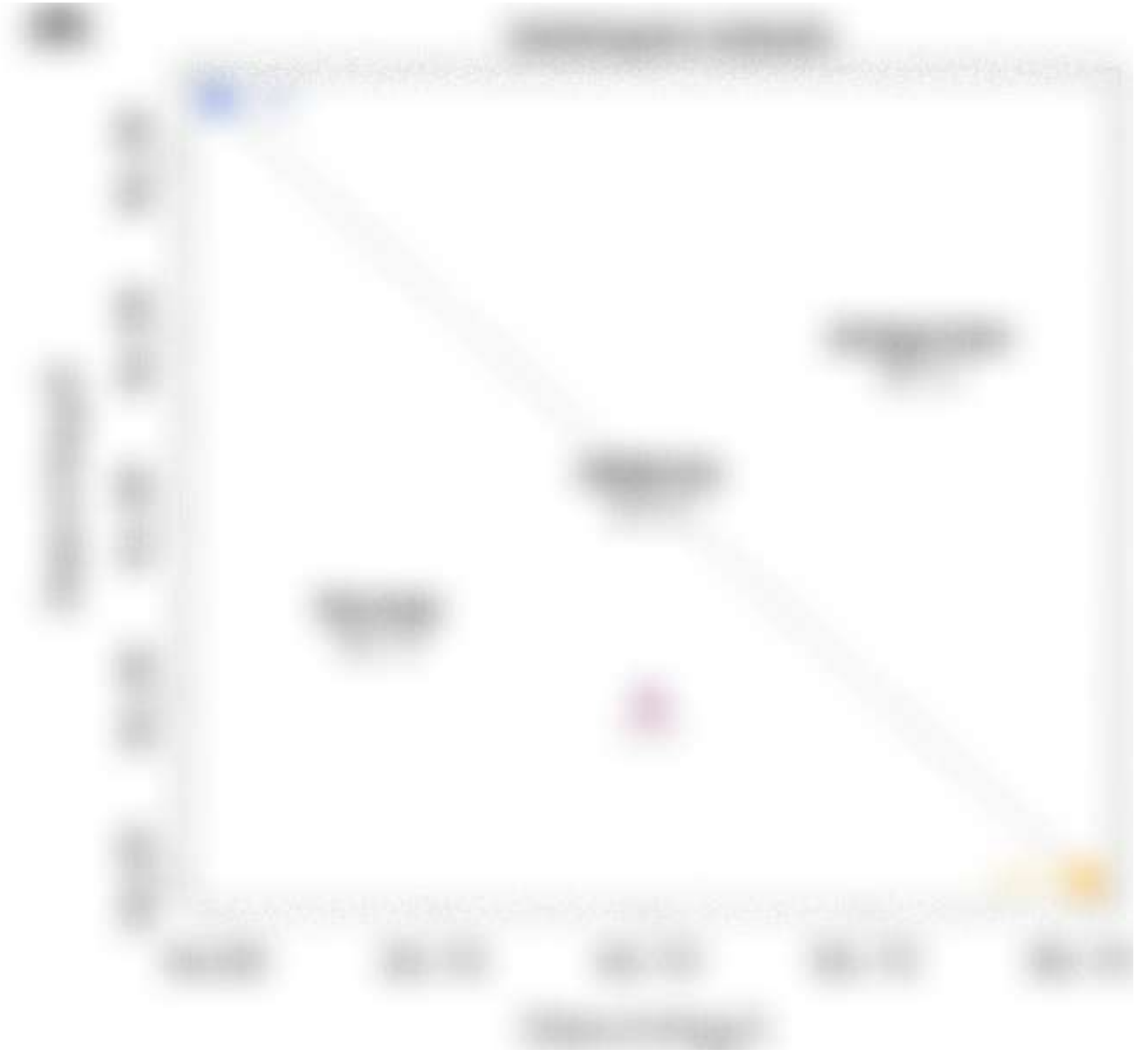
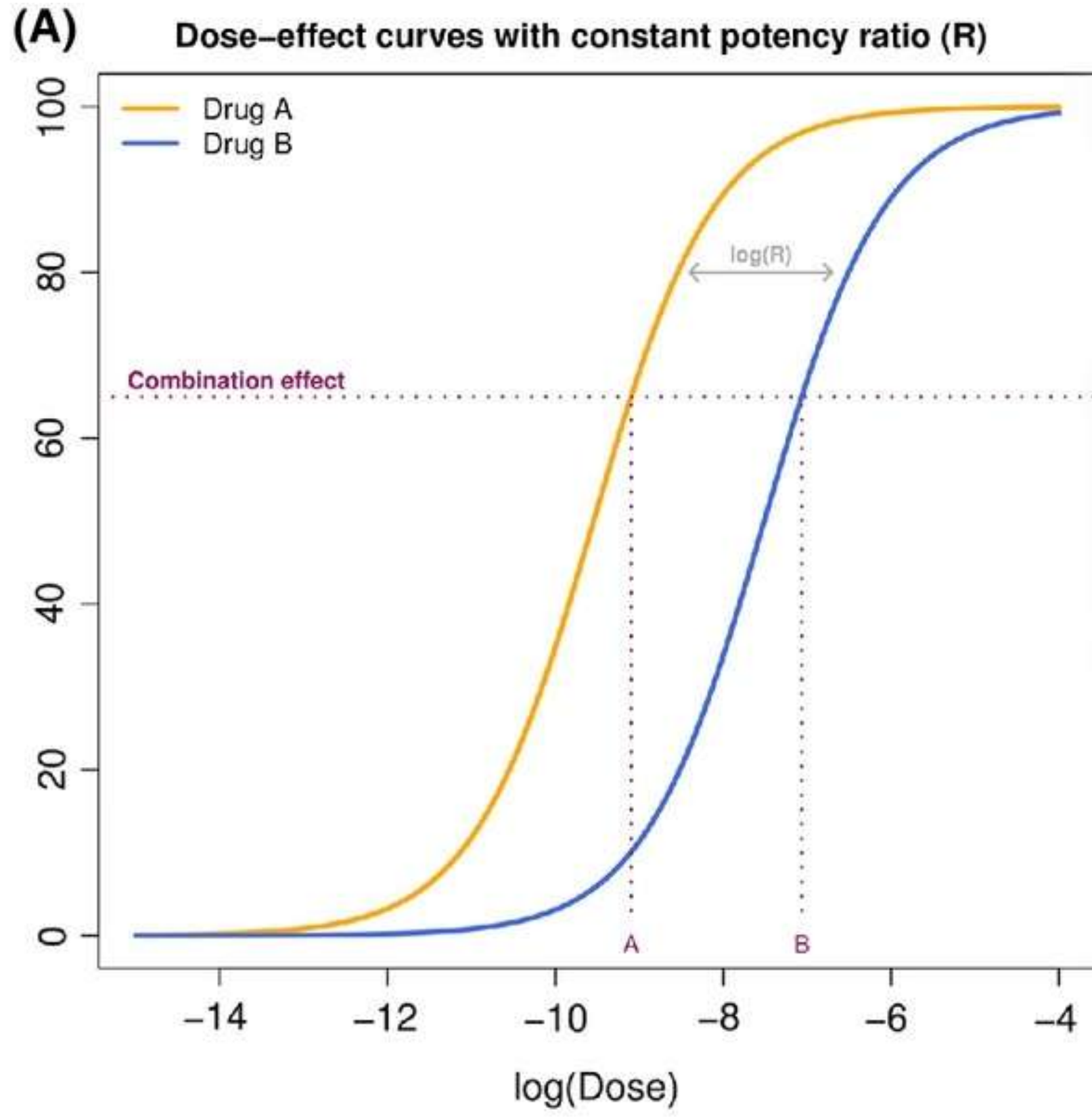


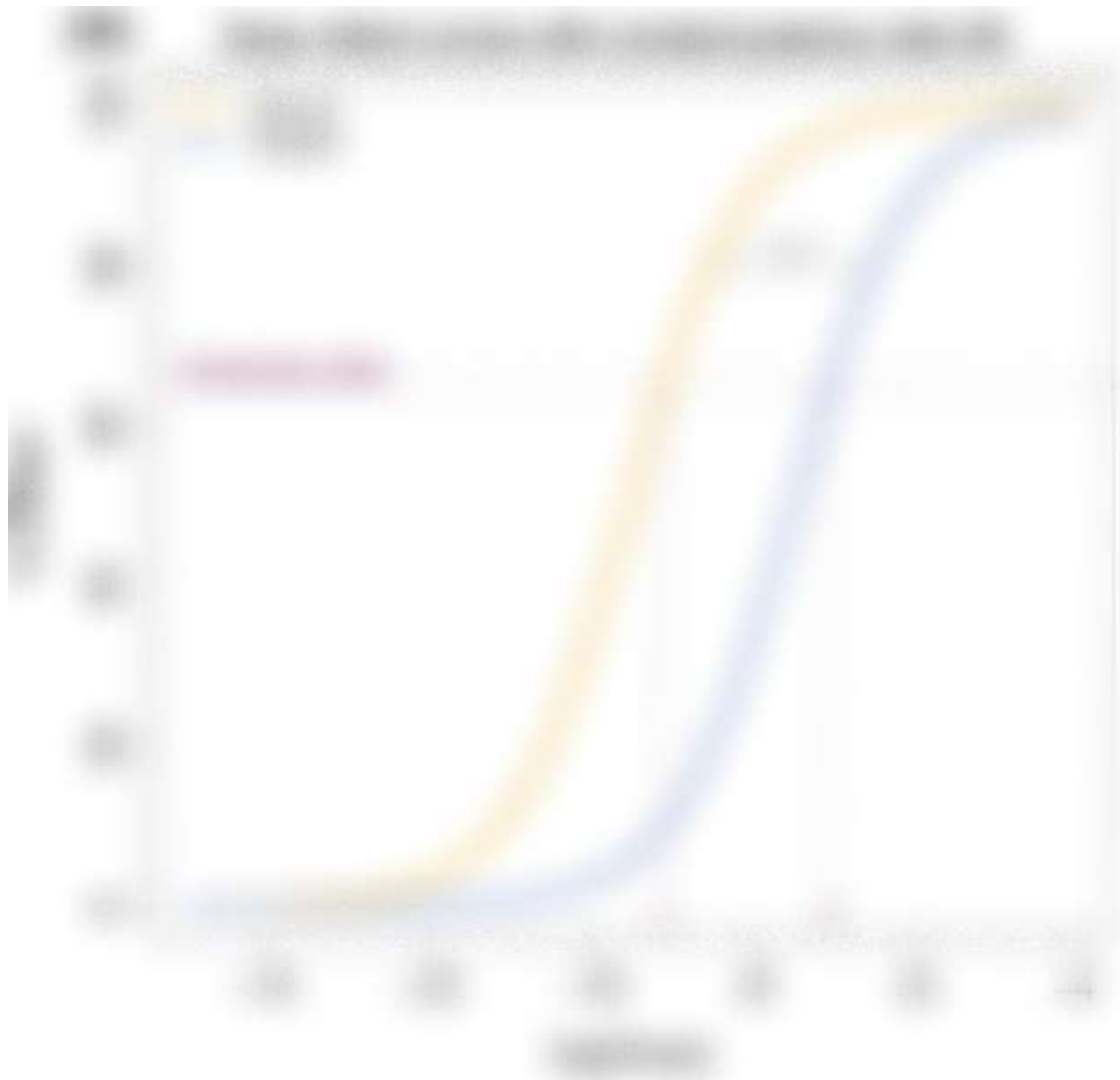
A reliable strategy to evaluate the interactions between drugs.

Isobologram analysis has been mathematically proven and widely used to evaluate drug interactions.

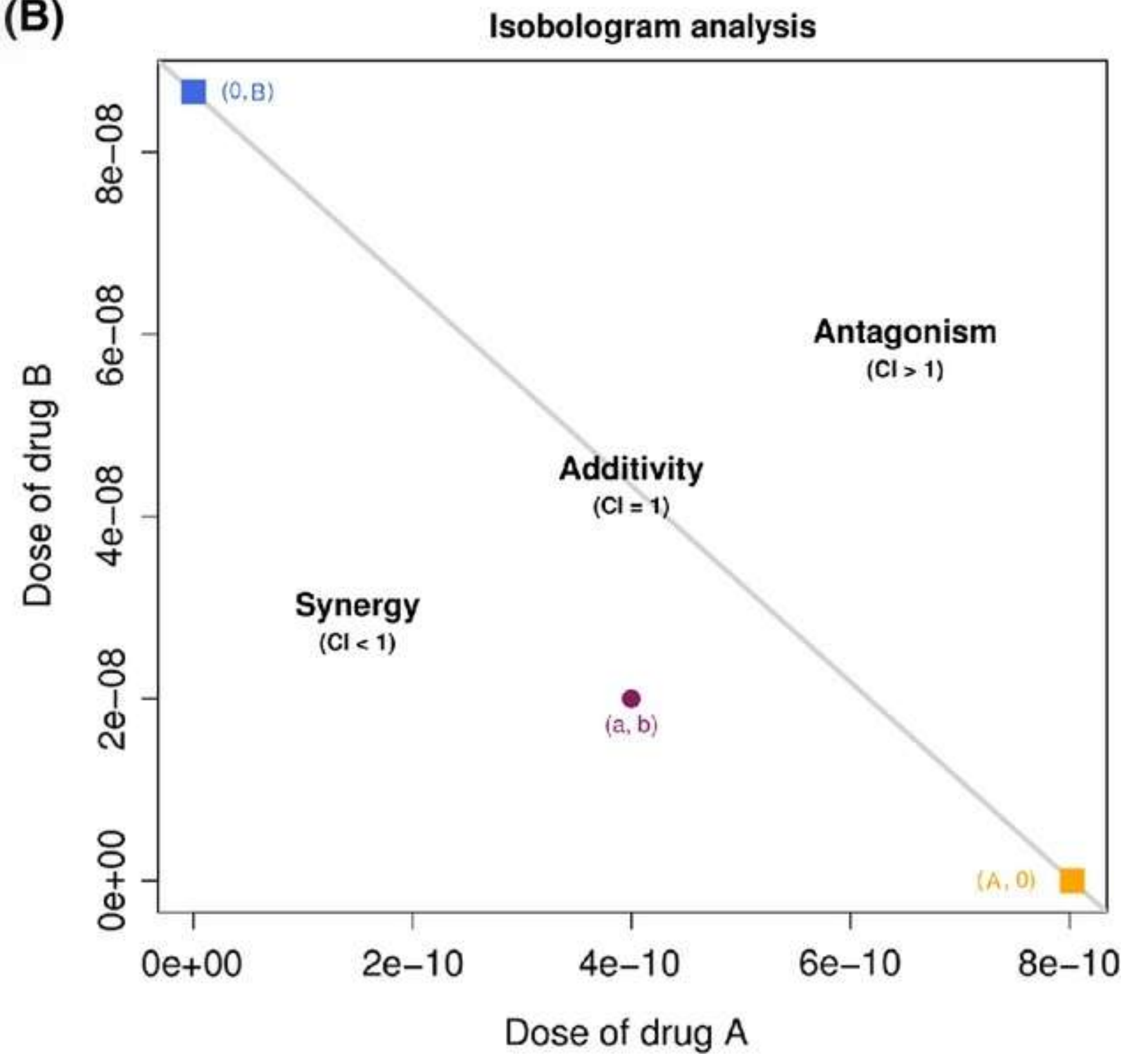
Antagonistic, additive or synergistic interactions







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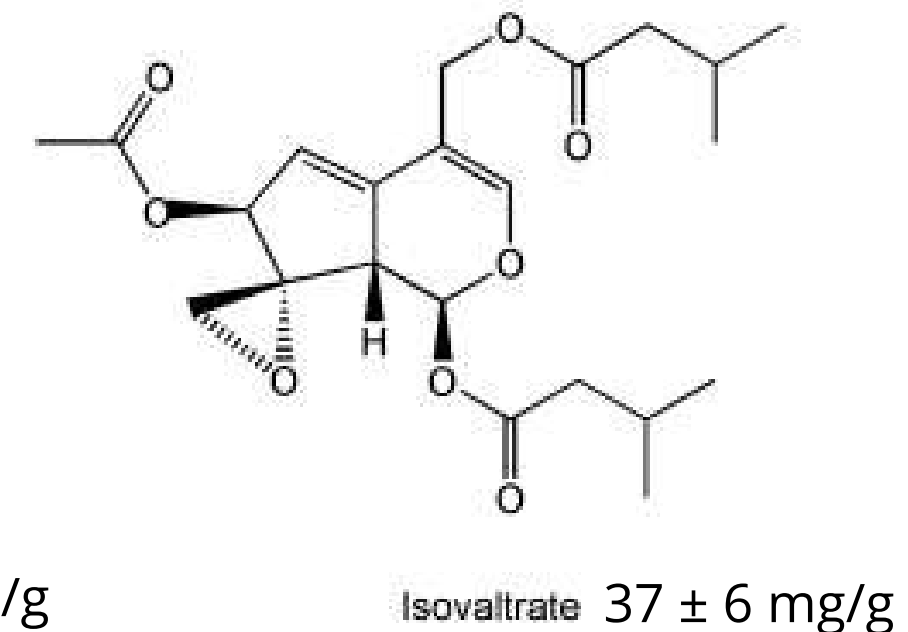
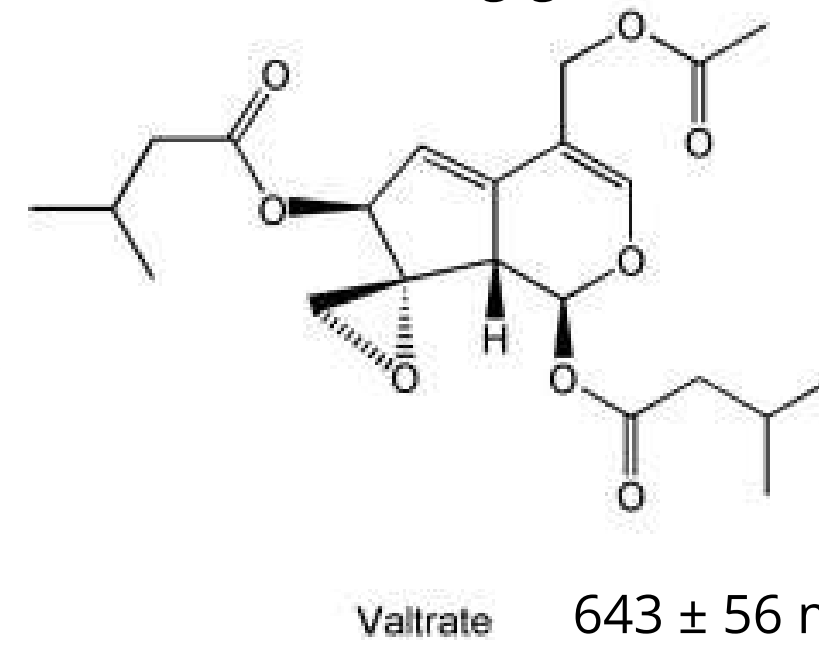
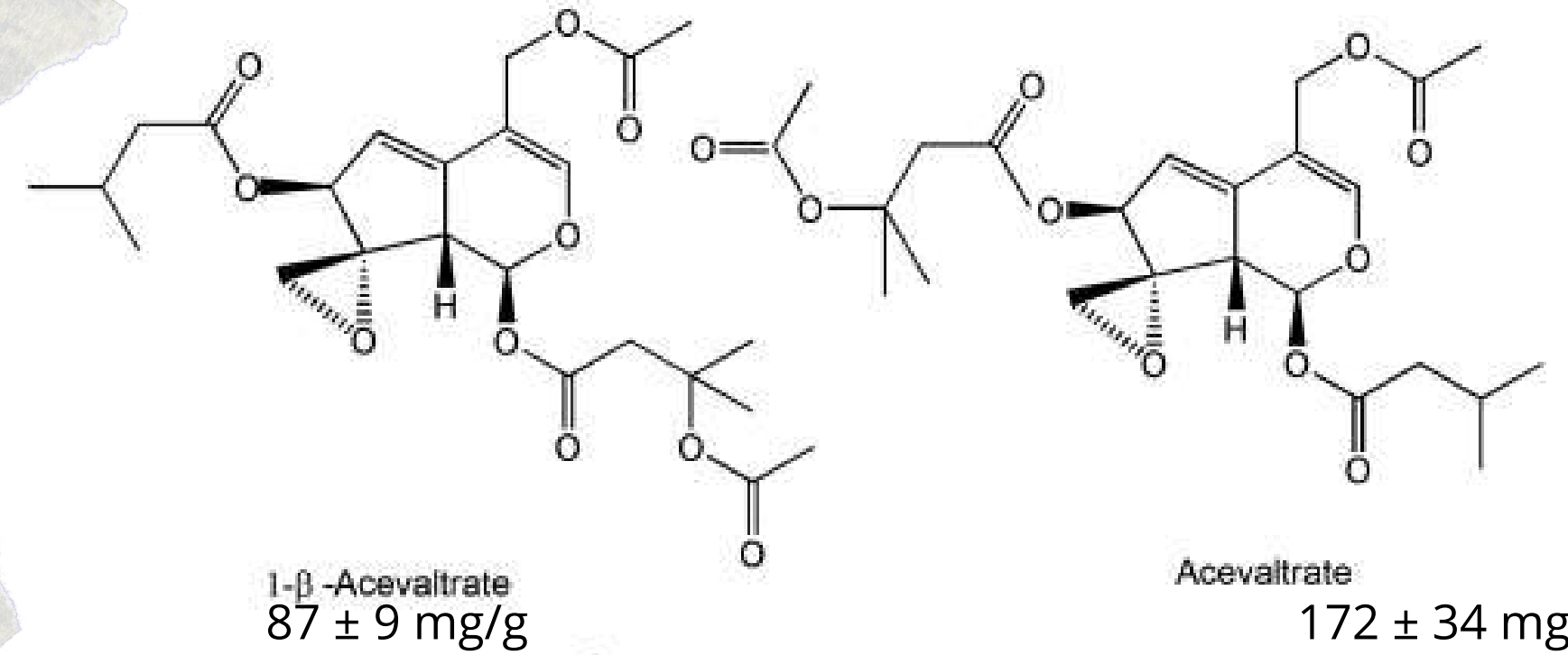
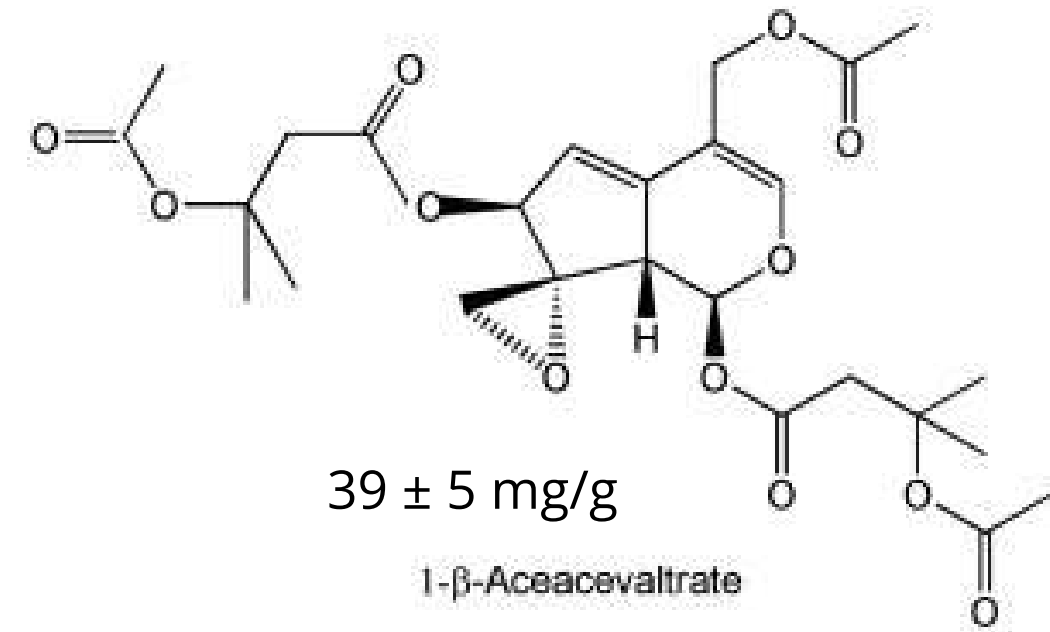


