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Tecniche innovative per il trattamento del dolore cronico

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Tecniche innovative: requirements

Utilizzabili
in clinica

Non troppo
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Facili da
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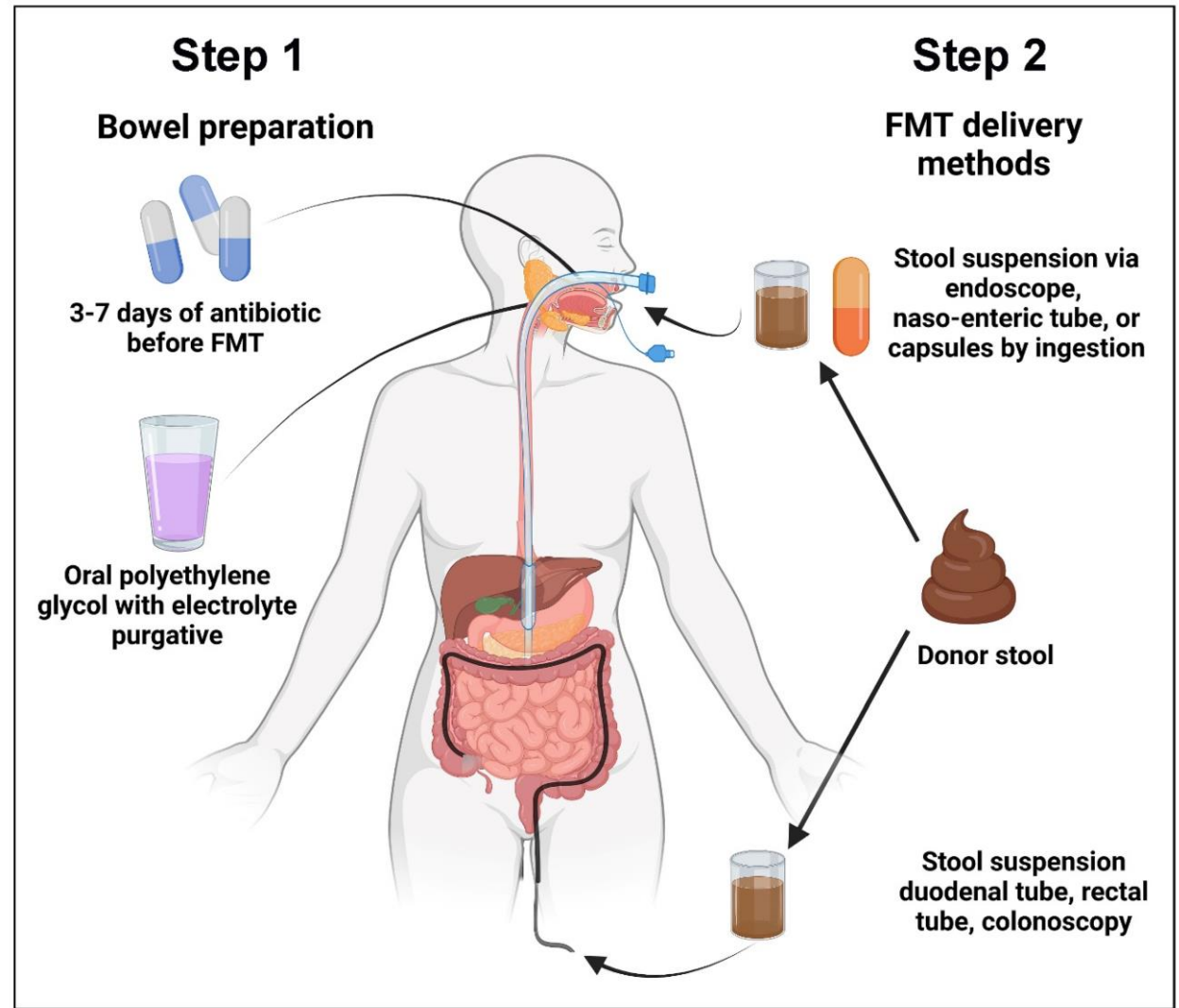


Trapianto fecale



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- C. difficile infection
- GVHD
- IBD
- IBS
- Multidrug-resistant organisms
- Metabolic syndrome
- Autism spectrum disorders
- multiple sclerosis, PD, ...