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Valeriana glechomifolia Meyer





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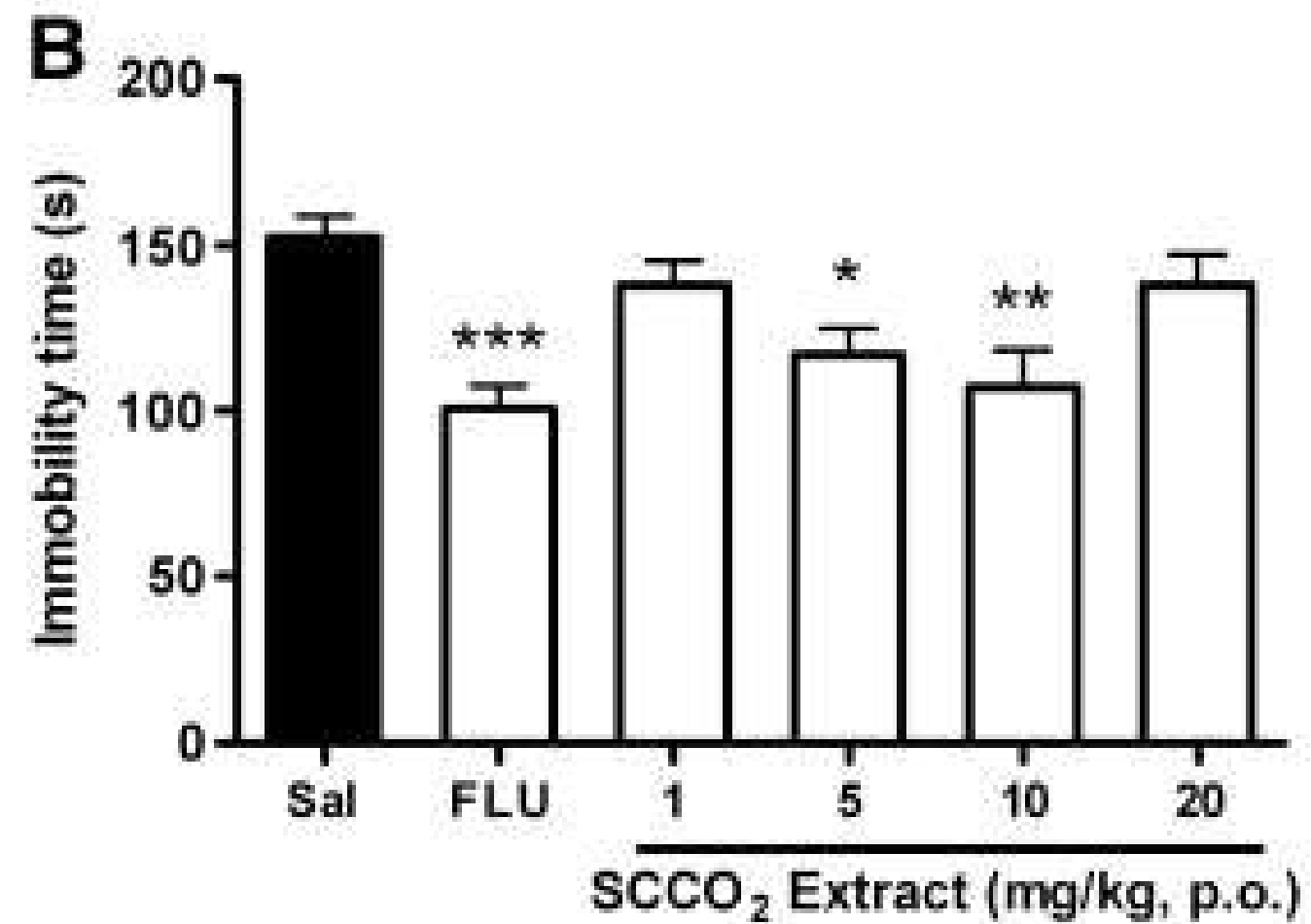
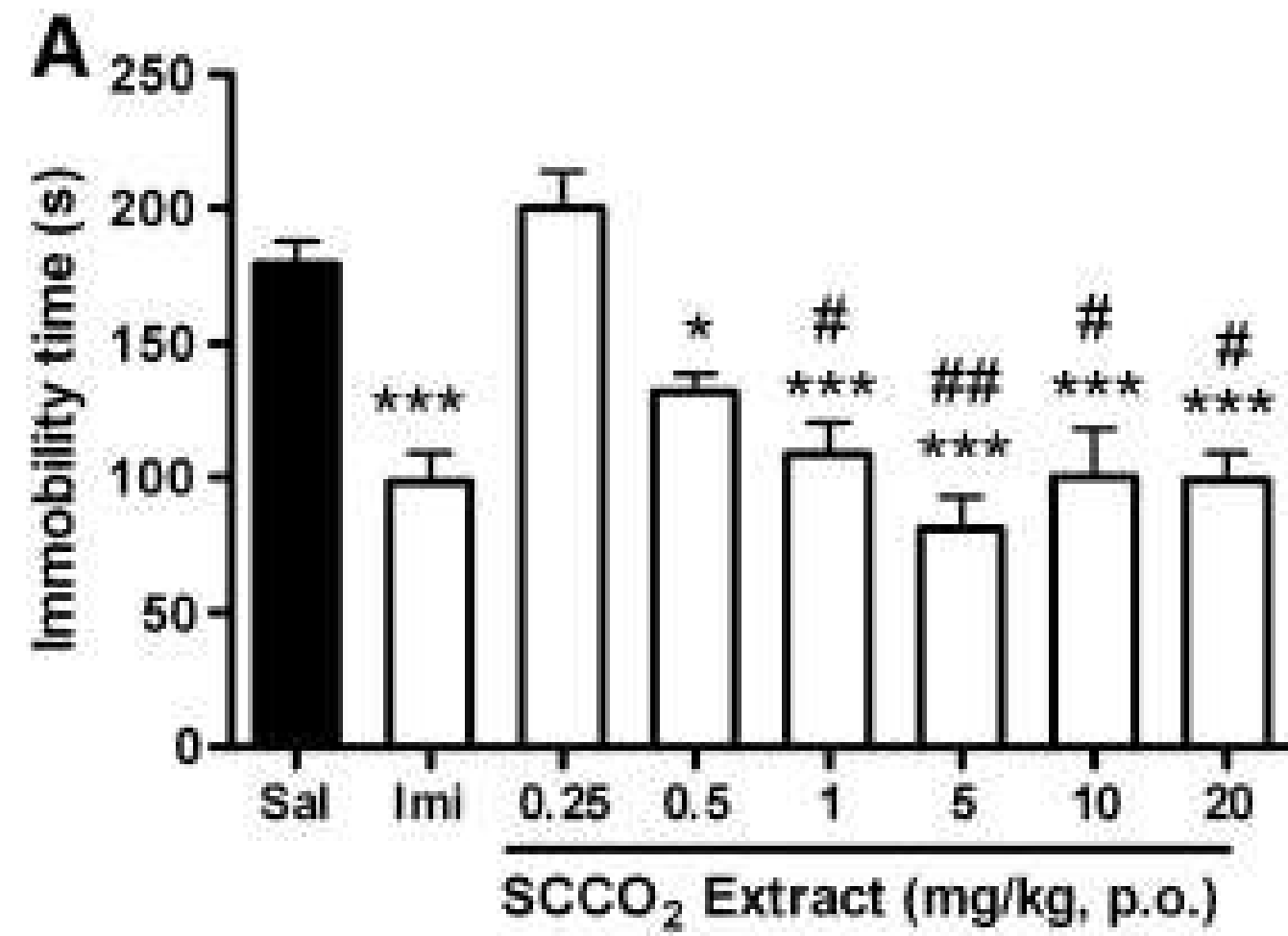


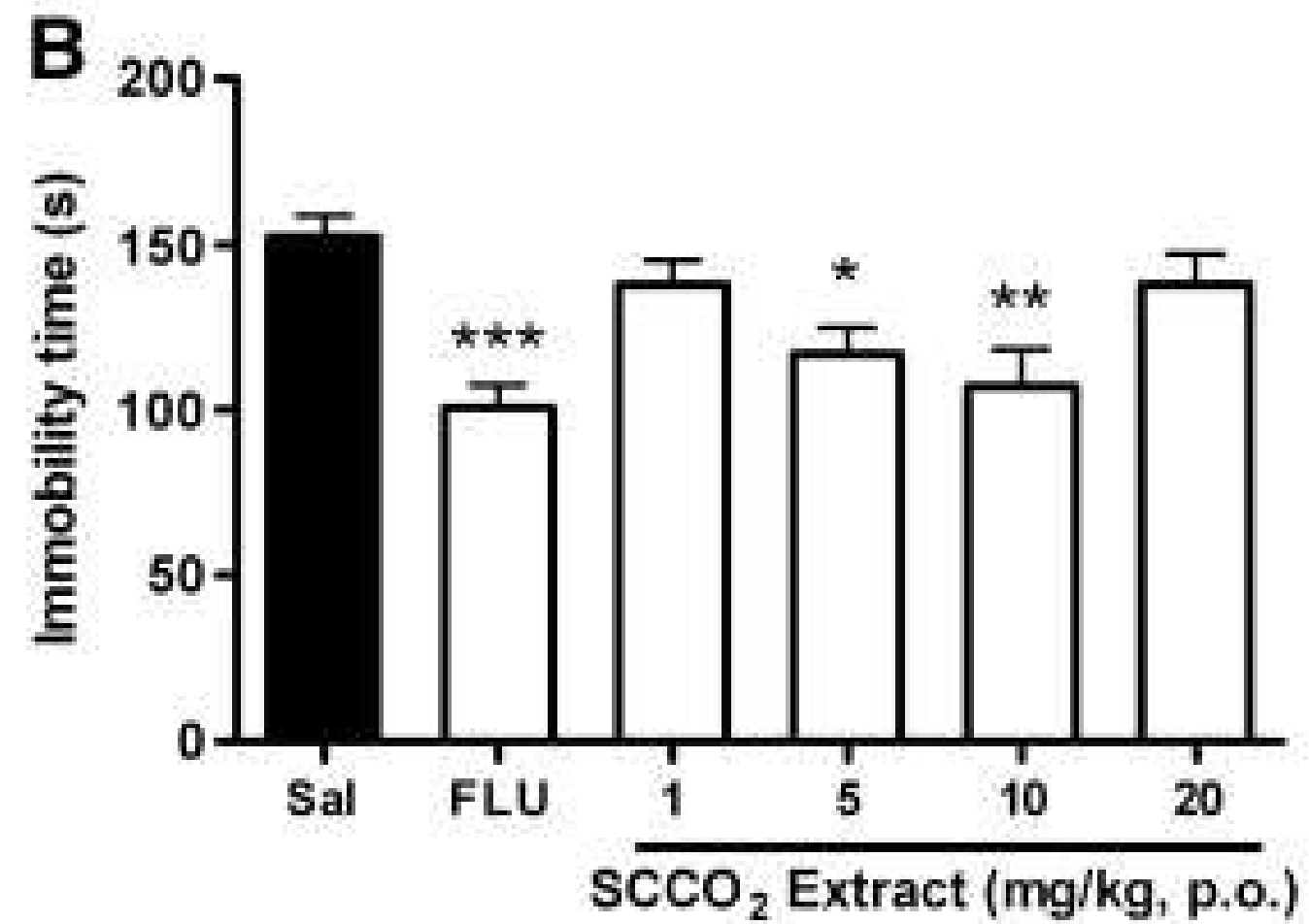
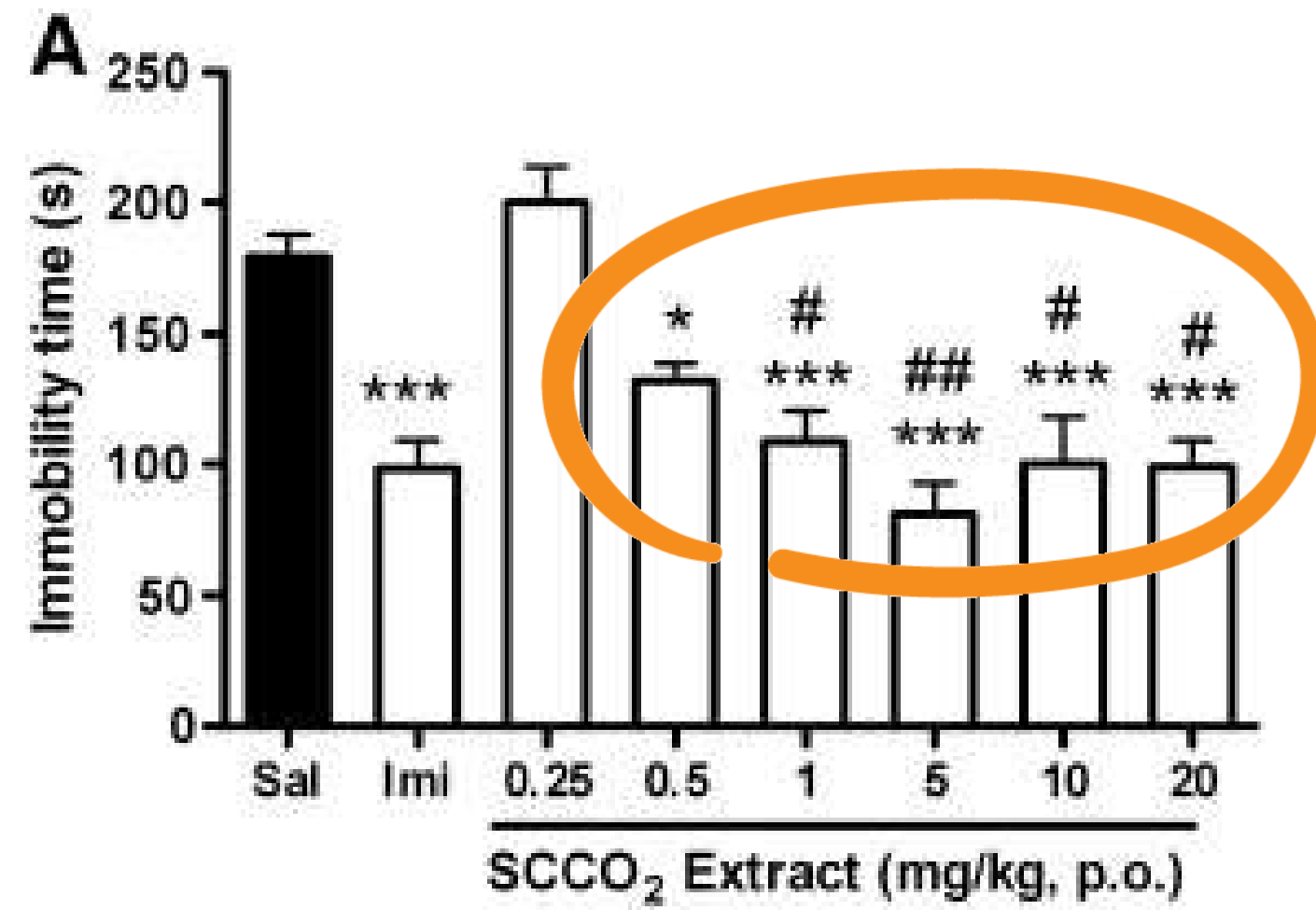
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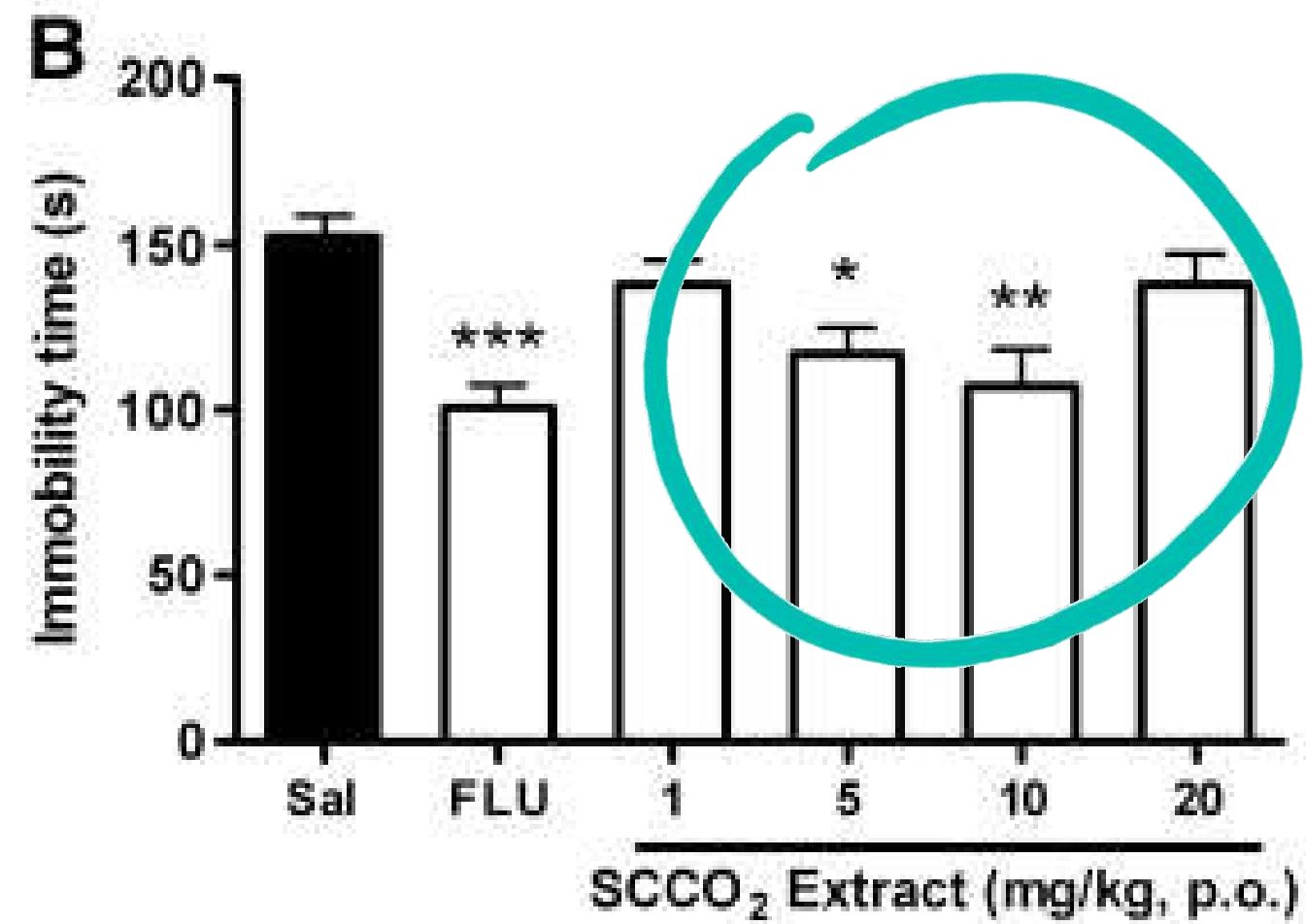
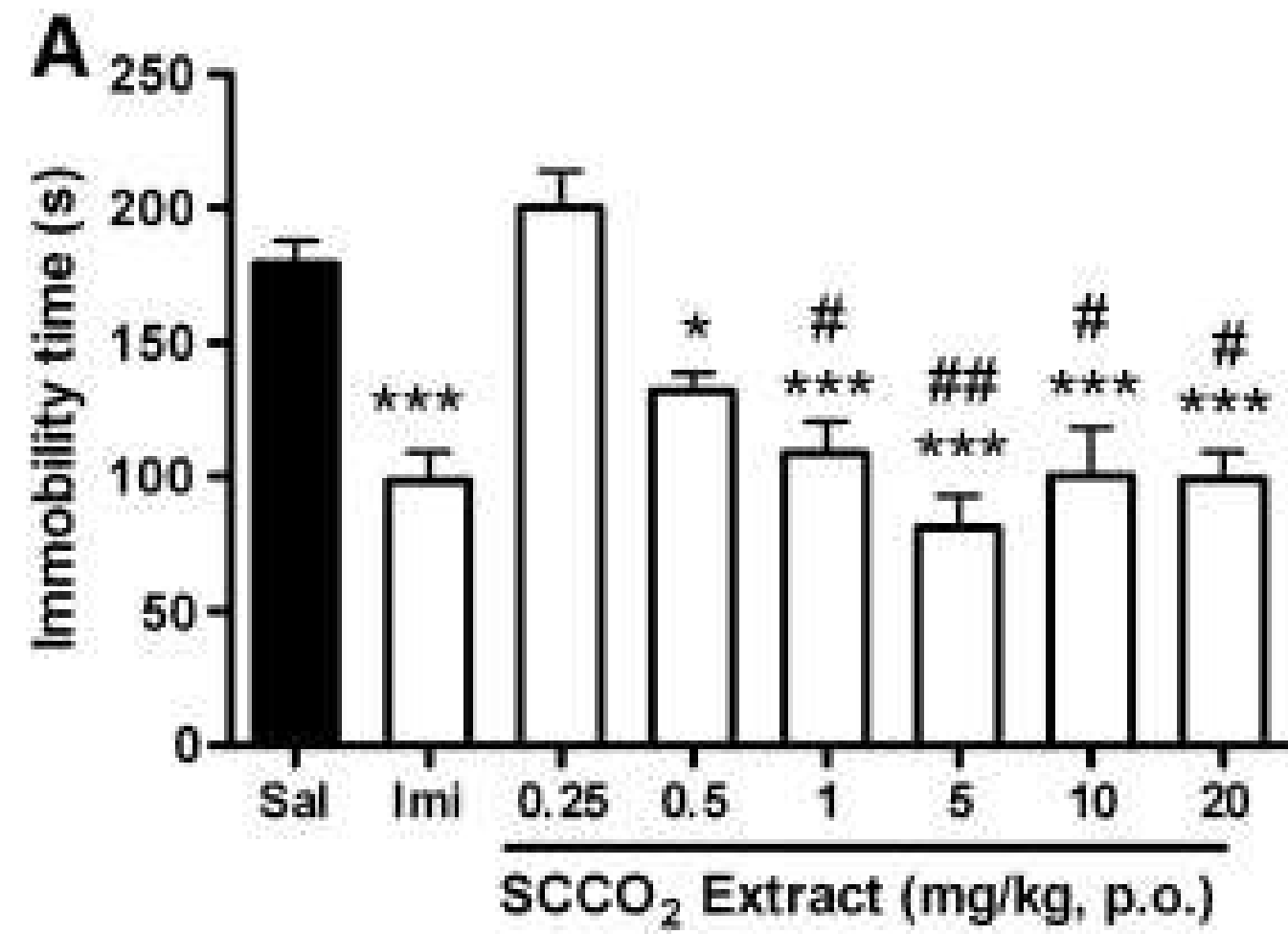
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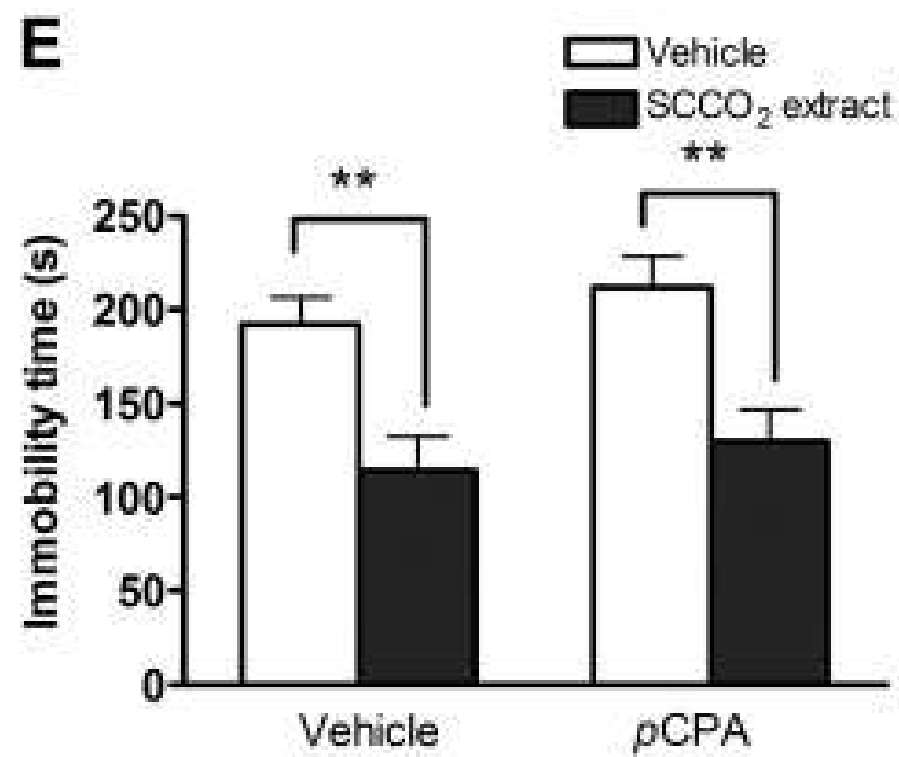
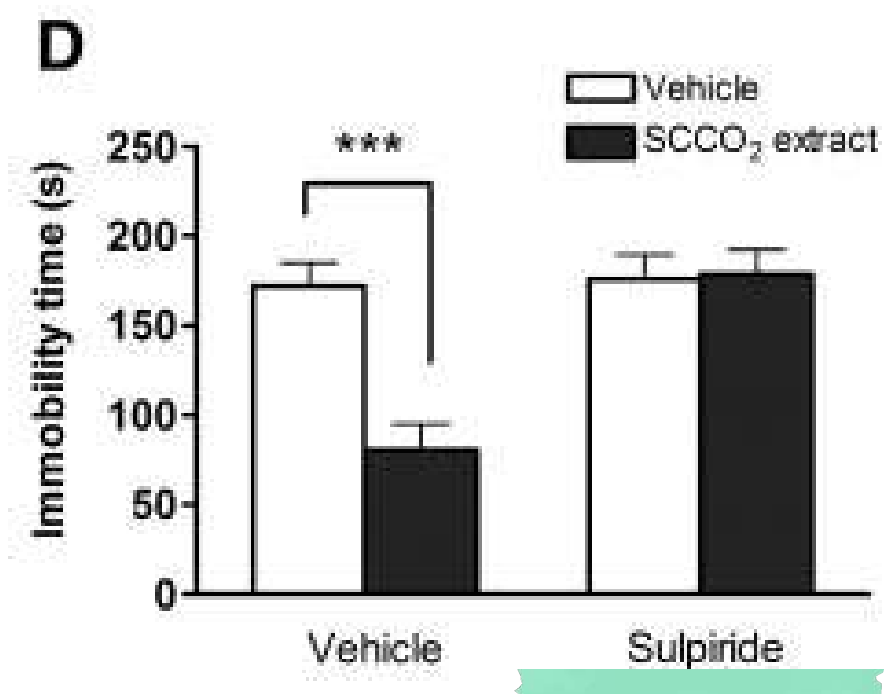
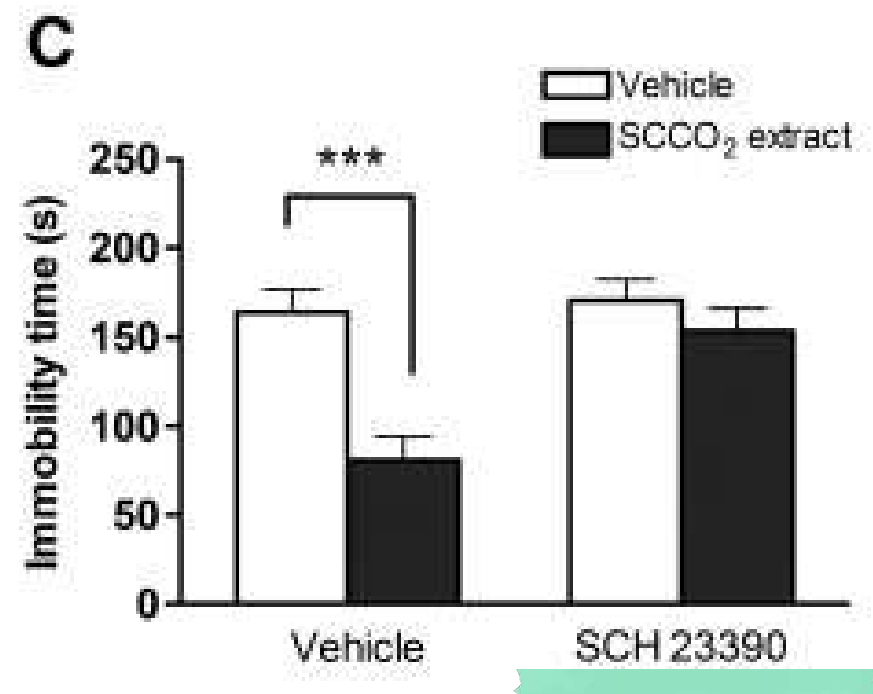
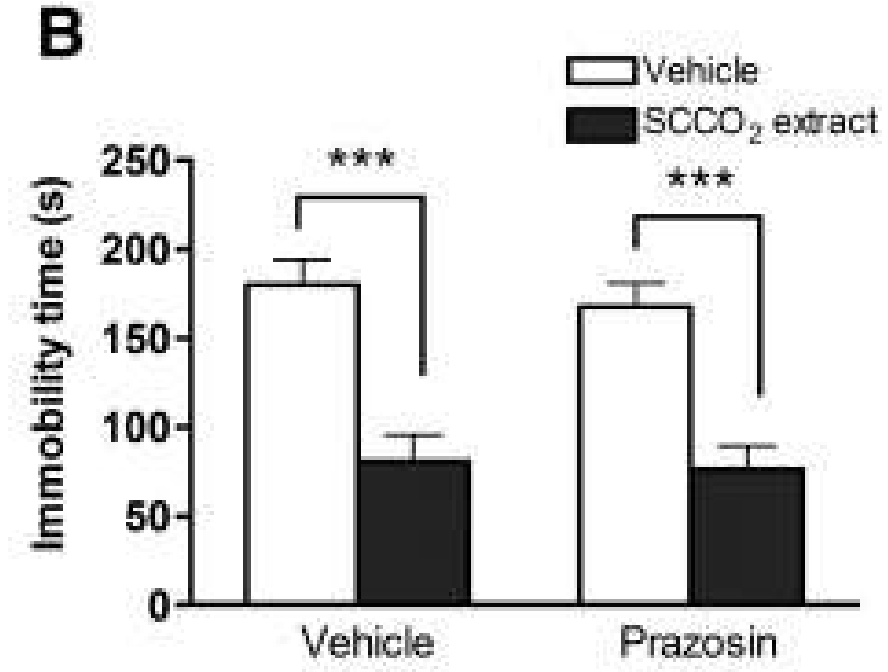
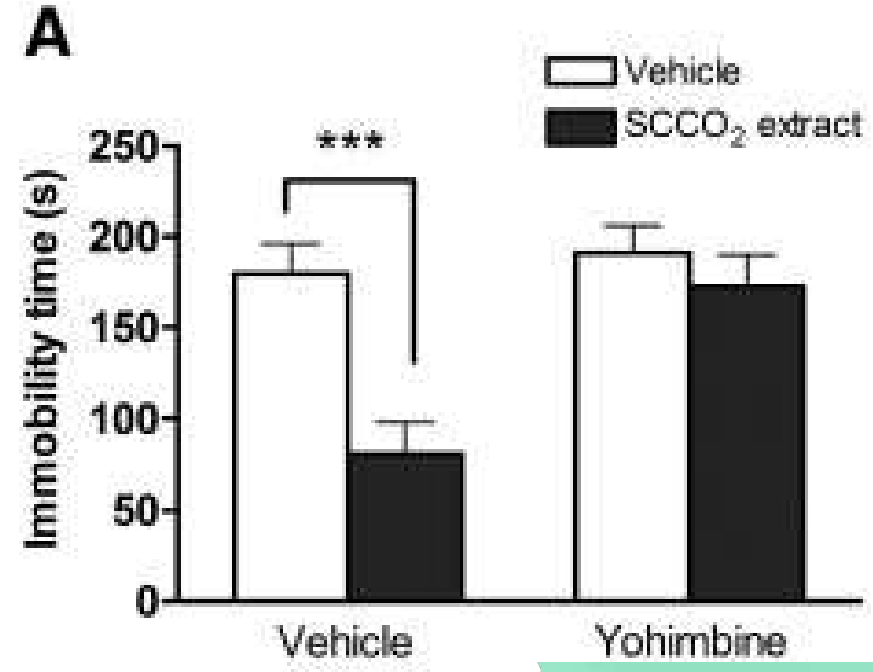
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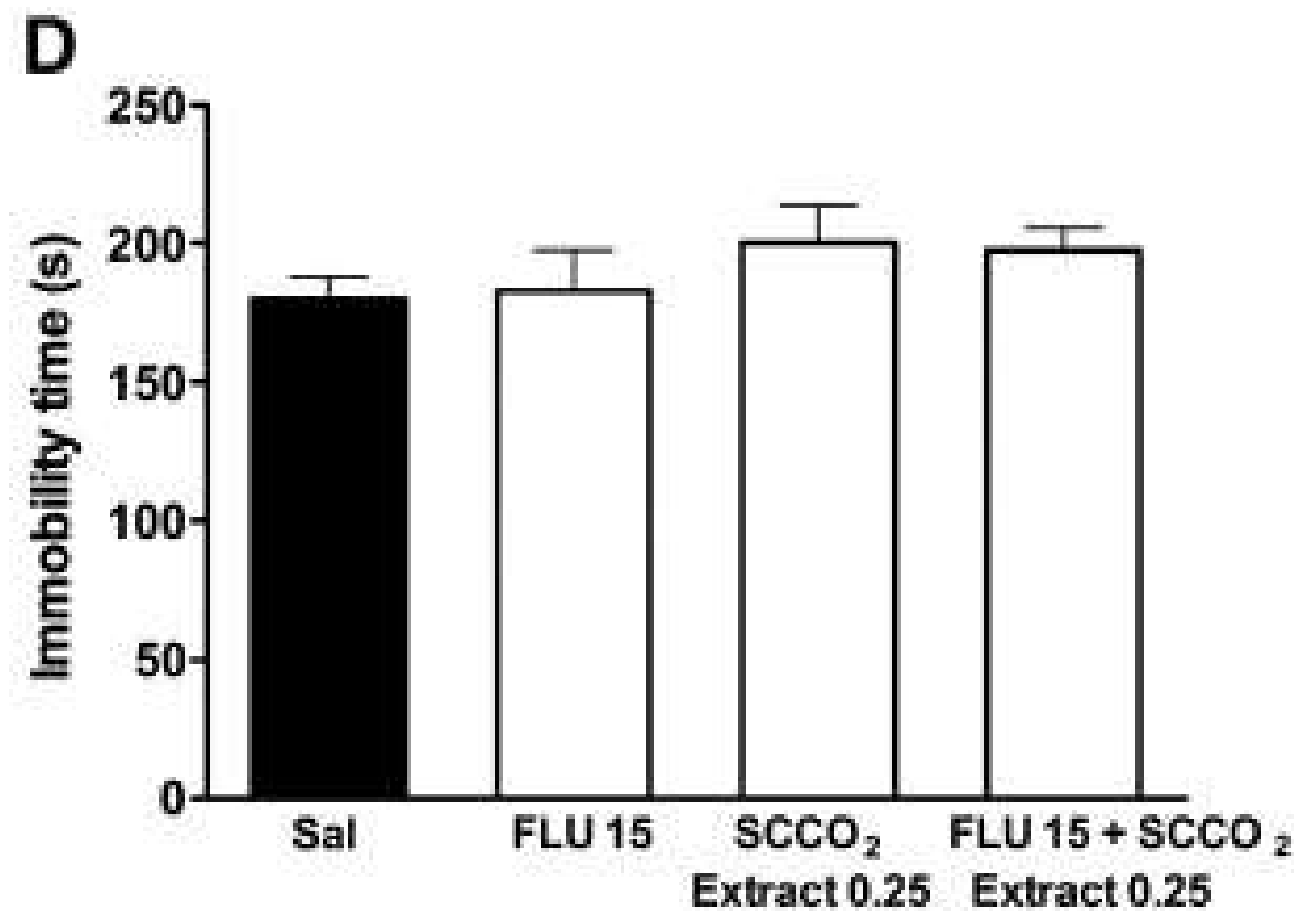
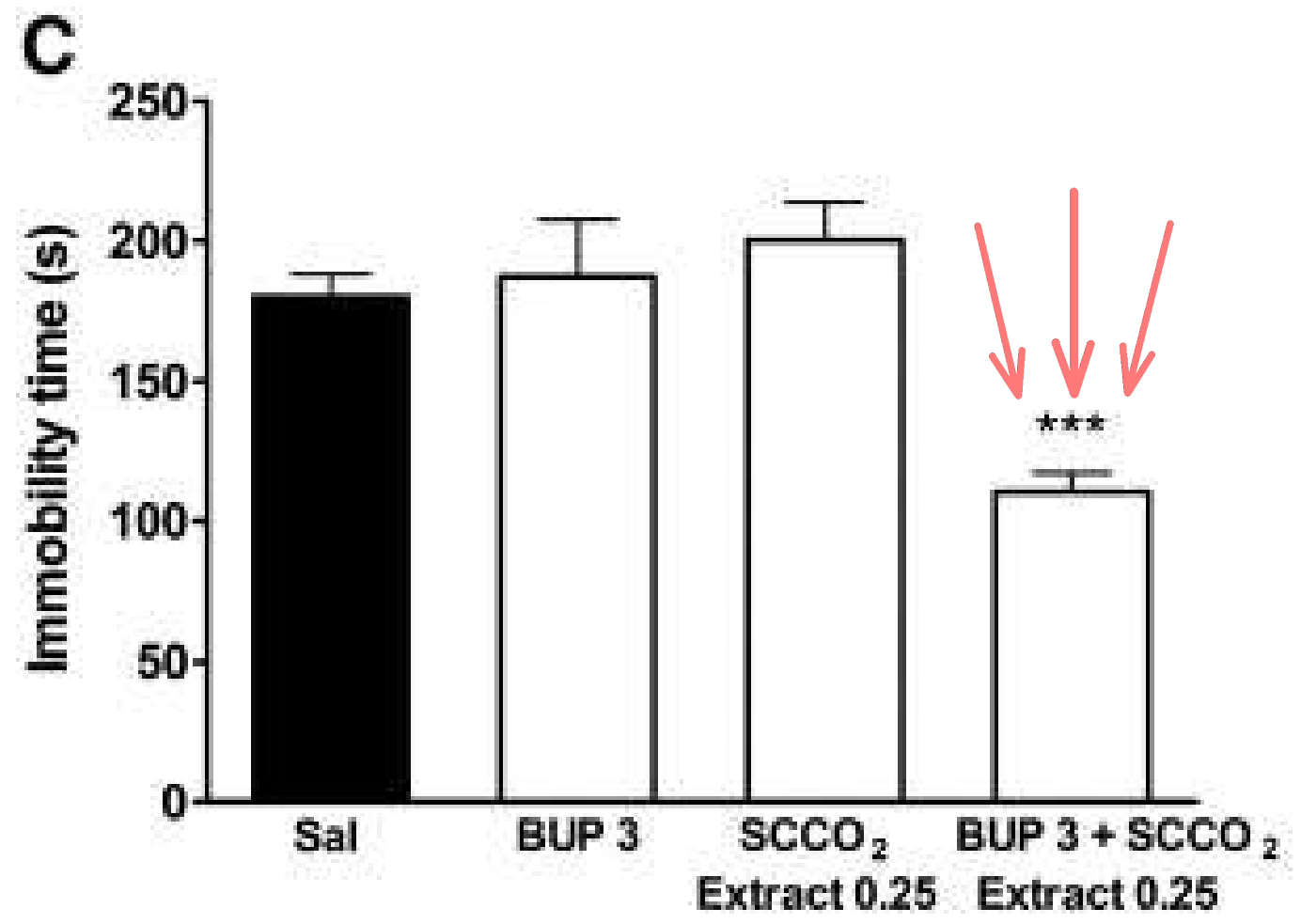
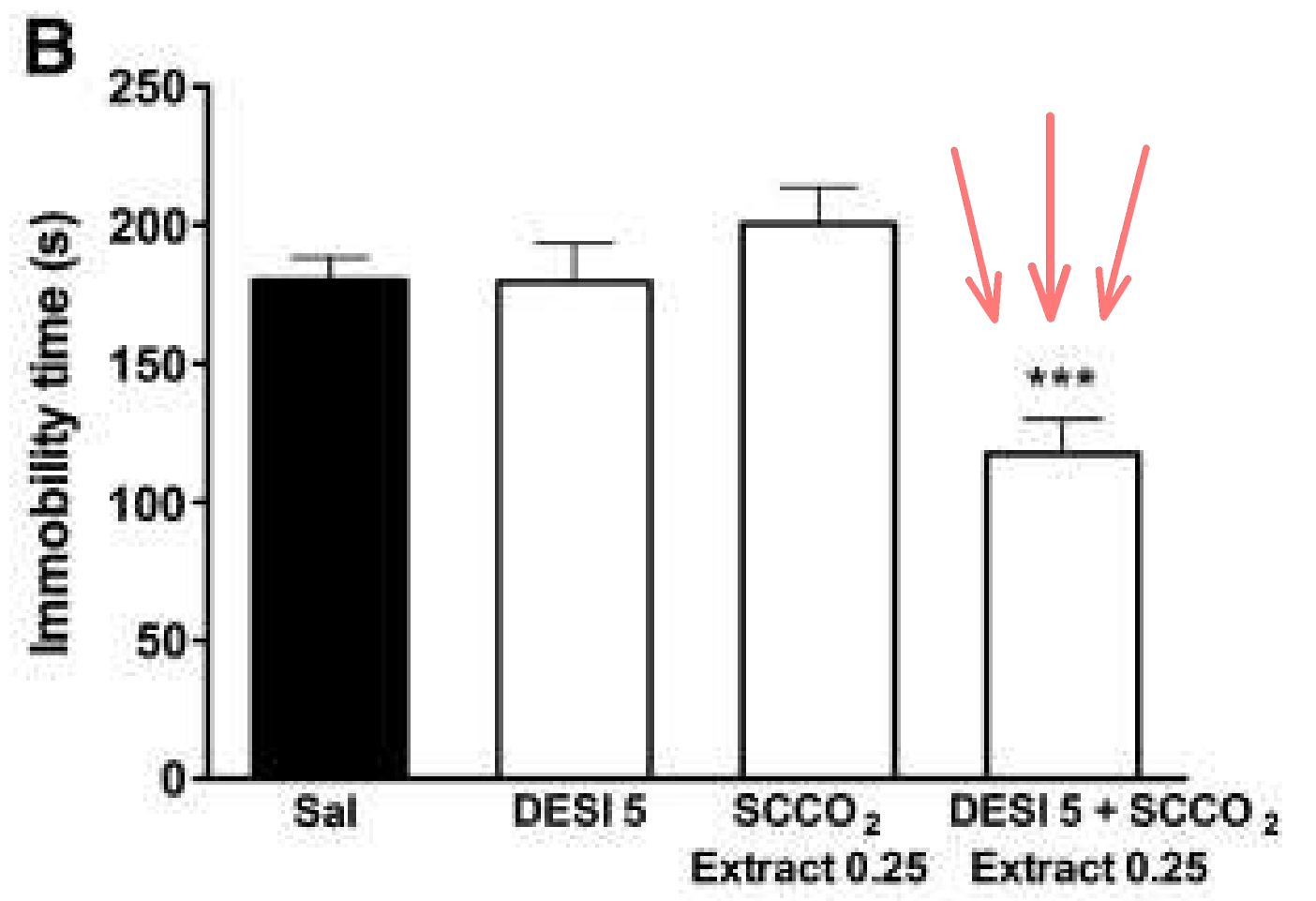
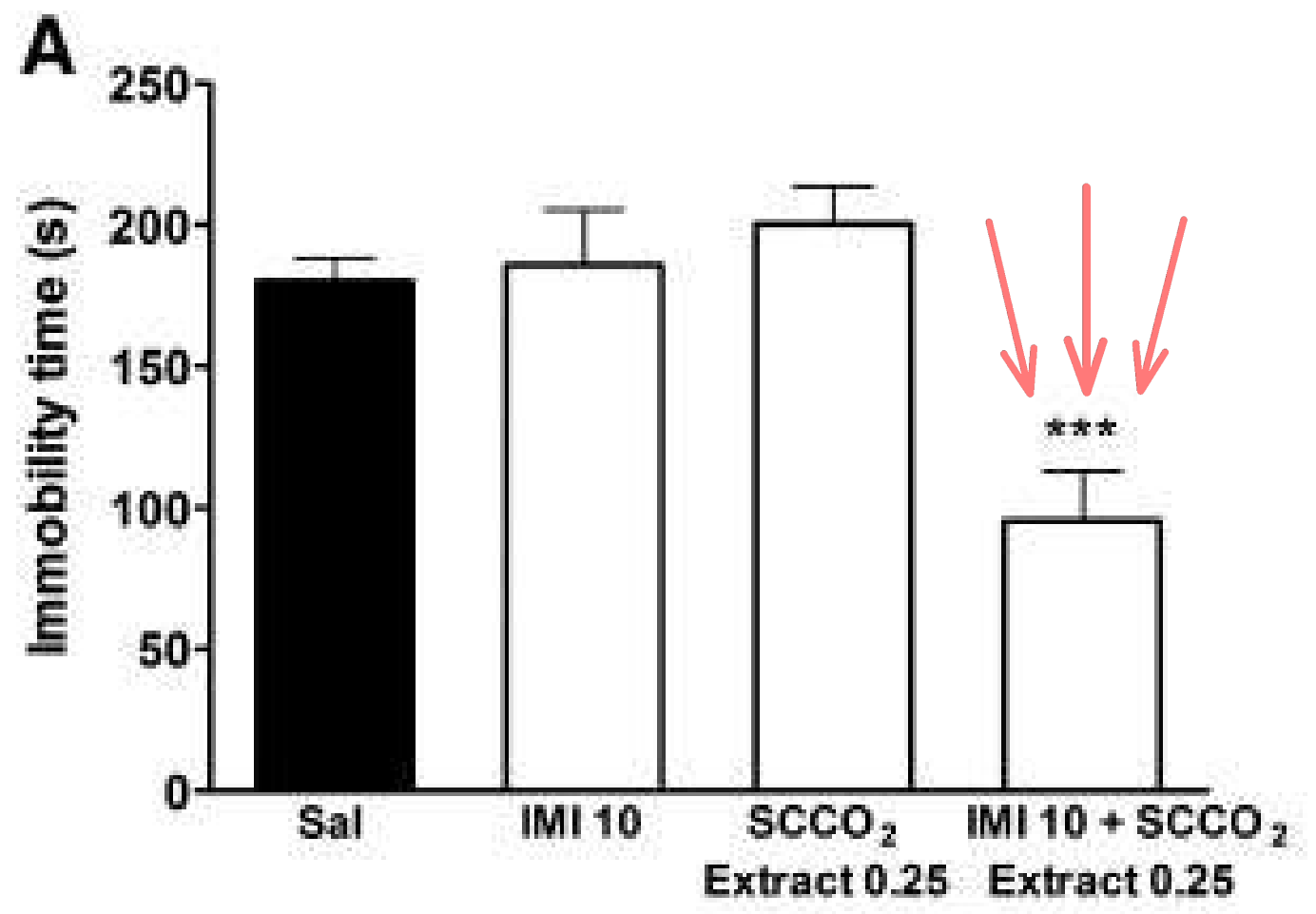