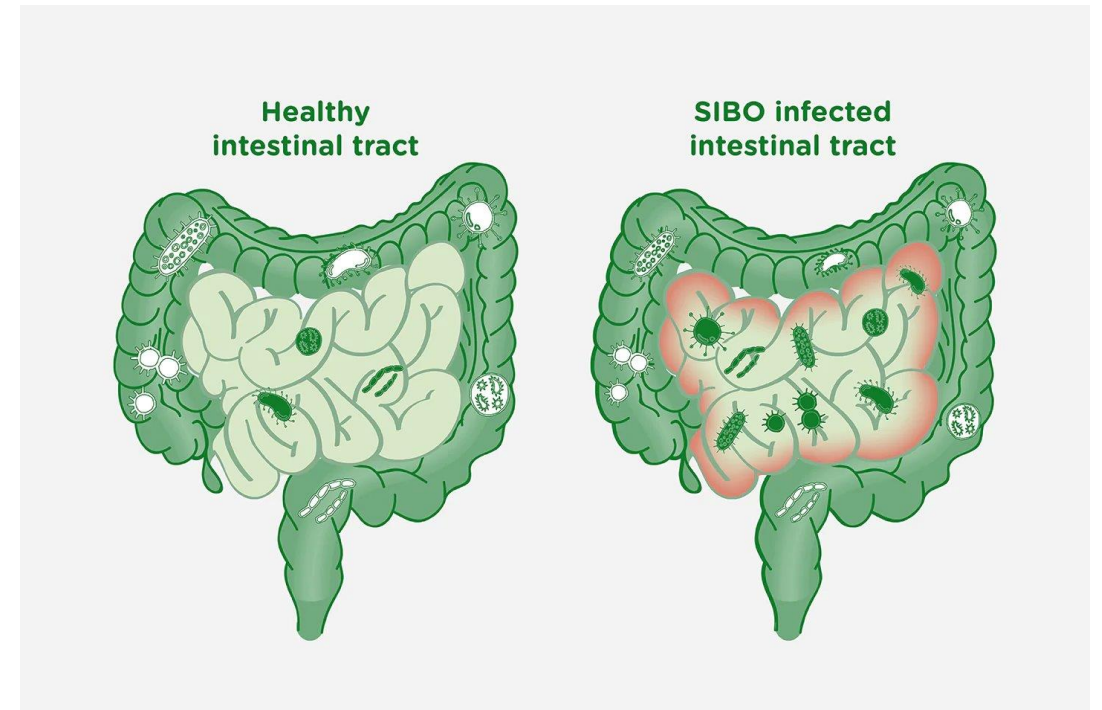


Trapianto fecale: rationale in FMS

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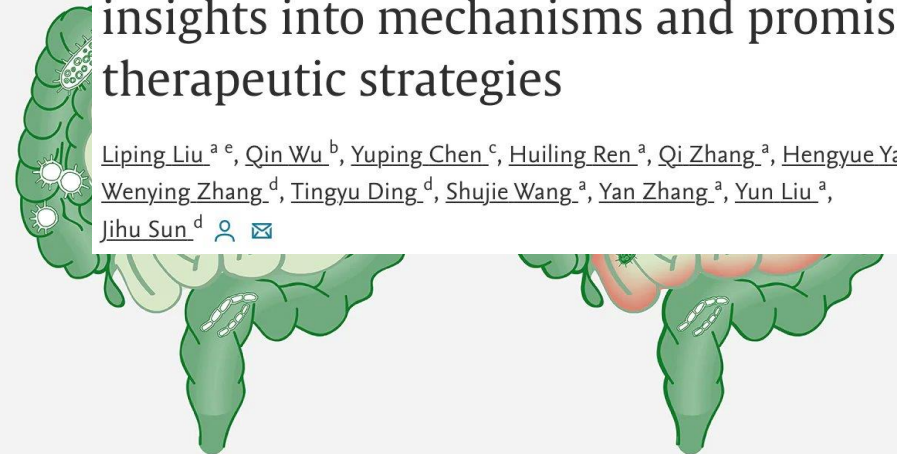
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