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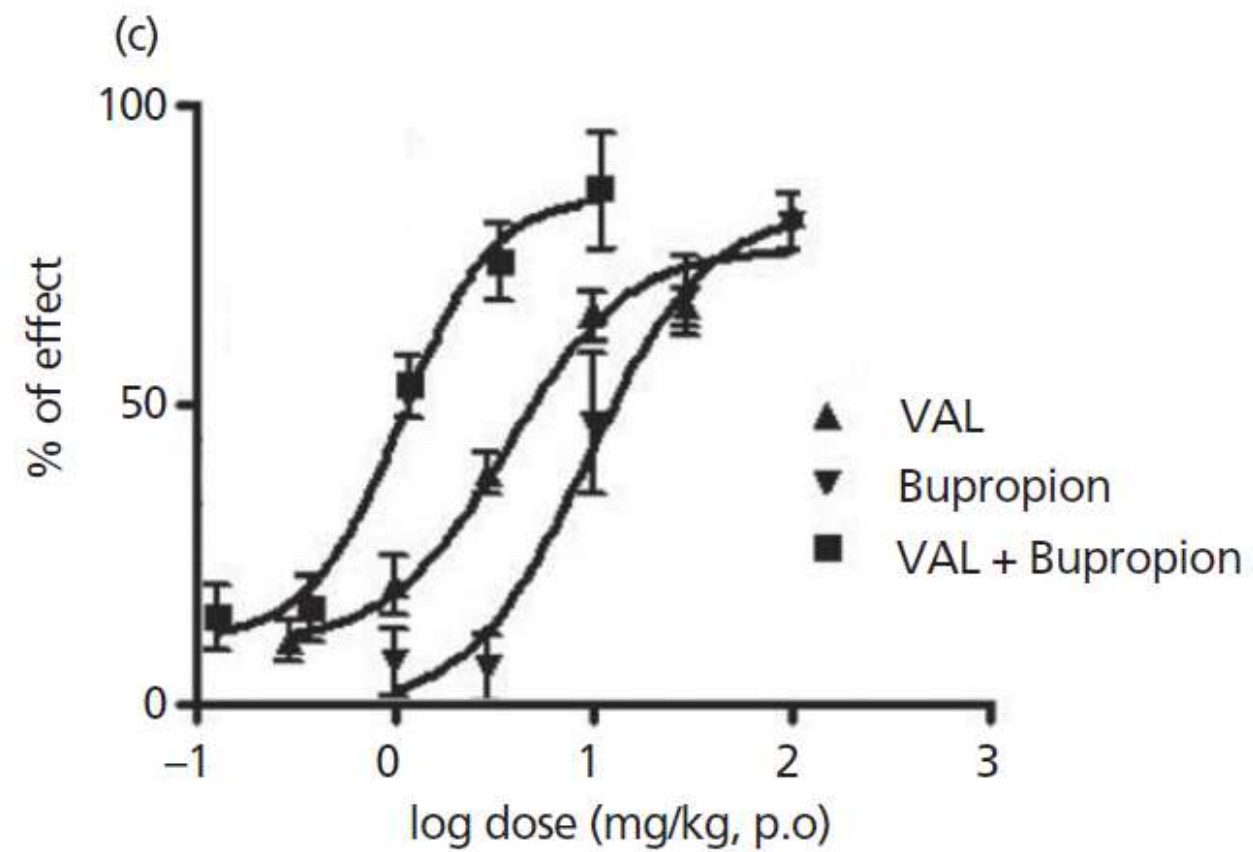
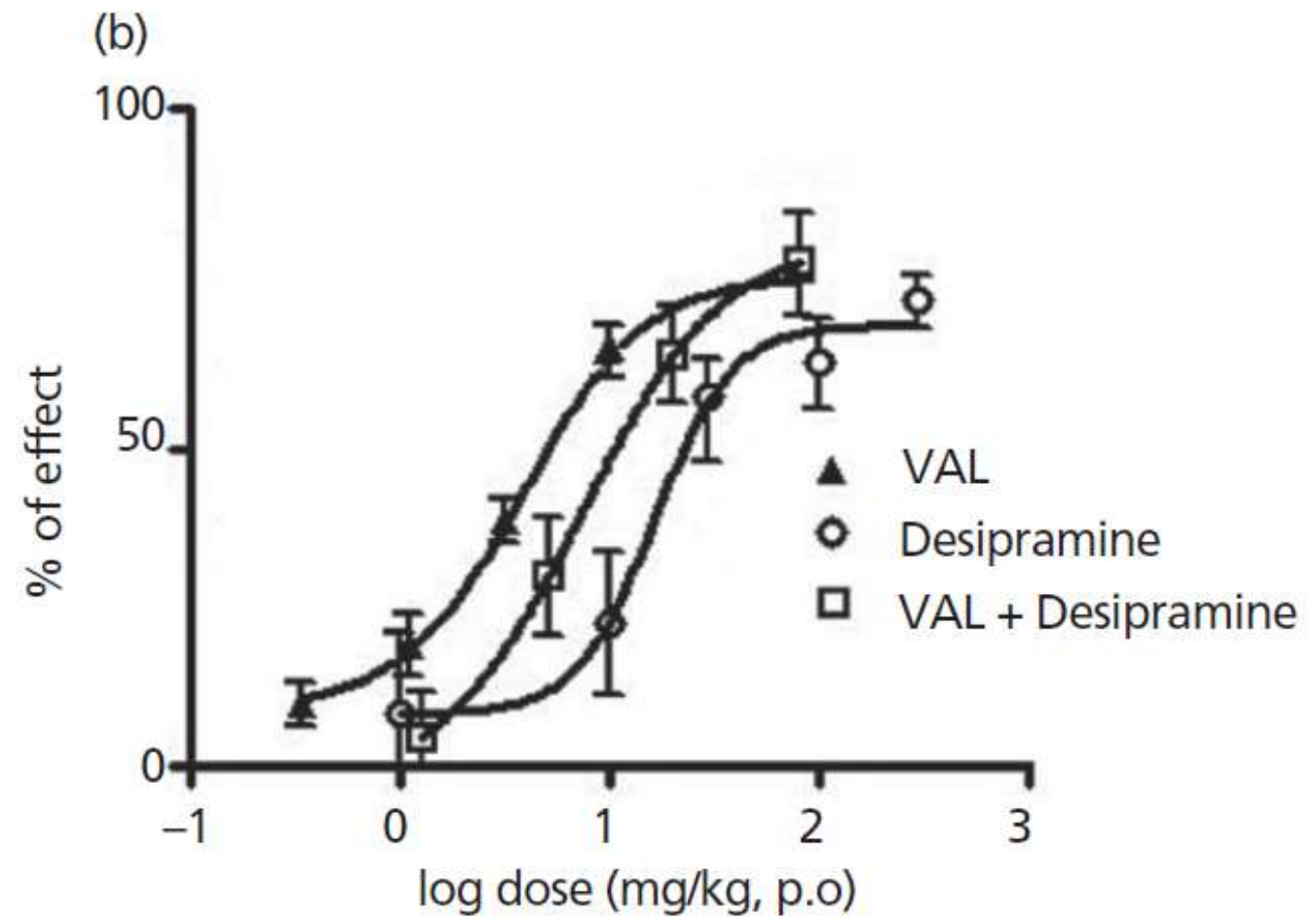
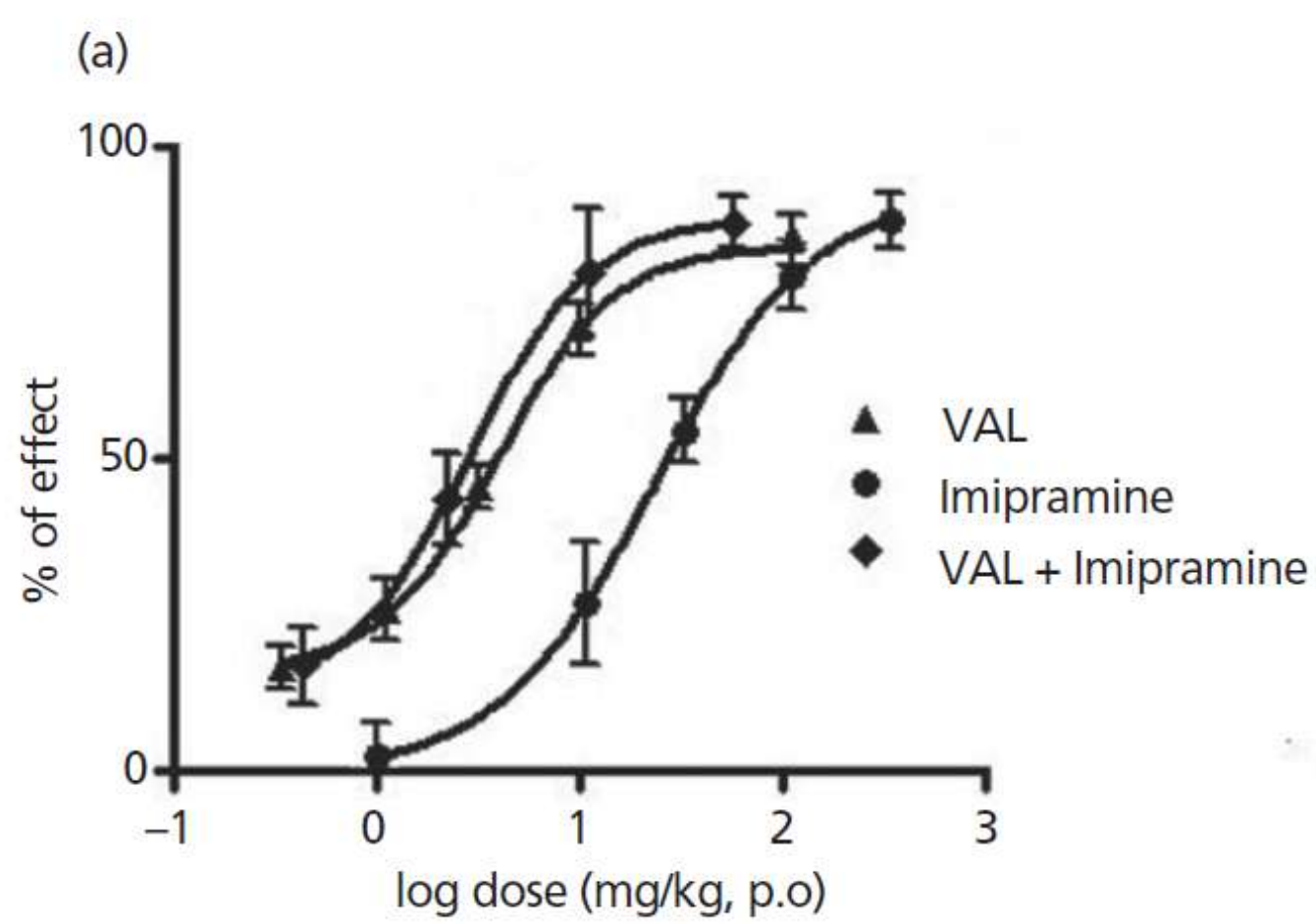
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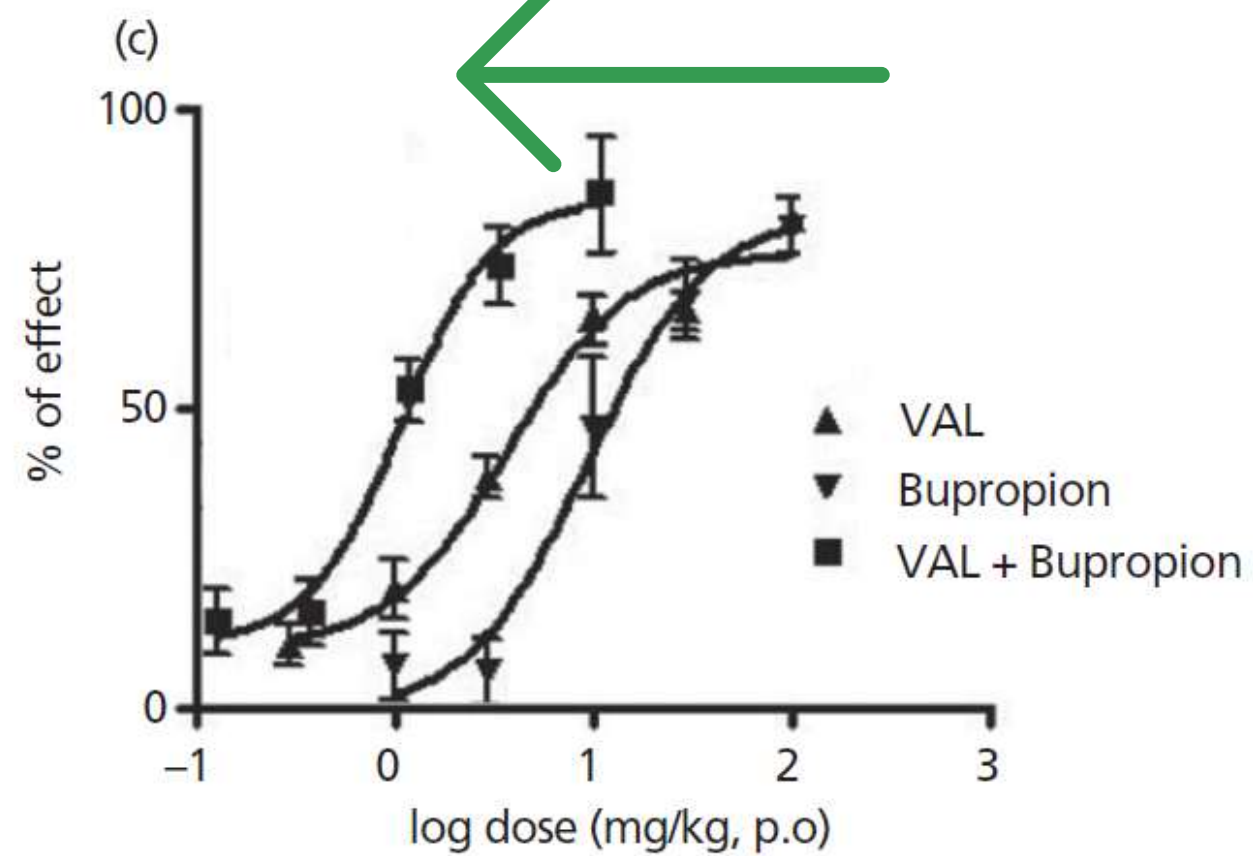
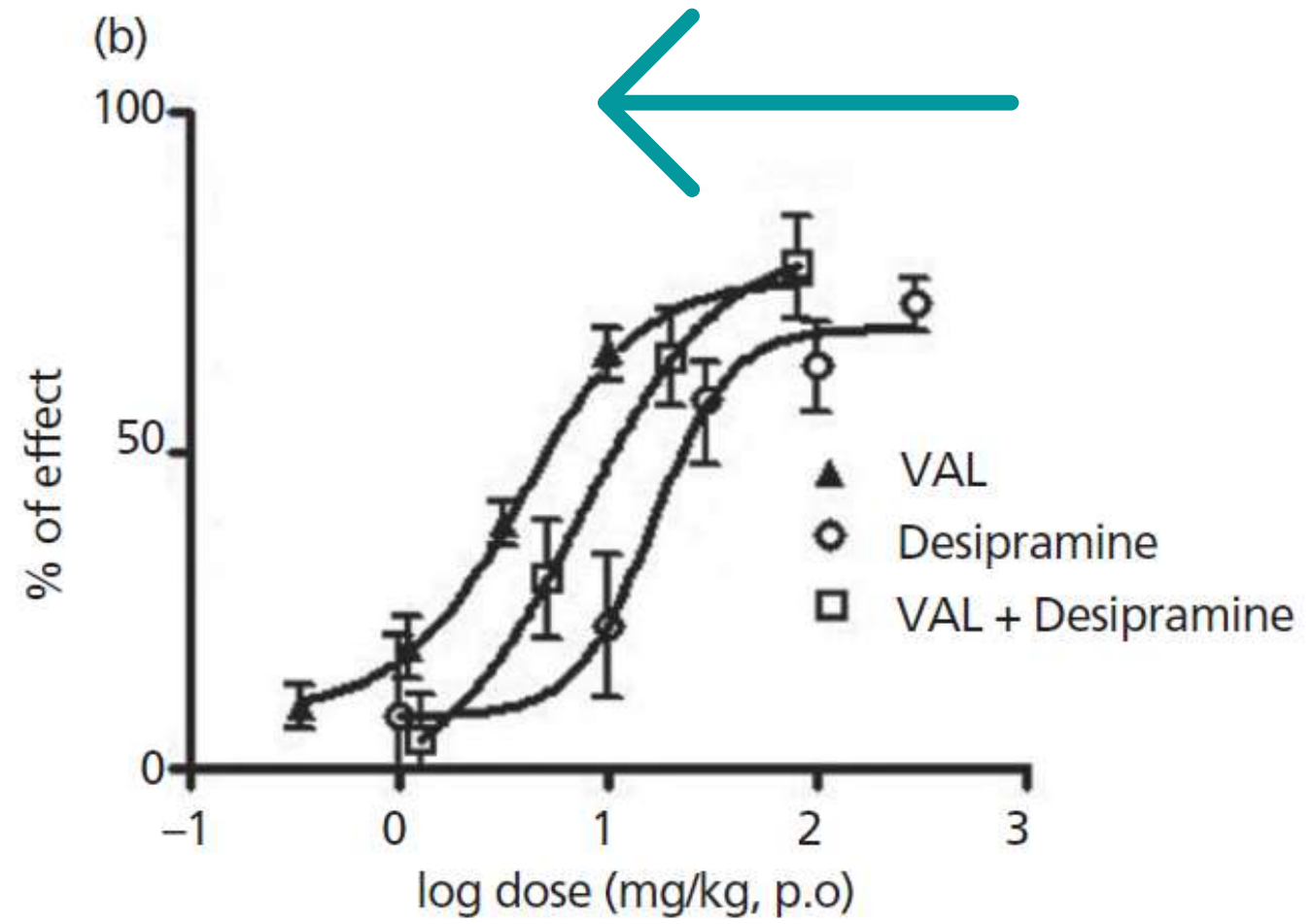
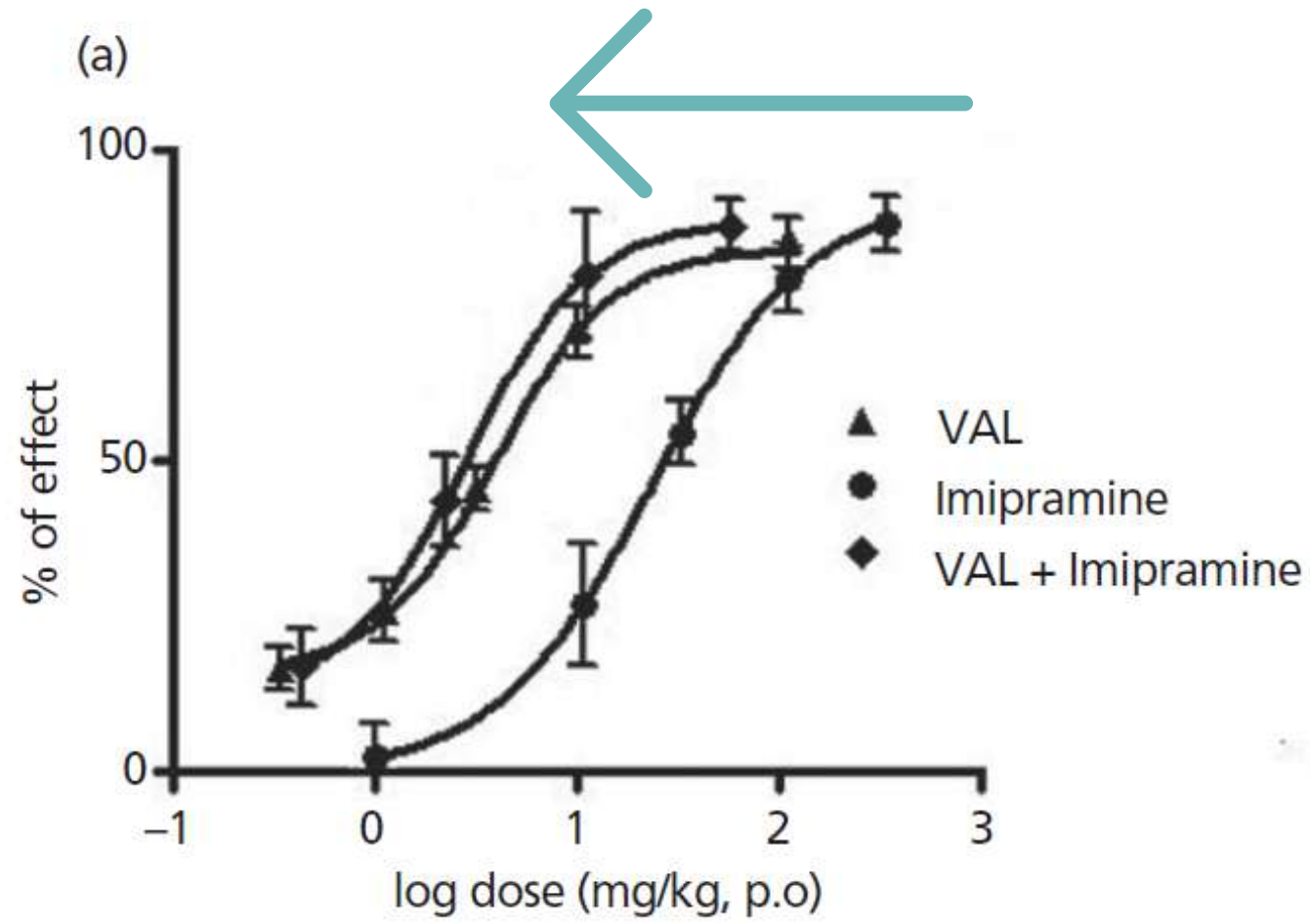
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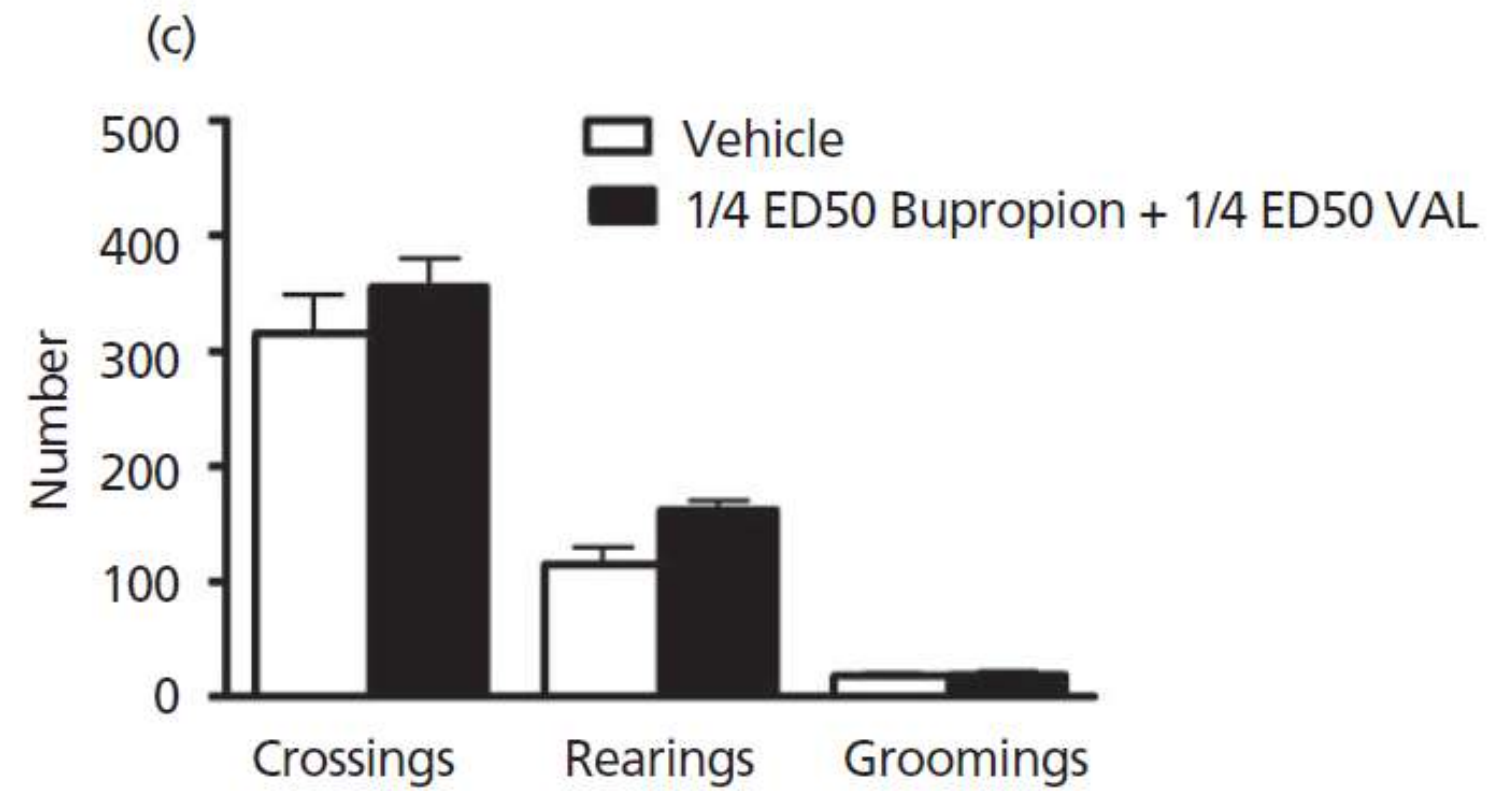
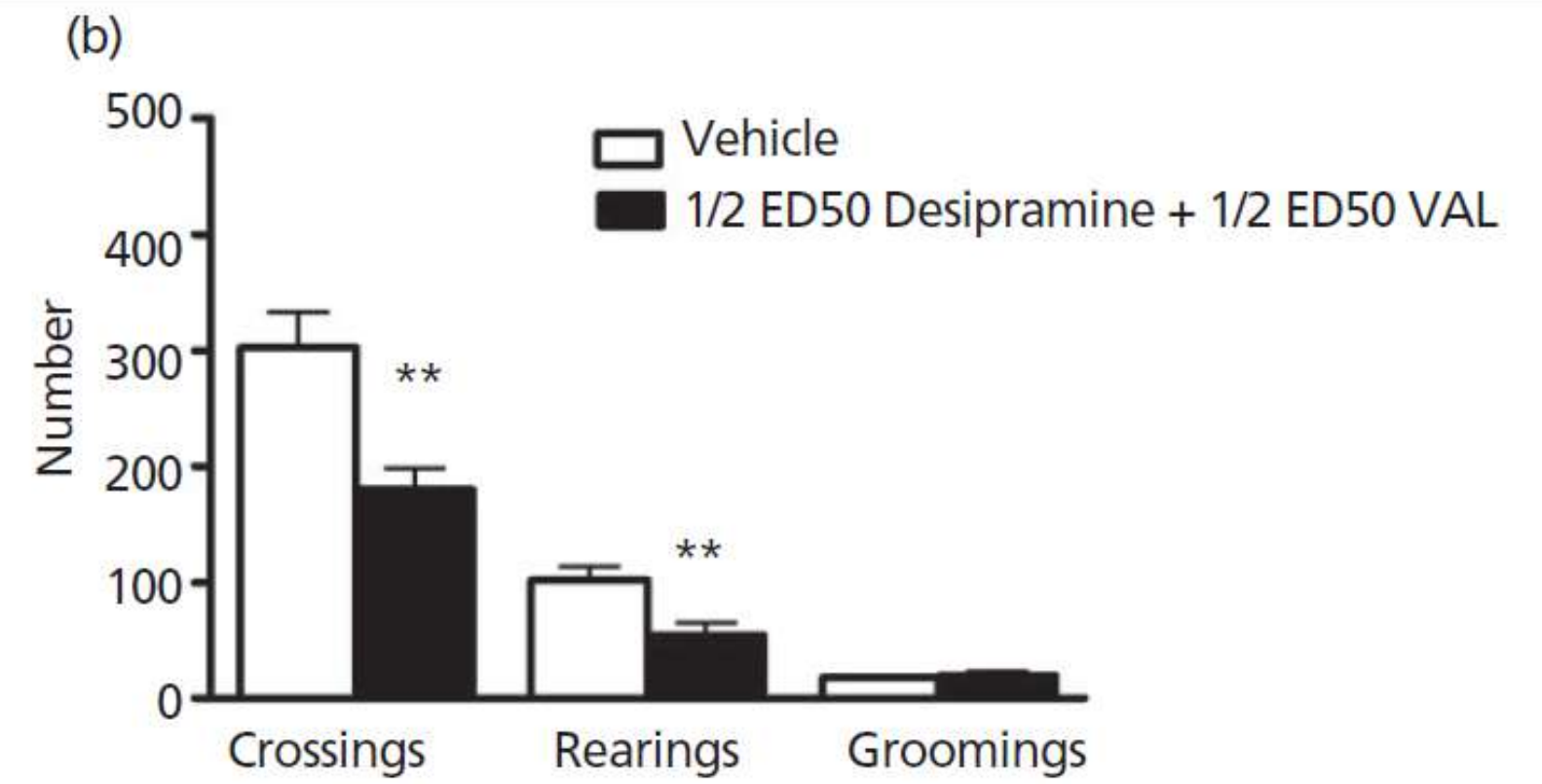
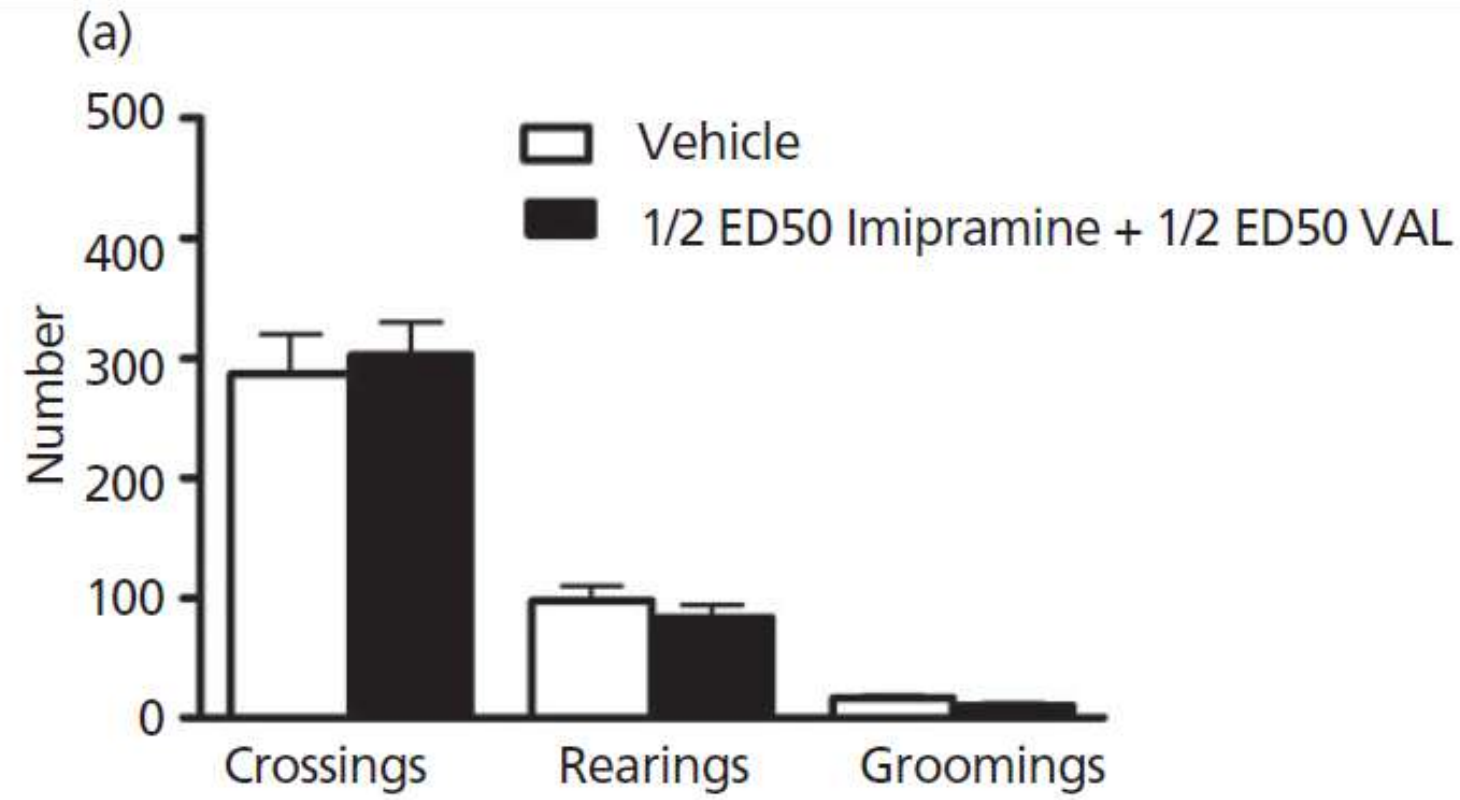
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amounts of each drug (a: VAL; b: antidepressants)
in the combination (obtained from the ED50 mix)

$$\gamma = a/A + b/B$$

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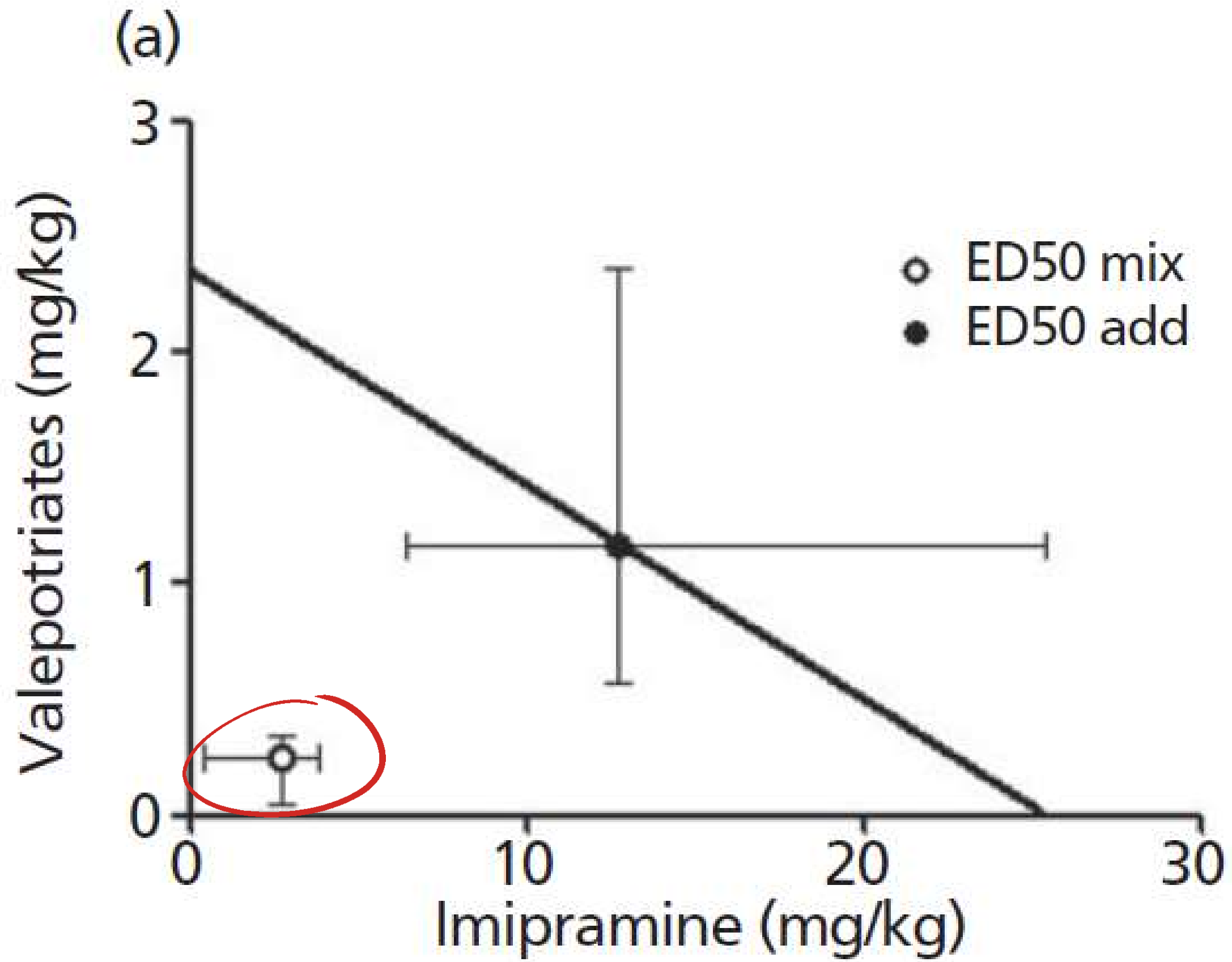
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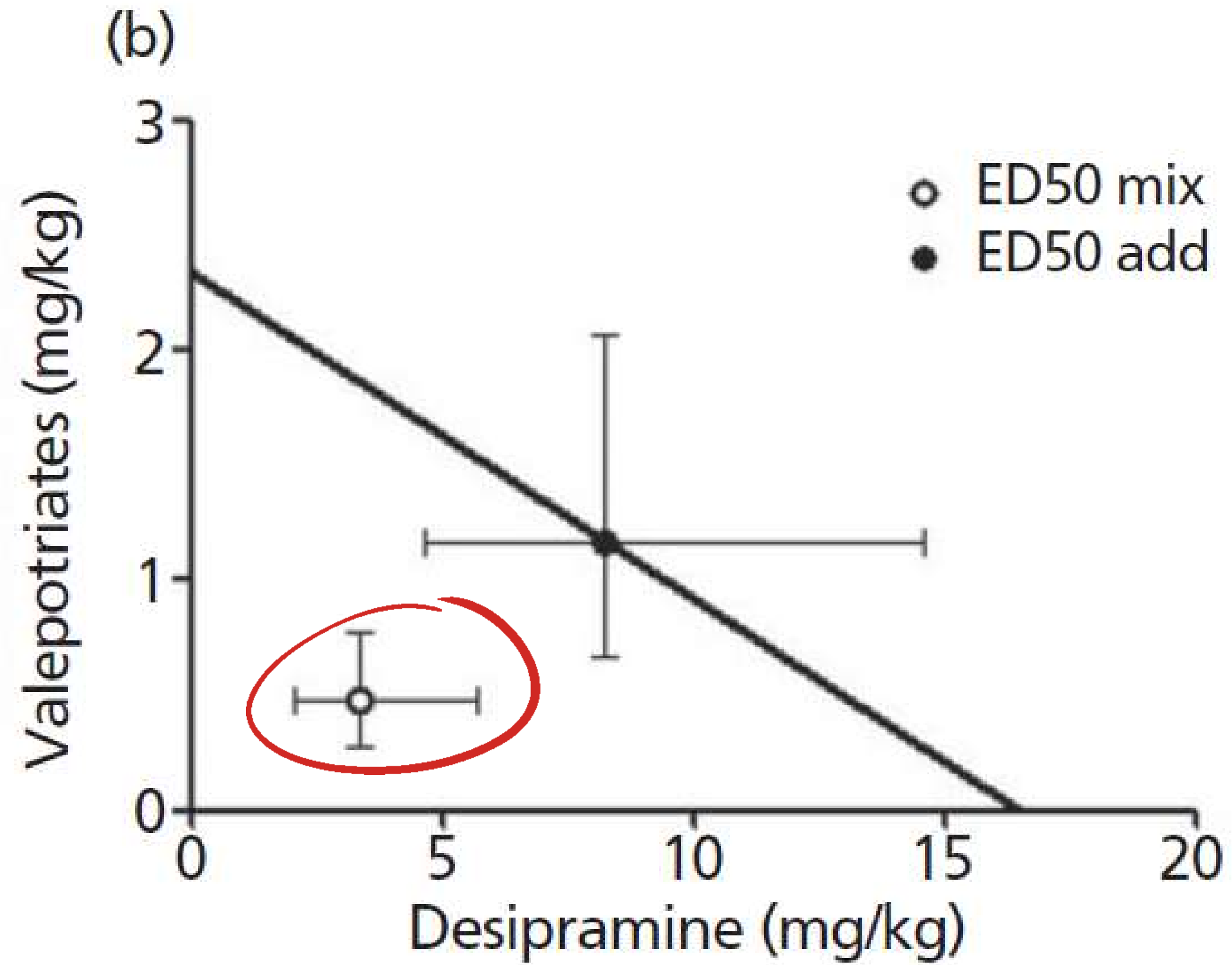