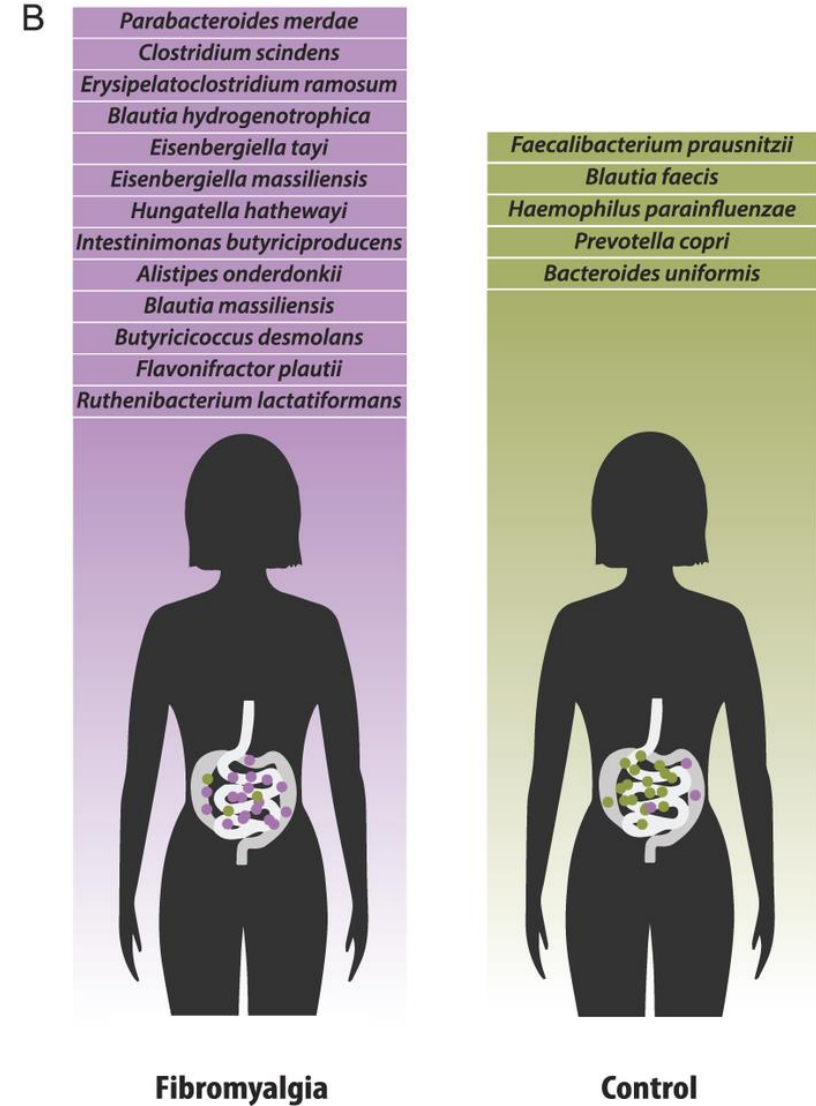
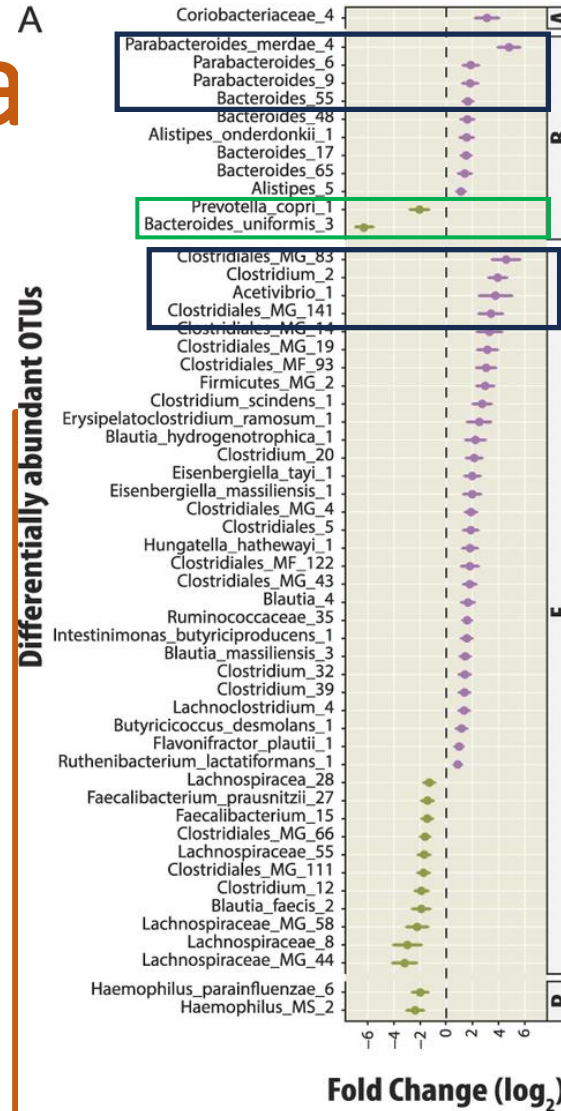
Gut microbiota in chronic pain: Novel insights into mechanisms and promising therapeutic strategies

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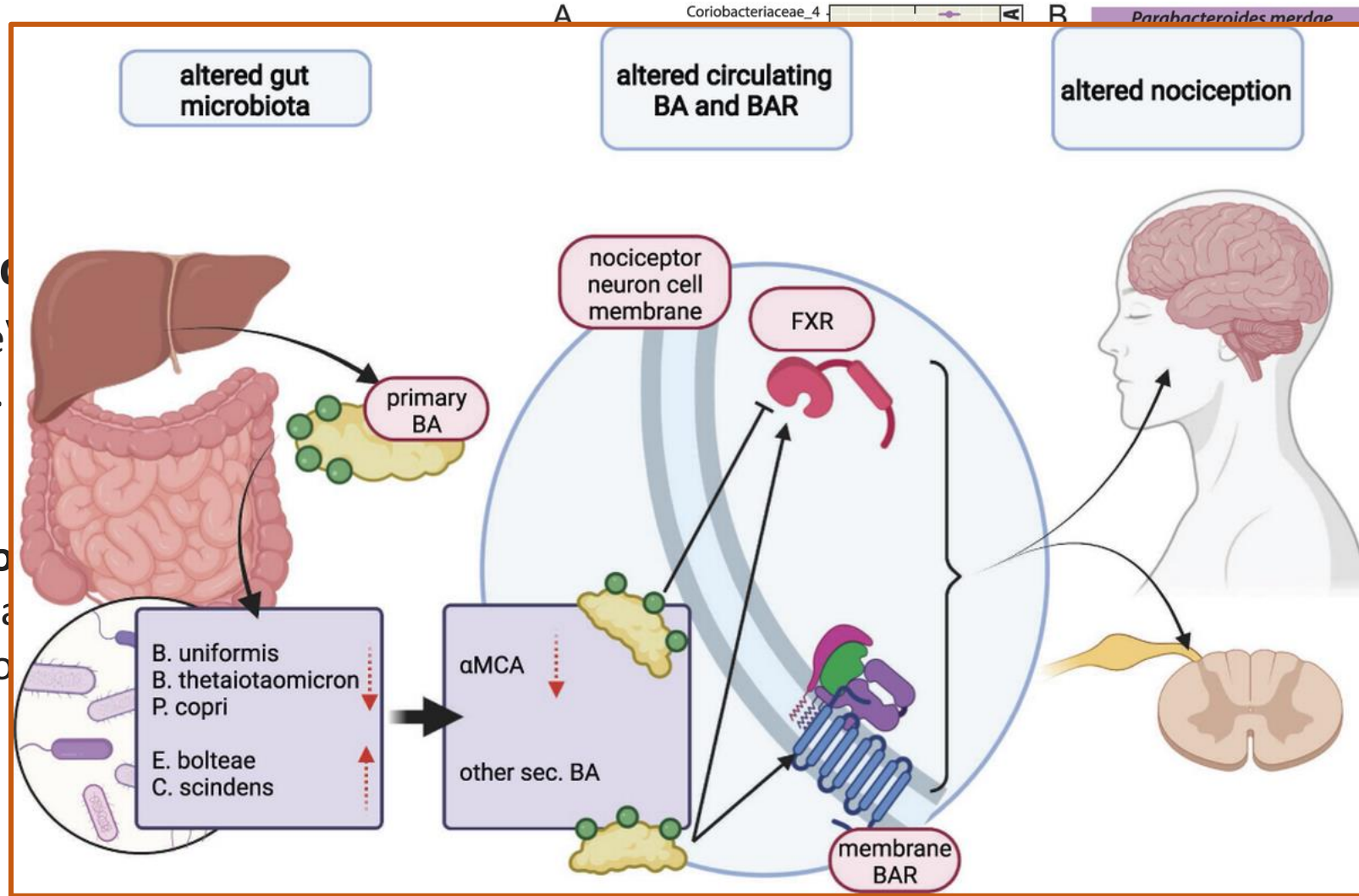
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- Altered microbiome composition
 - Histidine\histamine-producing bacteria.
- Altered **BA composition**: α -muricholic acid (α MCA) and alpha and beta-tauromuricholic acid (TMCA $\alpha + \beta$)