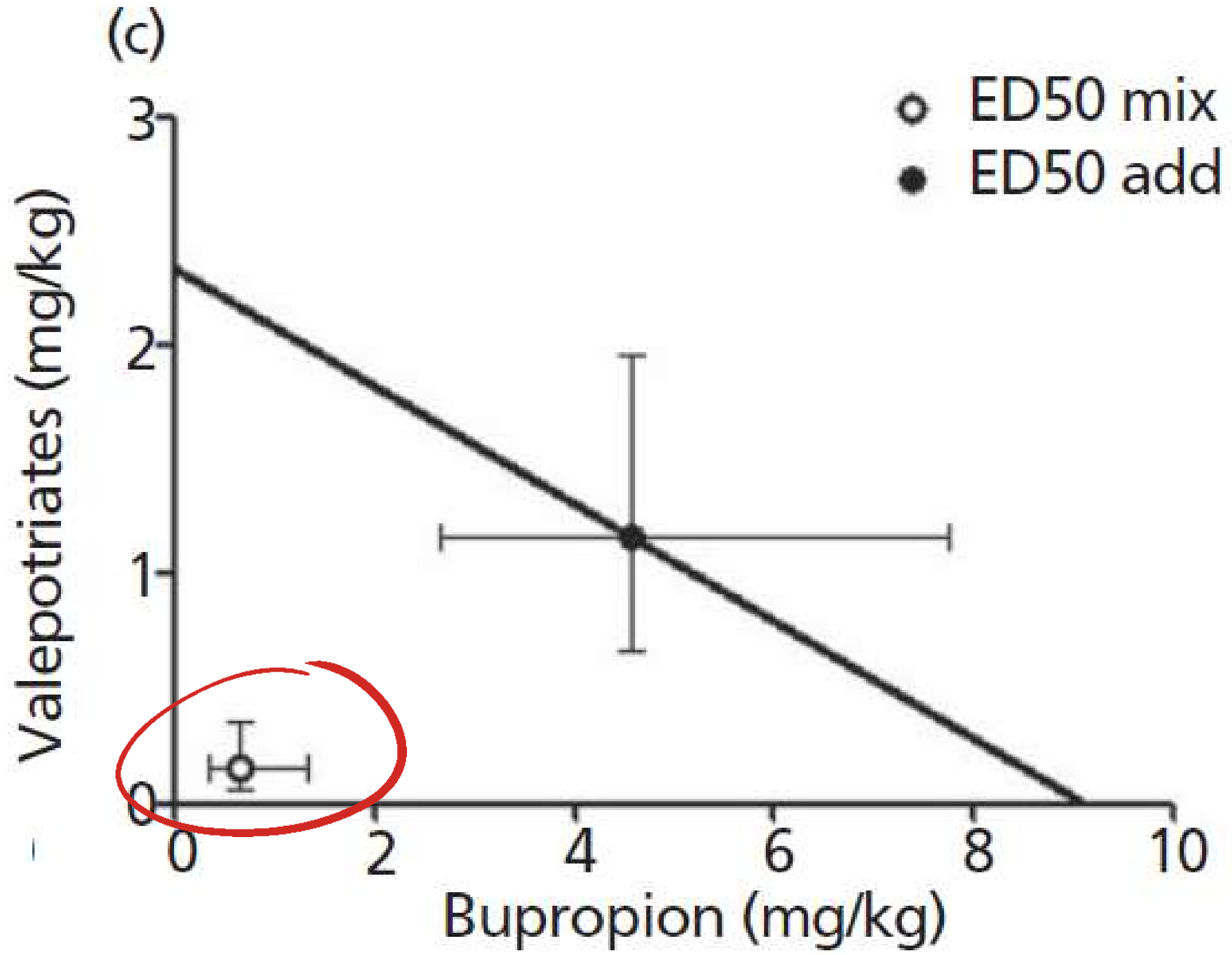
$\gamma \approx 1 =$ additive interaction;

$\gamma > 1 =$ antagonistic interaction;

$\gamma < 1 =$ synergistic interaction.









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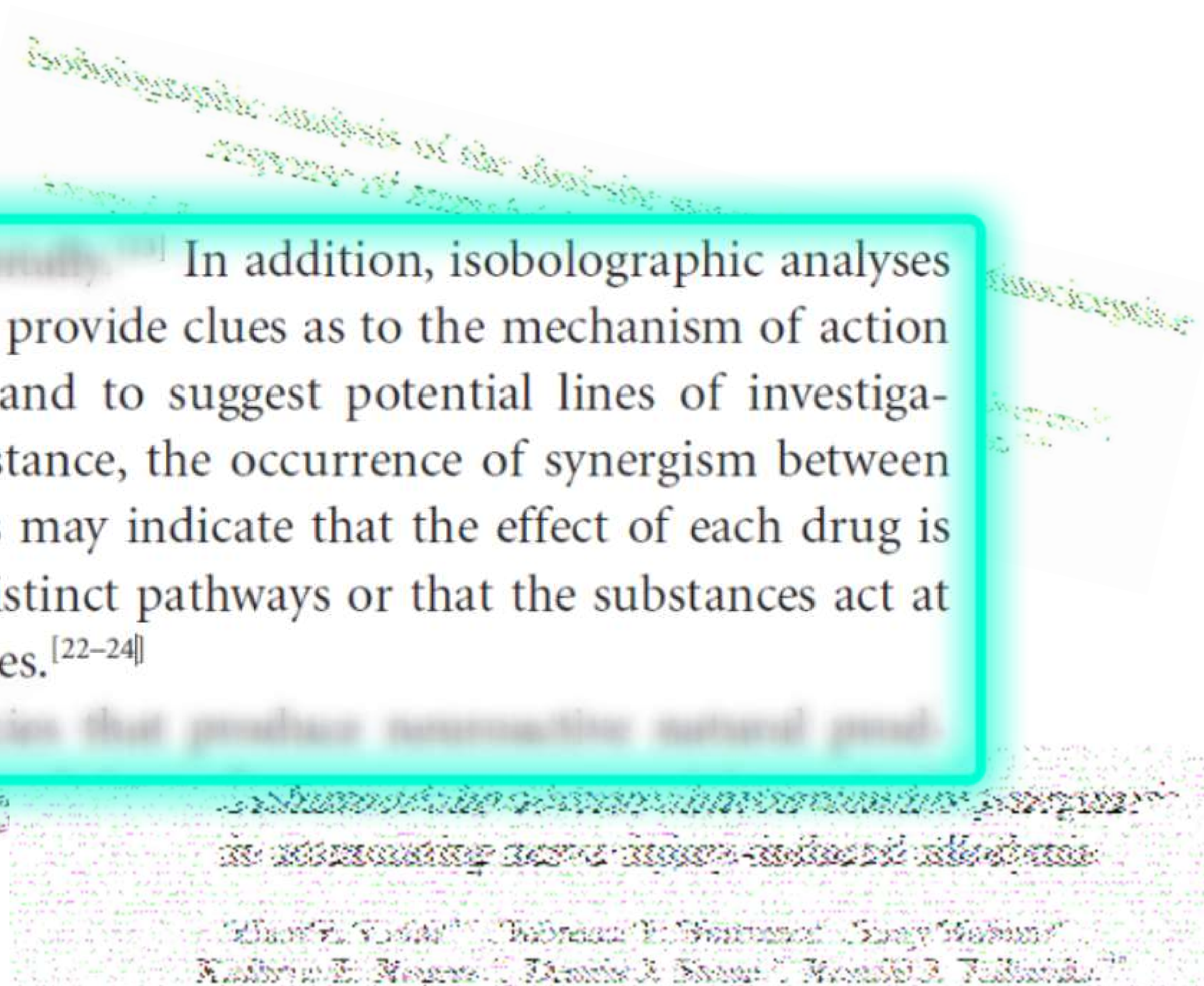
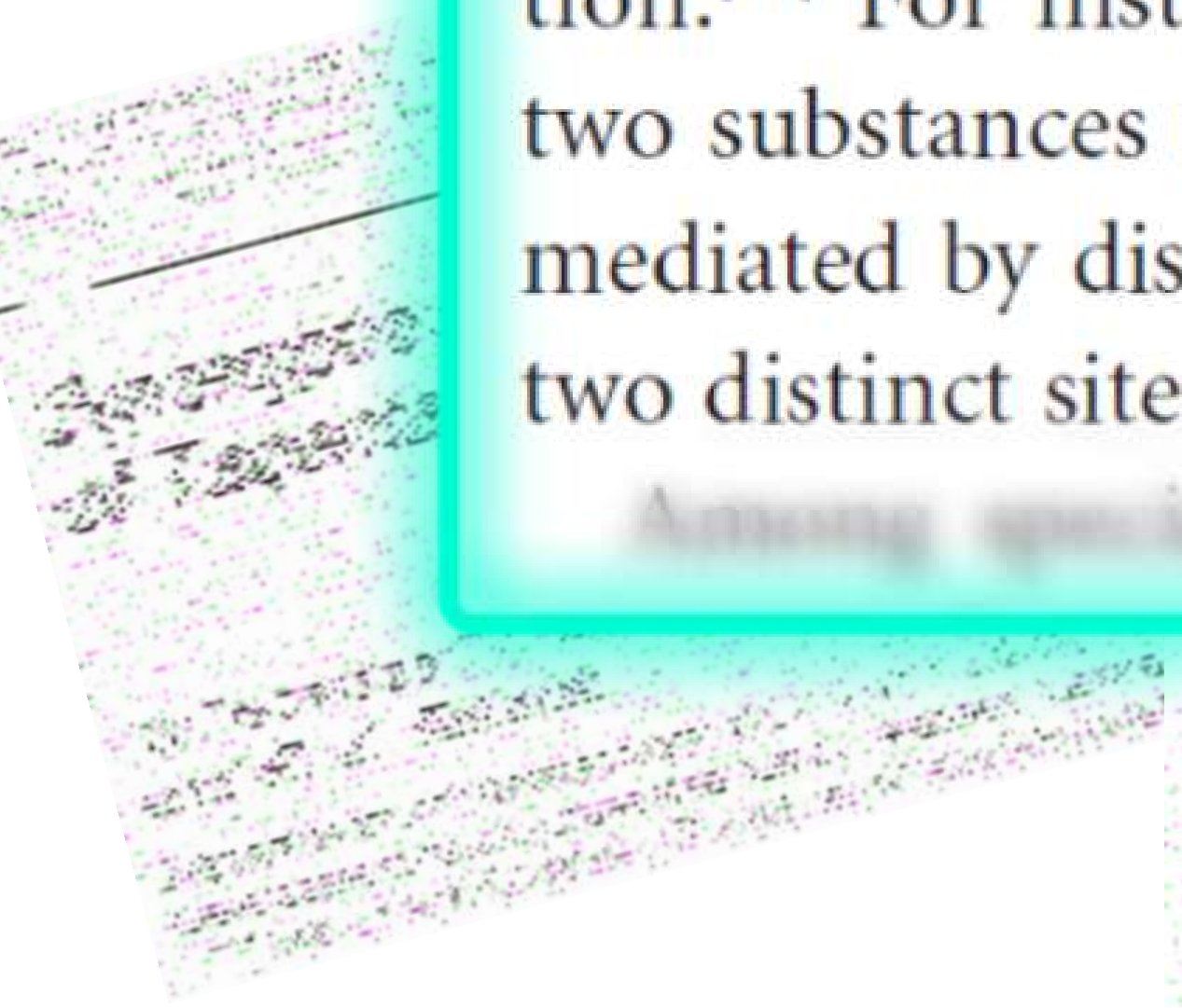
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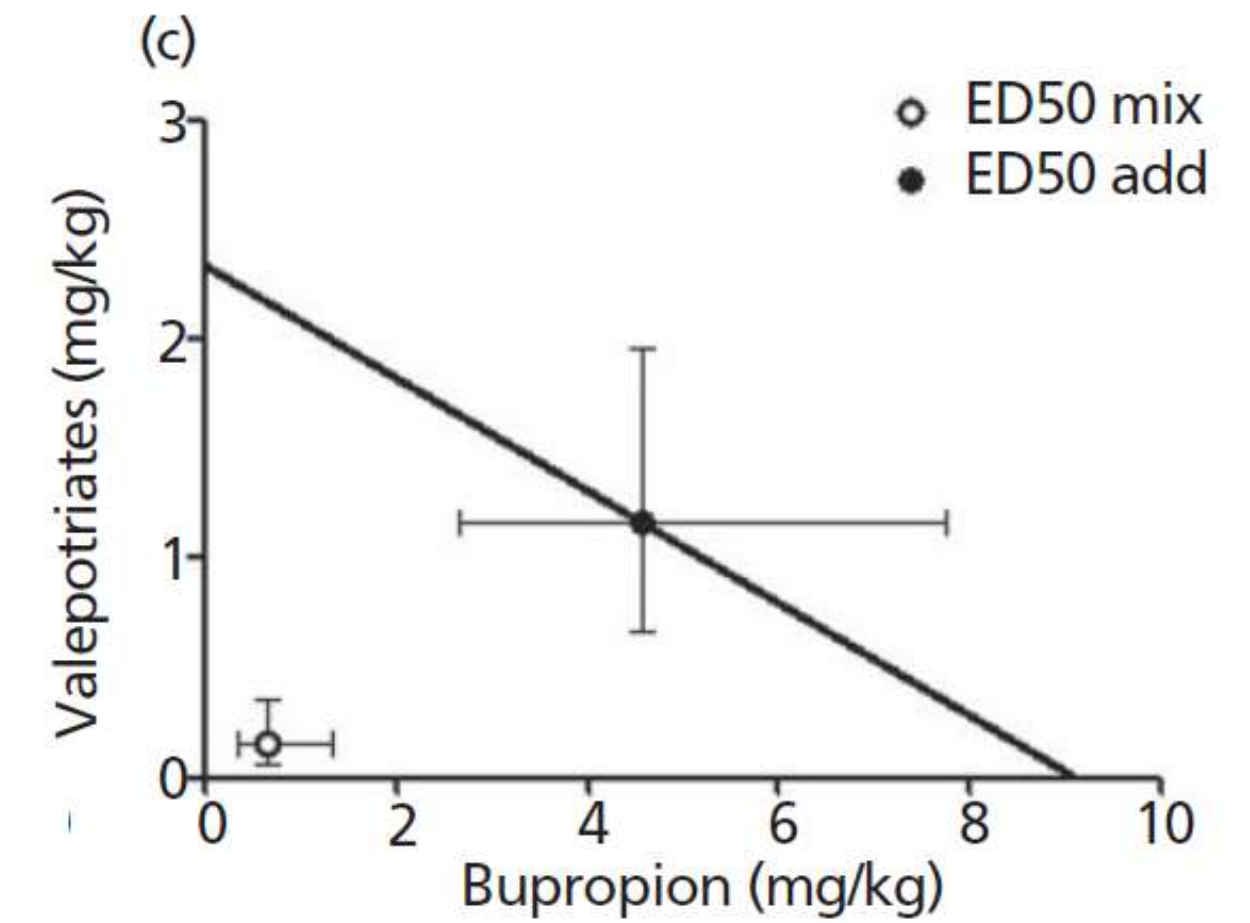
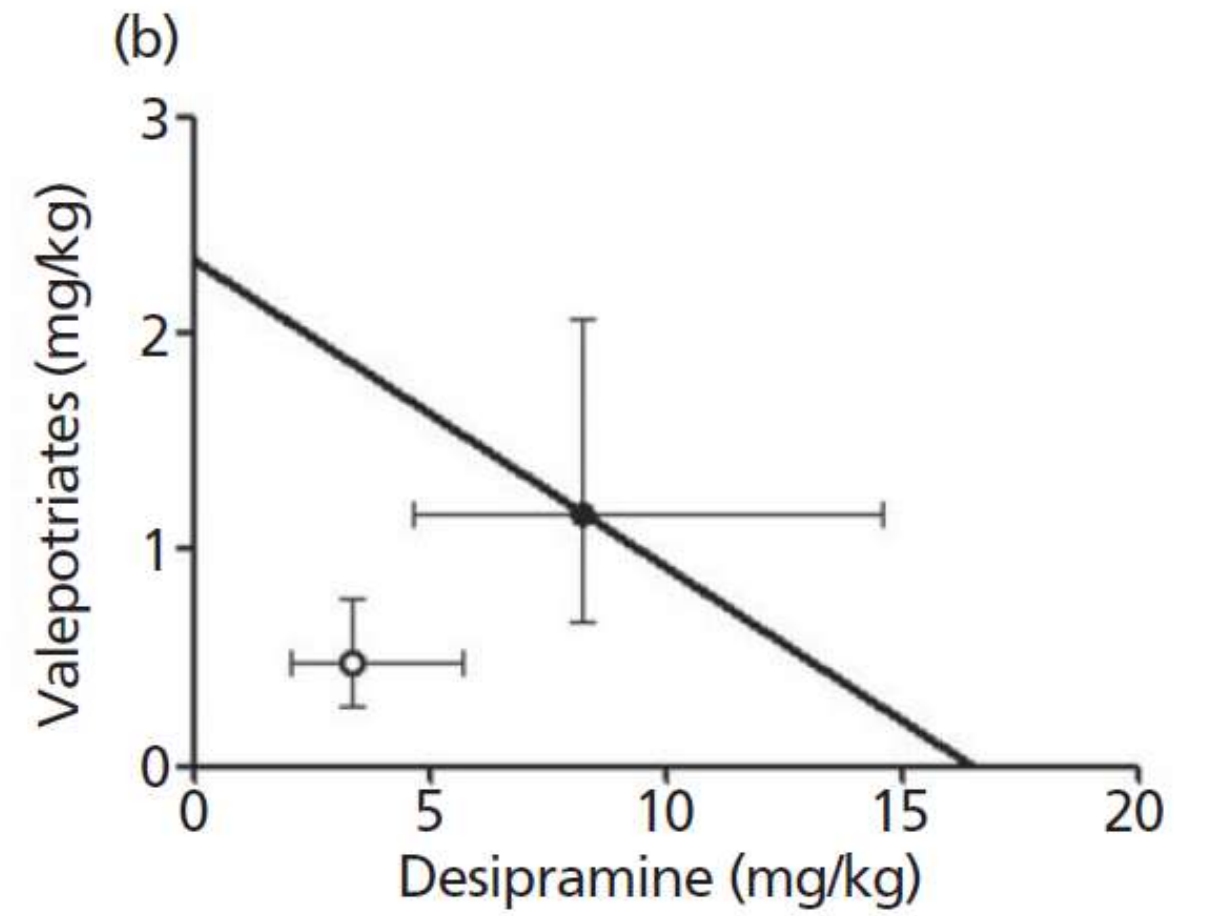
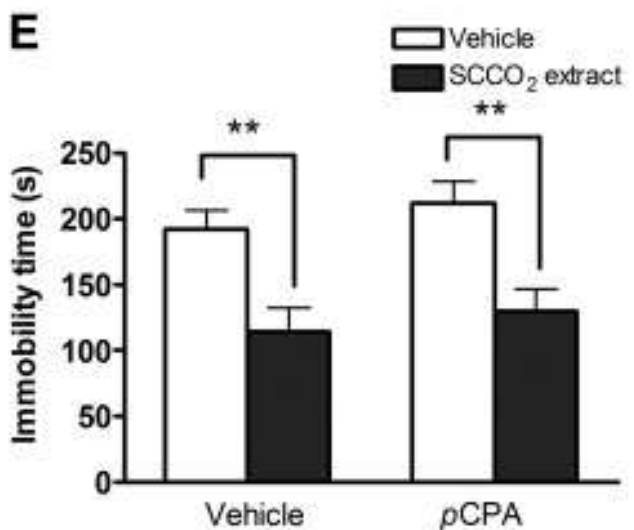
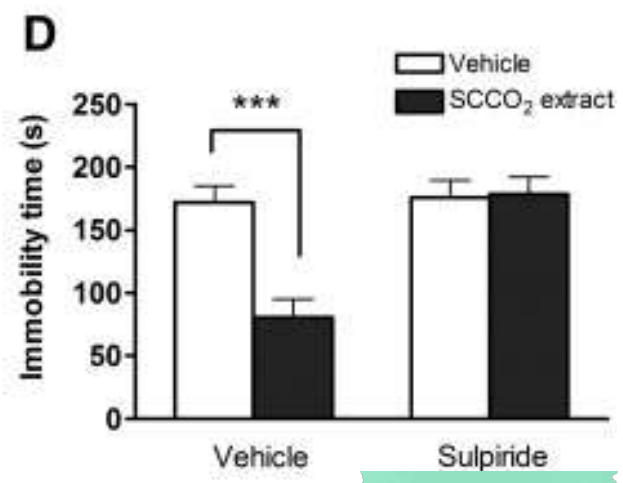
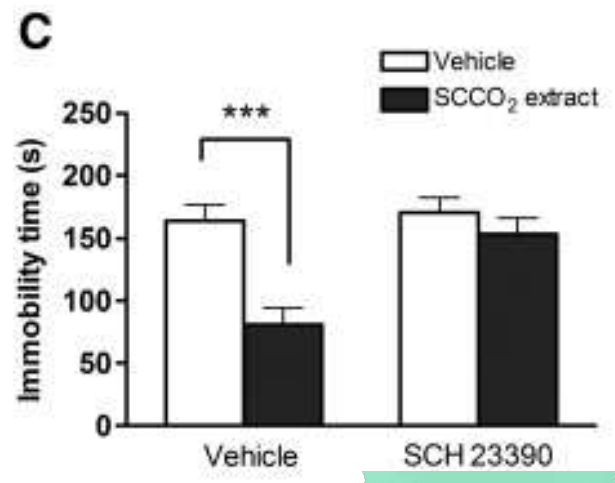
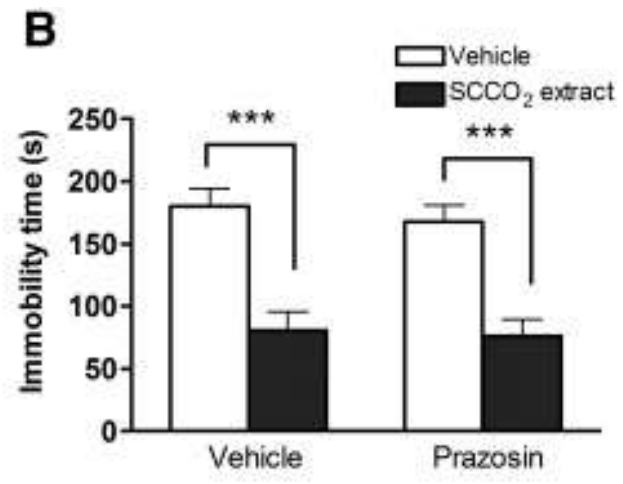
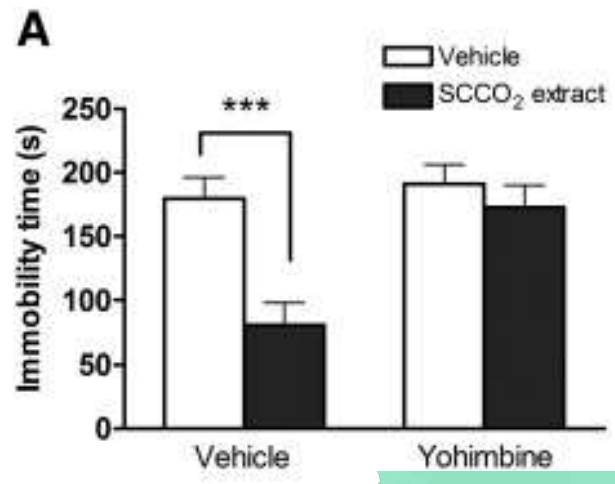
Tramadol and several anticonvulsants synergize in attenuating nerve injury-induced allodynia