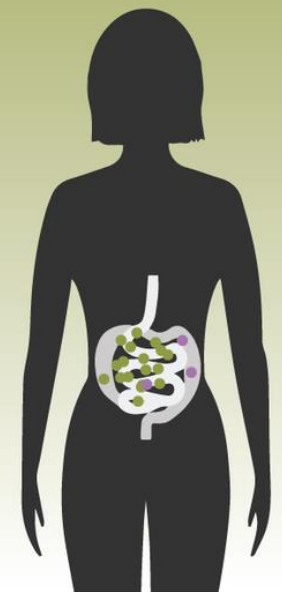


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- Altered microbiota
 - Histidine bacteria.
- Altered BA composition (αMCA) and tauromuricholic acid



- Faecalibacterium prausnitzii*
- Blautia faecis*
- Haemophilus parainfluenzae*
- Prevotella copri*
- Bacteroides uniformis*



Fold Change (log₂)

Fibromyalgia

Control

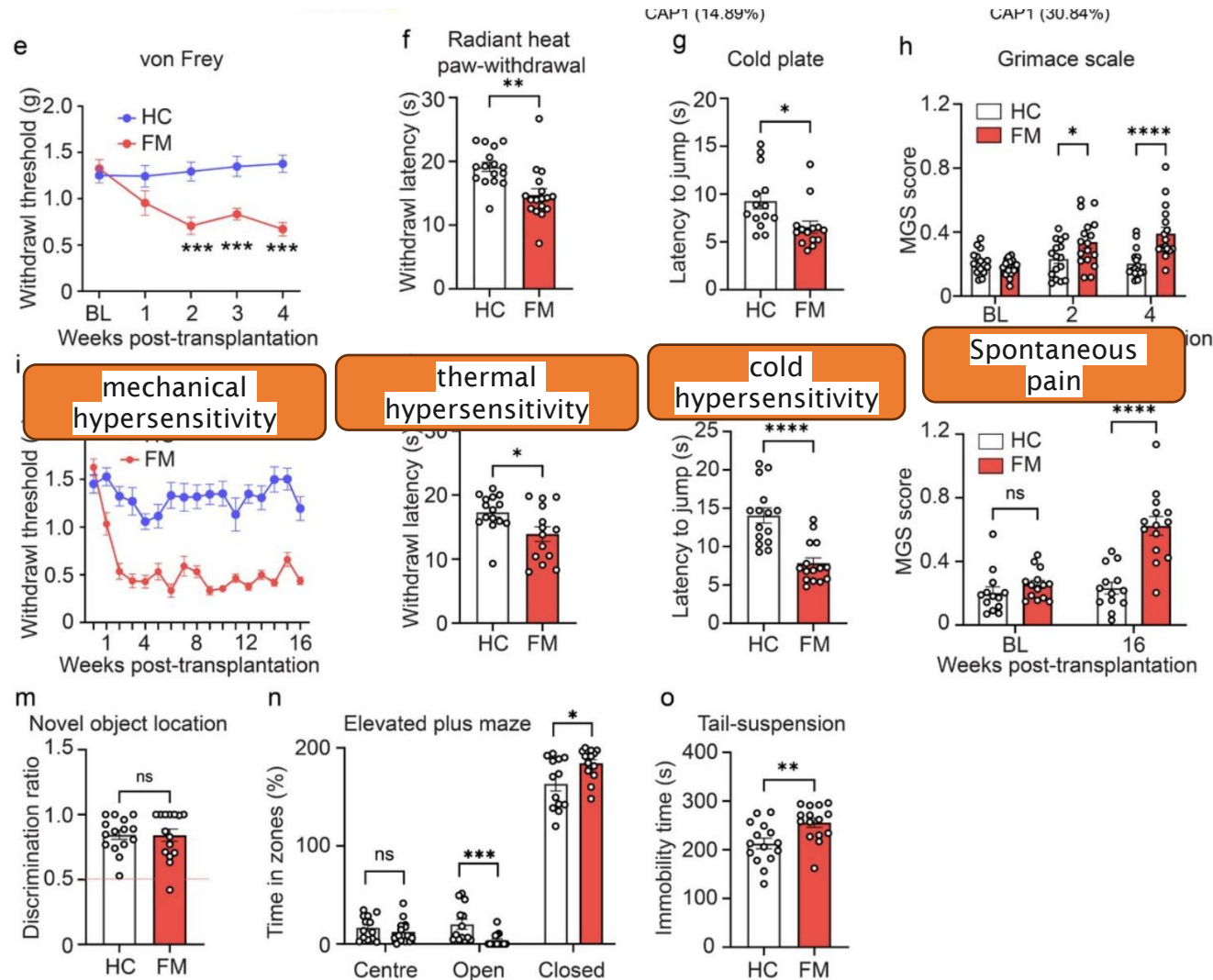
Phylum	Group
A: Actinobacteria	UC ●
B: Bacteroidetes	FM ●
F: Firmicutes	
P: Proteobacteria	

Trapianto fecale: studio traslazionale

1. Gut microbiota transplantation from fibromyalgia patients induces pain in mice

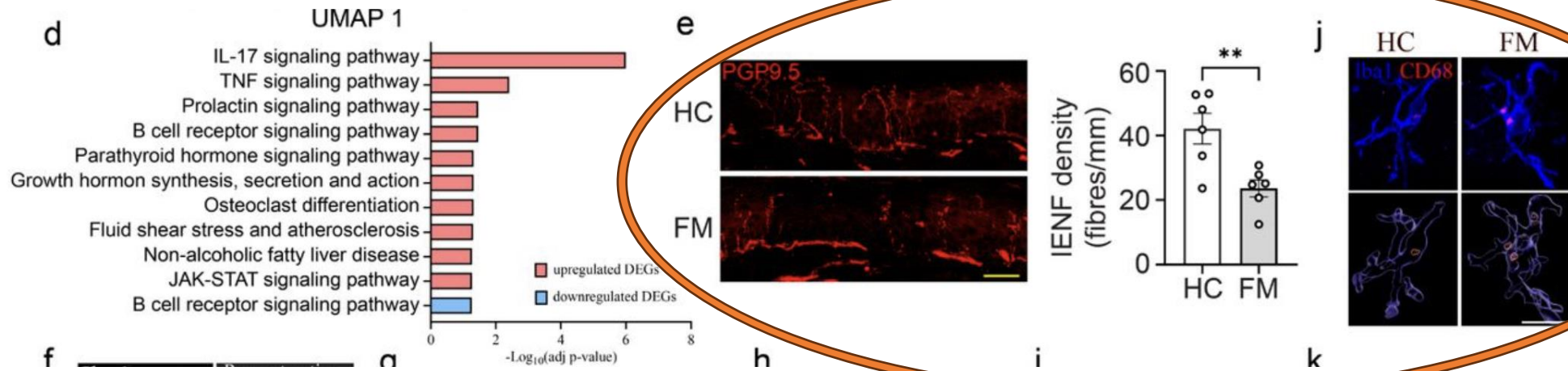
- primary fibromyalgia, who screened negative for anxiety, depression, IBS
- microbiota compositional profile was representative of a previously established fibromyalgia signature