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level experimentally.^[21] In addition, isobolographic analyses can be used to provide clues as to the mechanism of action of substances and to suggest potential lines of investigation.^[21] For instance, the occurrence of synergism between two substances may indicate that the effect of each drug is mediated by distinct pathways or that the substances act at two distinct sites.^[22–24]







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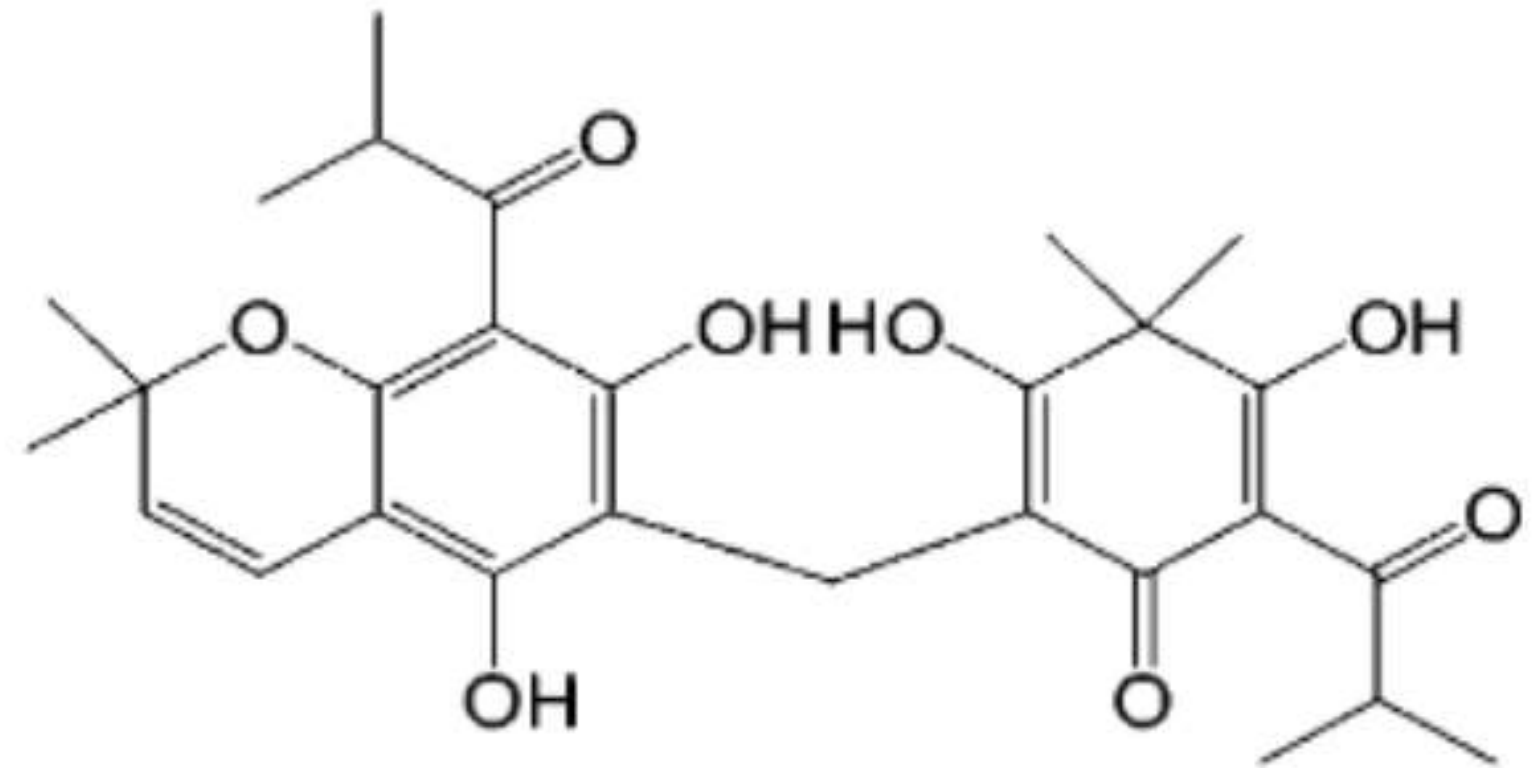
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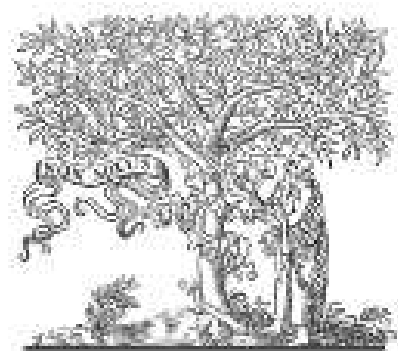
Multitarget molecules



Hypericum polyanthum Klotzsch ex Reichardt
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Uliginosin B





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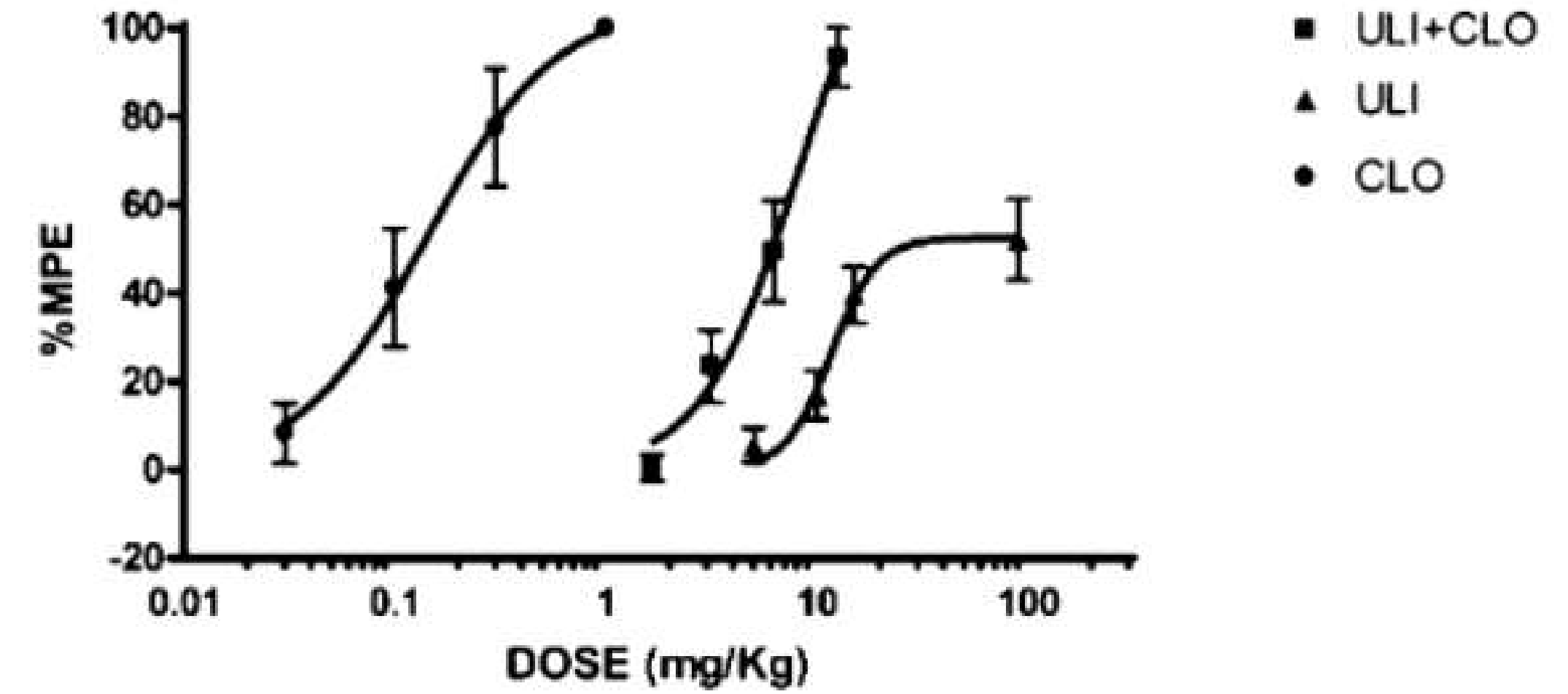
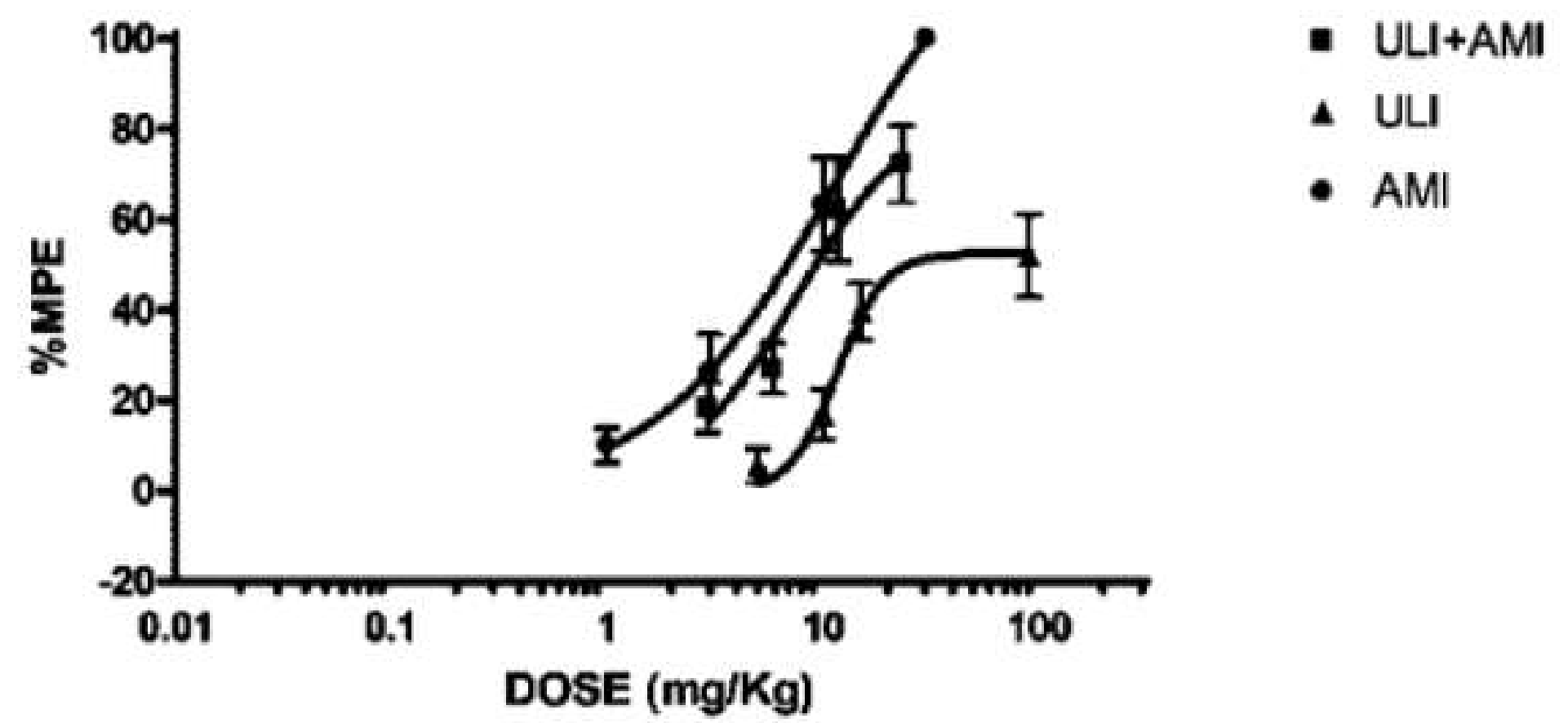
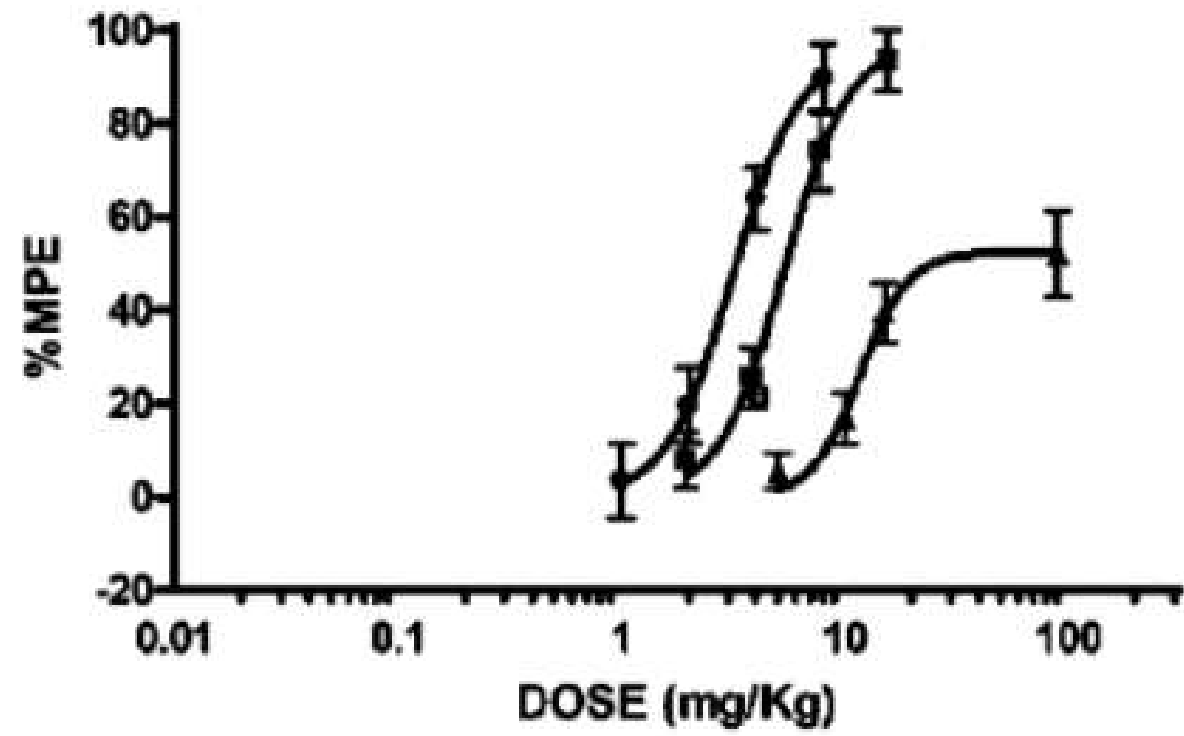
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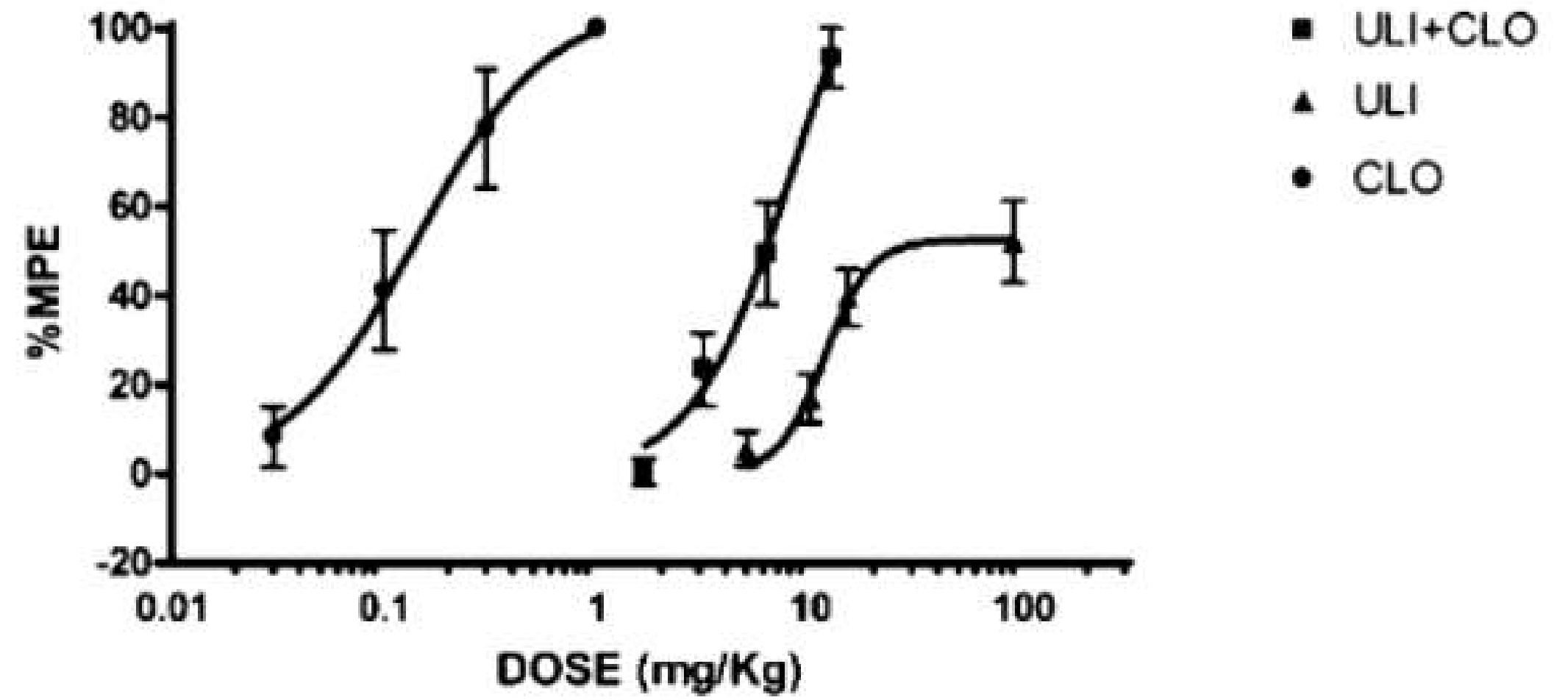
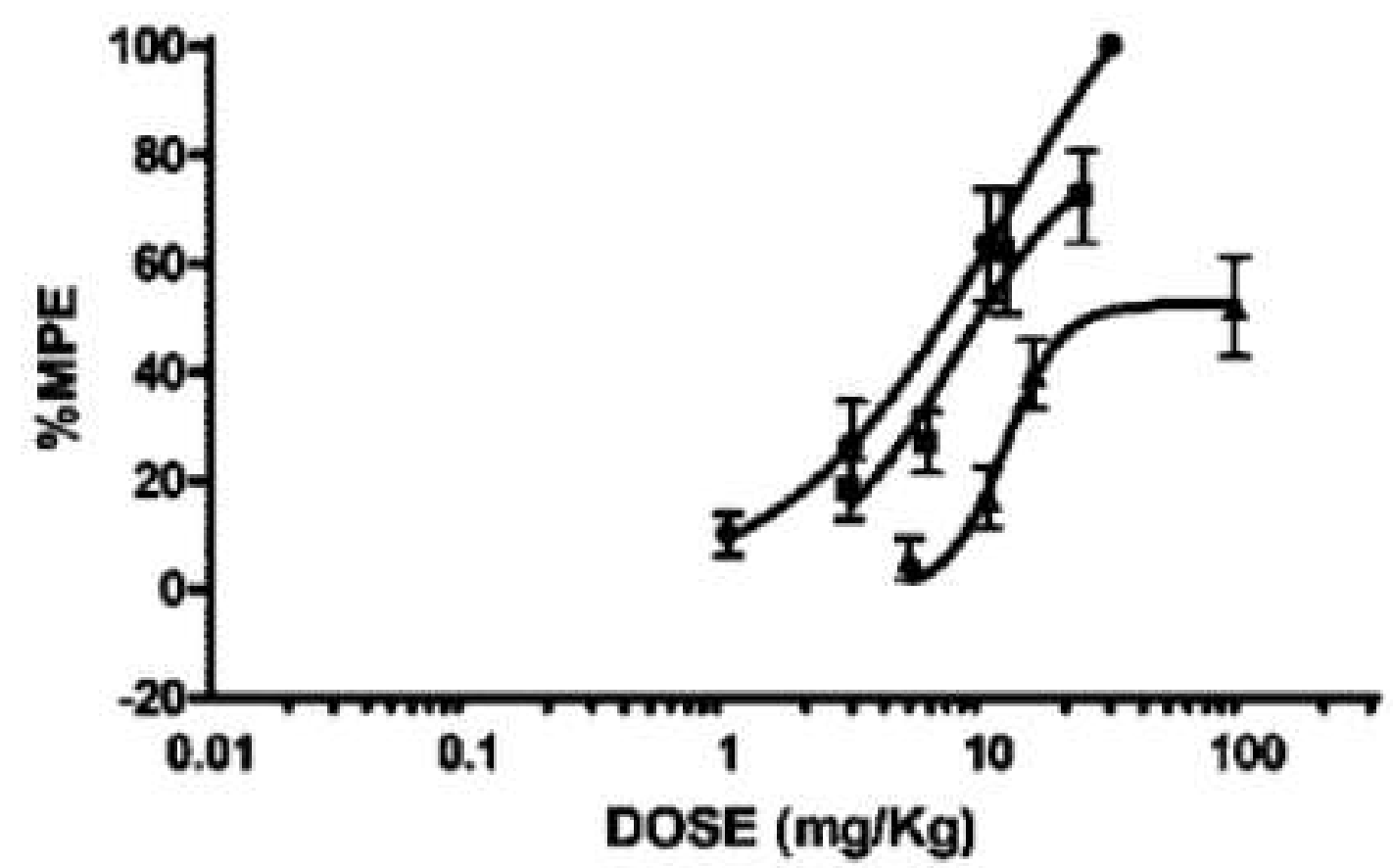
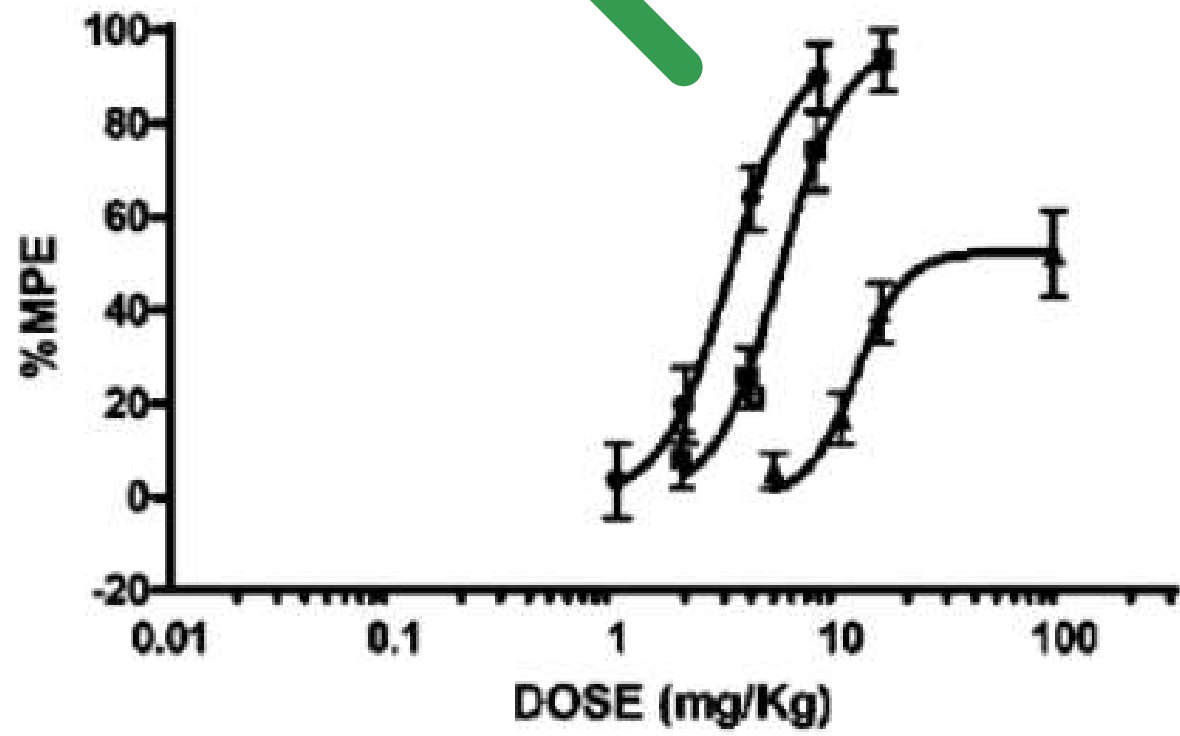
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$$E_i = (E_{\max} D^h) / (D^h + ED_{50}^h)$$