No change in memory, anxiety, depression-like behaviour



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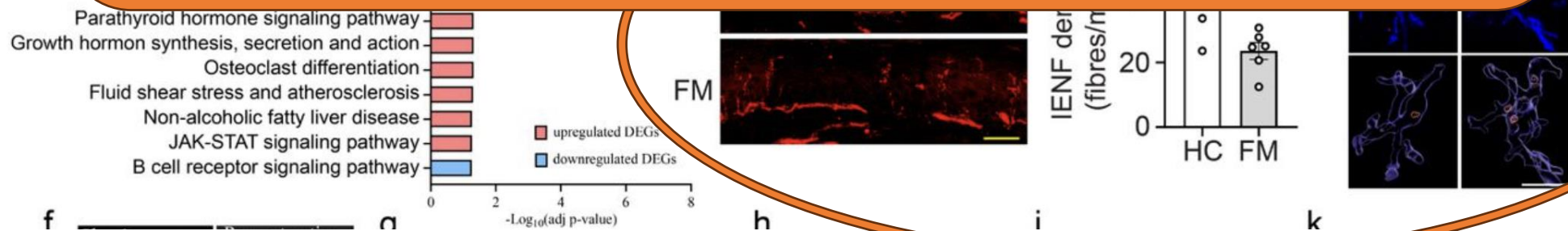
- **Increased** proportion of classical **monocytes** compared to mice that received healthy control FMT
- Analysis of differentially expressed genes within this cellular population showed **enrichment for IL-17 and TNF signaling pathways**,
- **Immune-related changes** were also present in other cell types, including intermediate/non-classical monocytes, memory/plasma B cells, DC, Treg, and B cell-like T cells (Supplementary Table 3). The **proportion of memory B cells was decreased** in fibromyalgia FMT-recipient mice
- In fibromyalgia FMT-recipient mice, **microglia were present in a reactive state** in the lumbar dorsal spinal cord as evident by morphological changes



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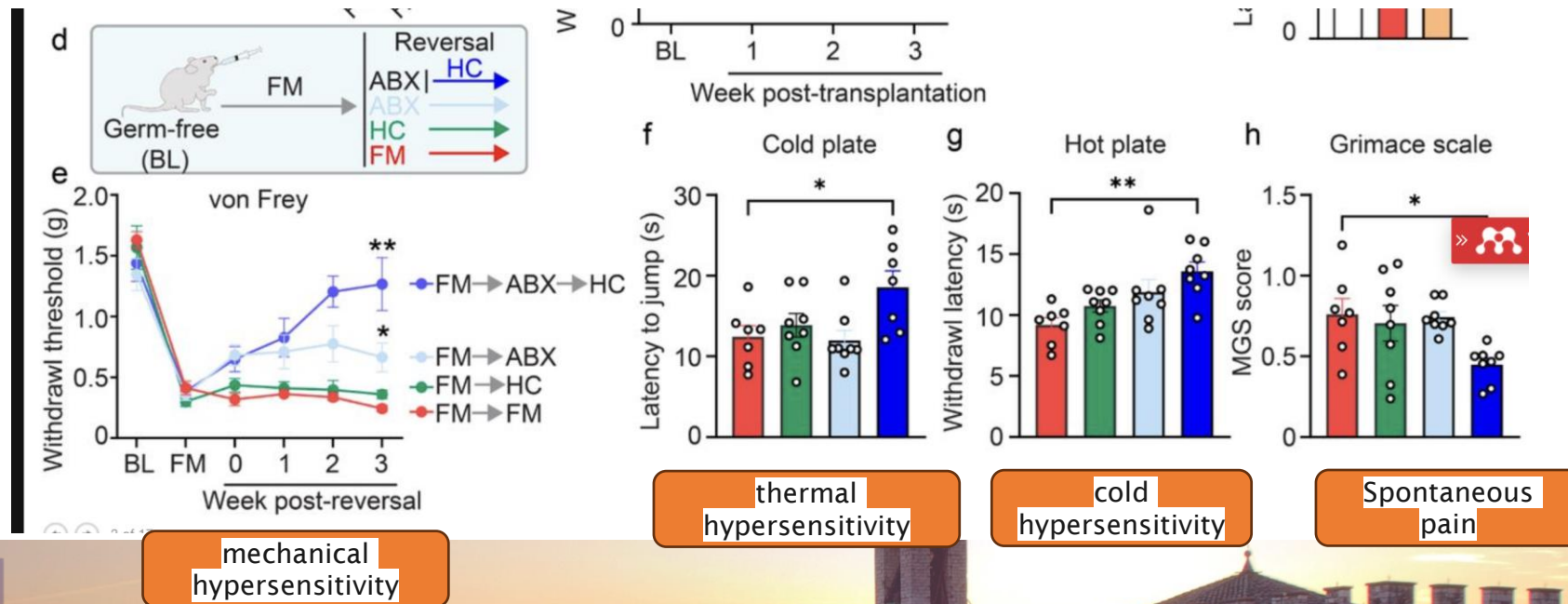
Collectively, these results show that the transplantation of fibromyalgia microbiota into germ-free mice induces multisystemic effects, including **altered metabolic profile, low-grade inflammation, and reduced epidermal innervation**



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2. La sintomatologia si è in seguito normalizzata con un nuovo trapianto di microbiota fecale da soggetto sano.