where: E_i is the selected effect level (50% MPE), D is the equieffective dose for this effect level and h is the Hill coefficient.

**Table 1**

Effective doses for the antinociceptive effect of uliginosin B, morphine, amitriptyline and clonidine alone and in combination in the hot-plate test. The ED_{50} and the doses producing 50% of the maximum possible analgesic effect ($D_{50\%}$) with their respective maximum effect (E_{max}) and Hill coefficient (h) were determined by non-linear regression. Doses results are expressed as mean with their 95% confidence interval (CI).

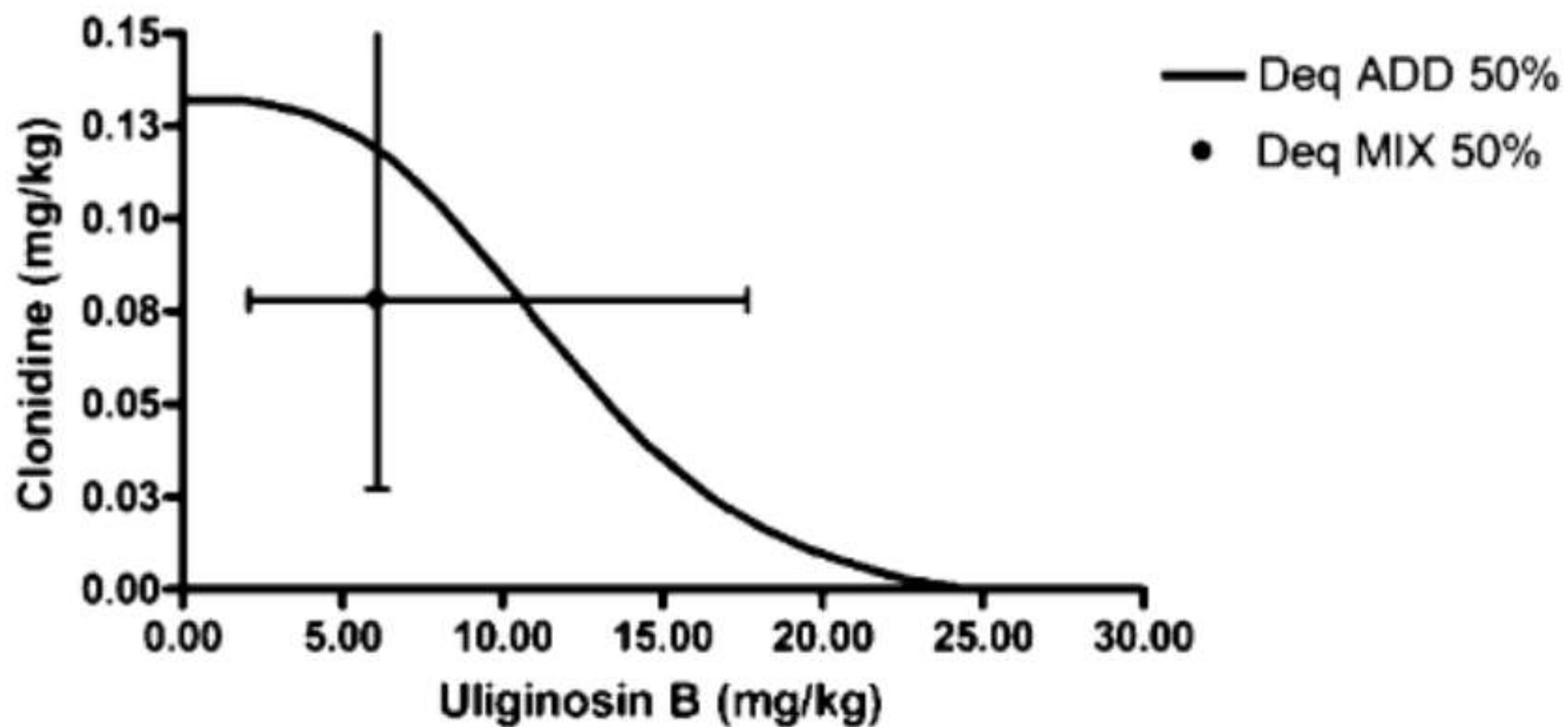
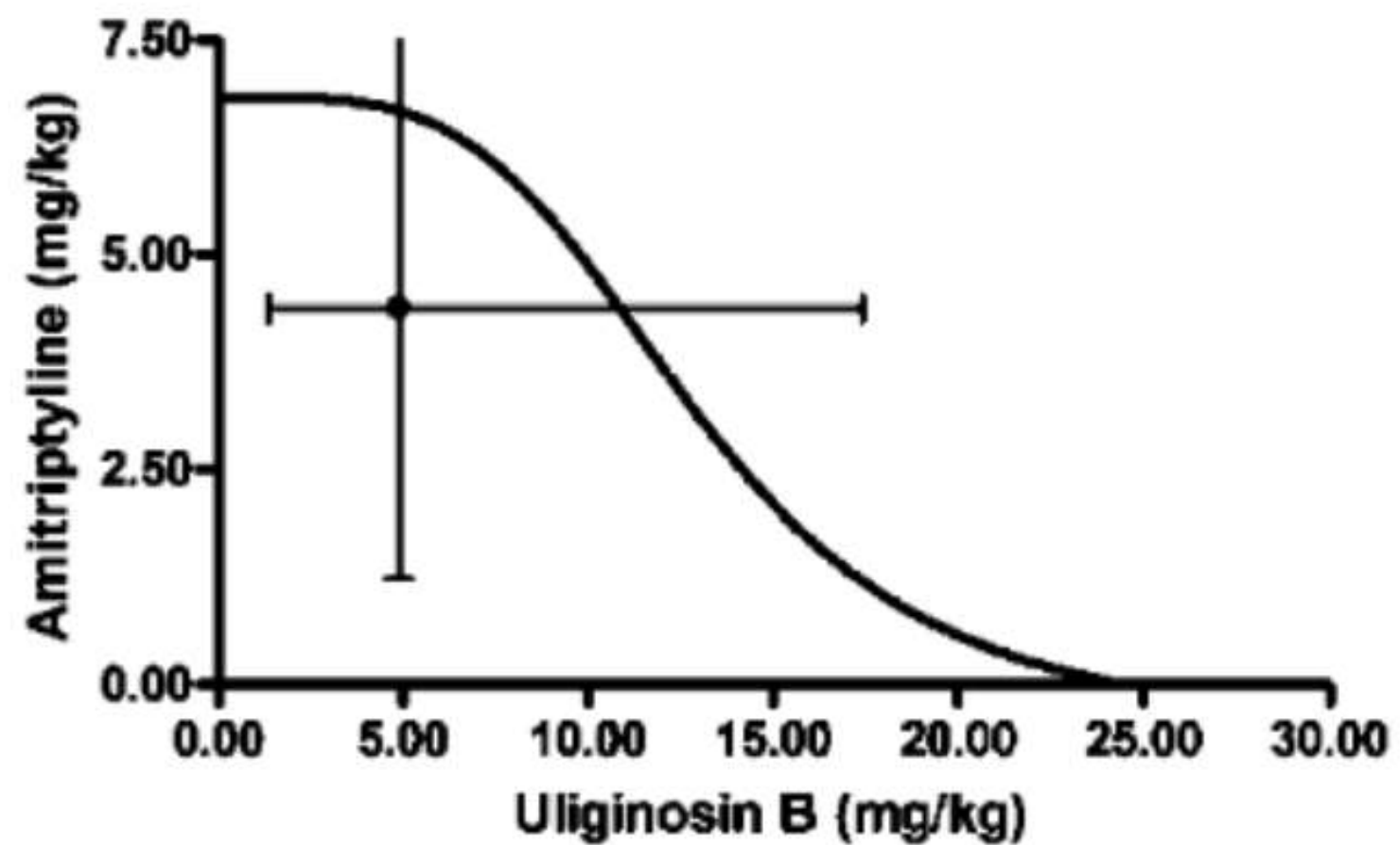
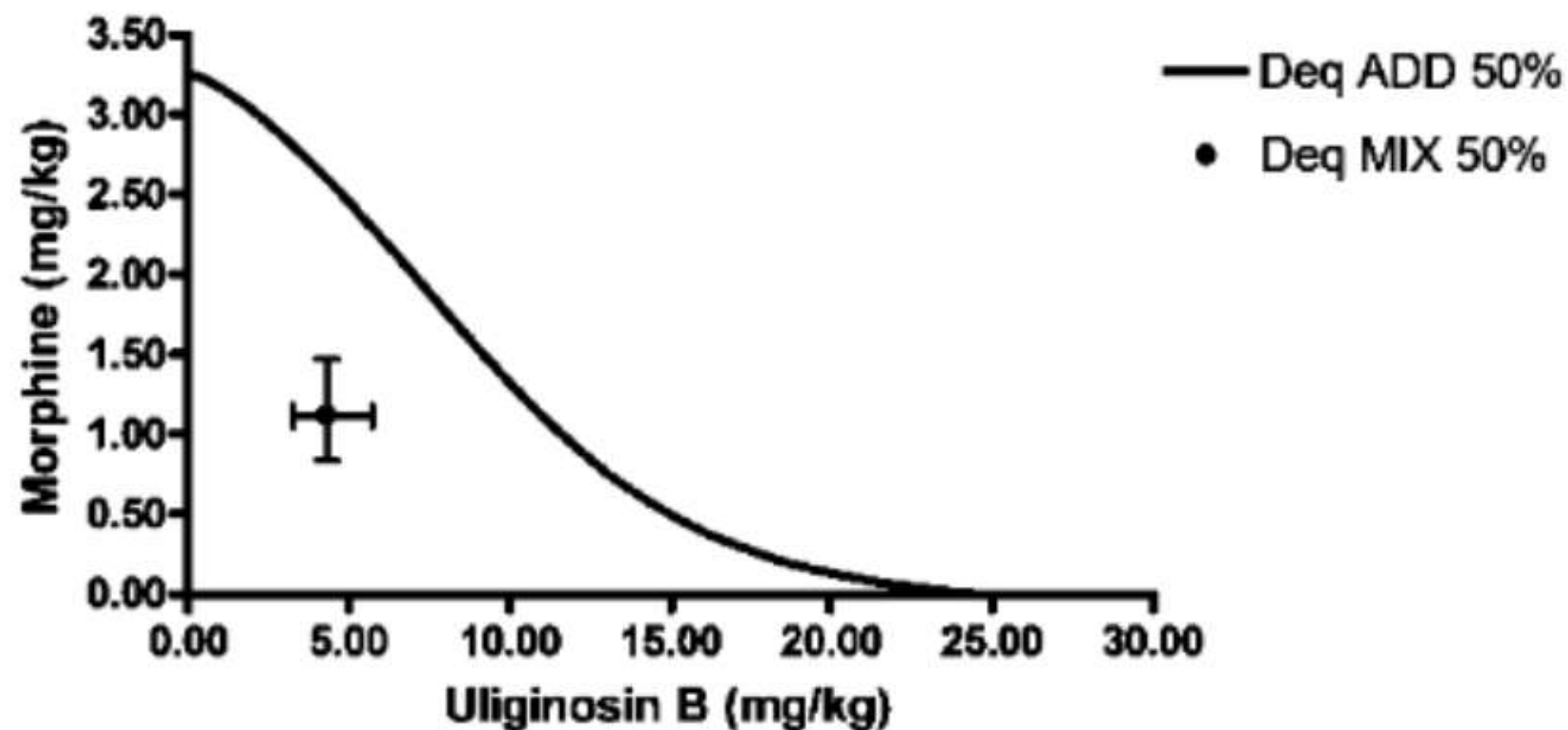
Treatments	ED_{50} (95% CI)	$D_{50\%}$ (95% CI)	$E_{max} \pm S.E.M.$	h
Uliginosin B	11.67 (9.03 – 15.07)	24.51 (6.62 – 32.14)	52.52 ± 6.45	4.025
Morphine	3.15 (2.28 – 4.35)	3.26 (2.33 – 4.55)	95.38 ± 12.68	2.950
Amitriptyline	11.51 (2.22 – 59.70)	6.84 (1.86 – 25.06)	136.50 ± 48.06	1.054
Clonidine	0.14 (0.06 – 0.32)	0.13 (0.06 – 0.28)	105.60 ± 18.50	1.430
Morphine/Uliginosin B	5.39 (4.08 – 7.11)	5.44 (4.10 – 7.21)	97.80 ± 10.44	2.993
Amitriptyline/Uliginosin B	7.50 (2.57 – 21.88)	9.29 (2.61 – 32.89)	85.47 ± 35.71	1.615
Clonidine/Uliginosin B	8.03 (2.19 – 29.44)	6.16 (2.12 – 17.86)	133.10 ± 68.15	1.907



The additive line was calculated using the following equation:

$$B_i = b + D_B / \left[\left(\frac{E_B}{E_A} \right) \left(1 + \frac{D_A^{h_A}}{a^{h_A}} \right) - 1 \right]^{1/h_B}$$

where: B_i is the equi-effective dose for the drug B alone (morphine, amitriptyline or clonidine) at the level effect (50% MPE); (a, b) pairs are the doses of drug A and B defining the isobole of additivity; D_A and D_B are the ED50 values; E_A and E_B are the E_{max} values; h_A and h_B are the Hill coefficients for drug A and B, respectively





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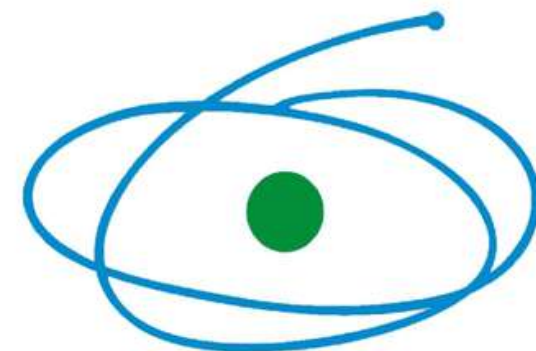
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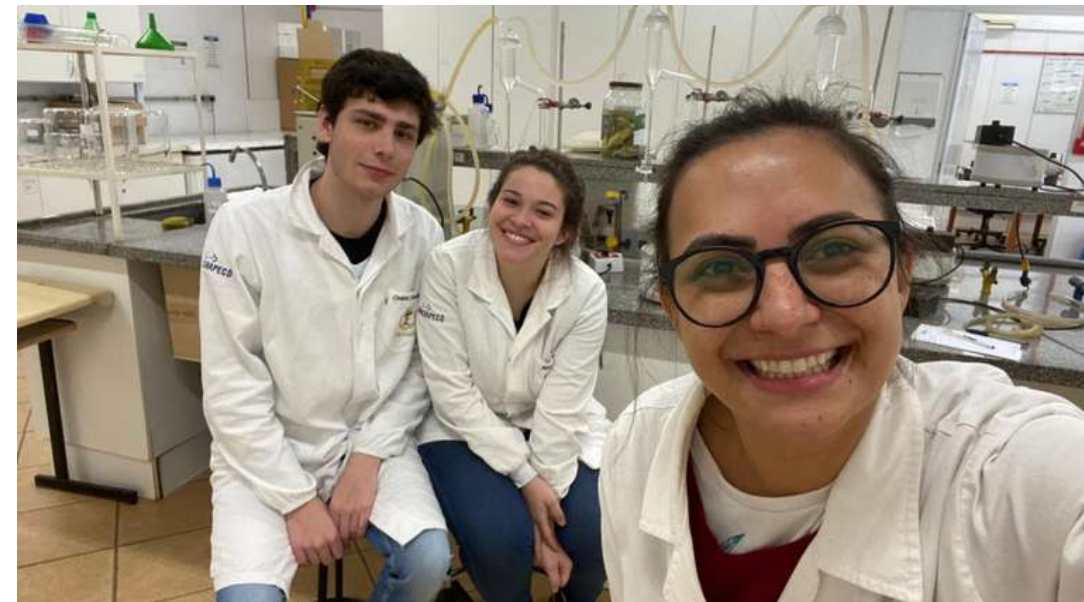






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