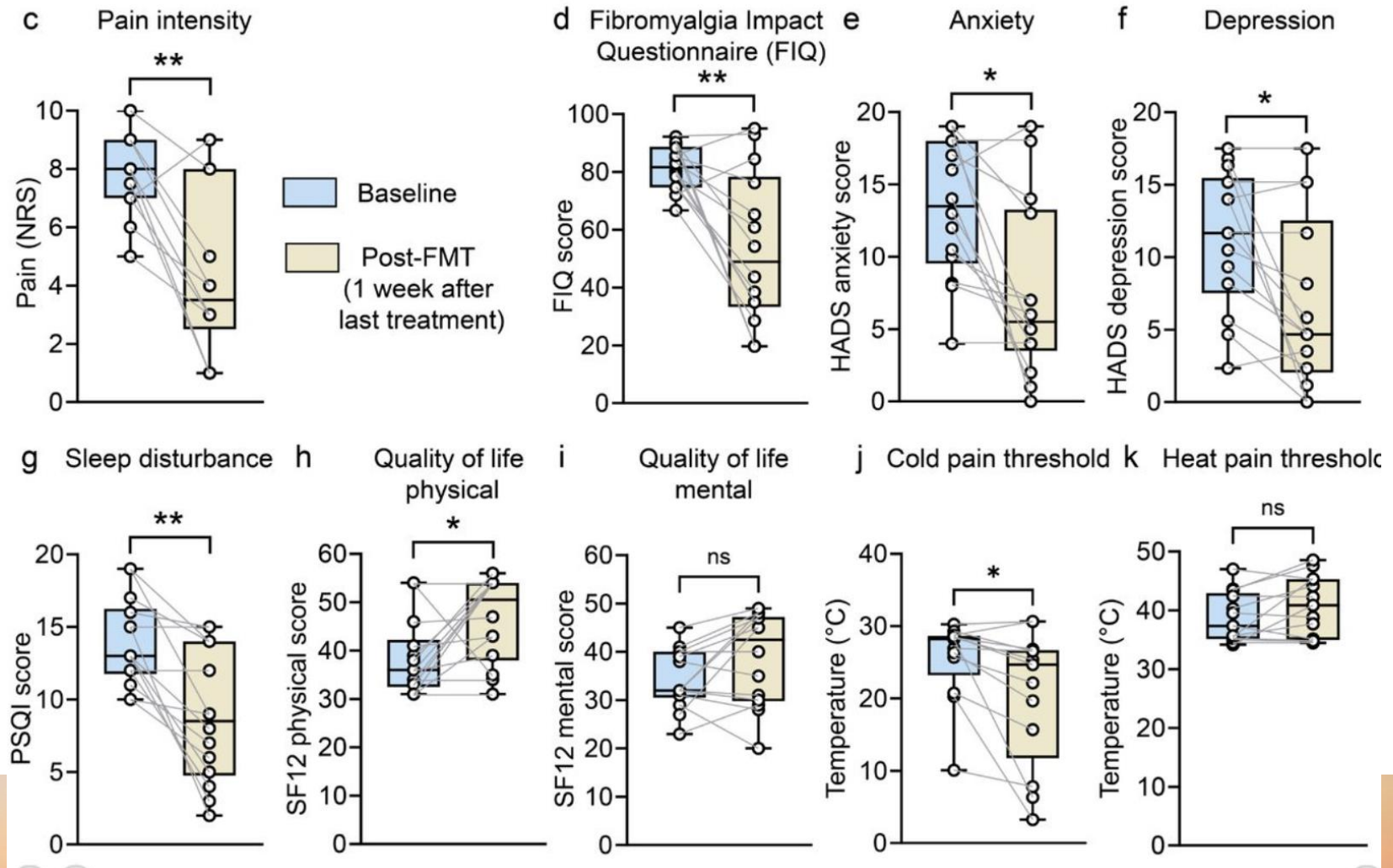
Notably, healthy control FMT into fibromyalgia microbiota-recipient mice without prior suppression of gut communities with antibiotics failed to alleviate pain



Trapianto fecale: studio pilota

3. Open-label, pilot study to investigate the effect of FMT from healthy individuals on the symptoms of fibromyalgia in humans (n.17)

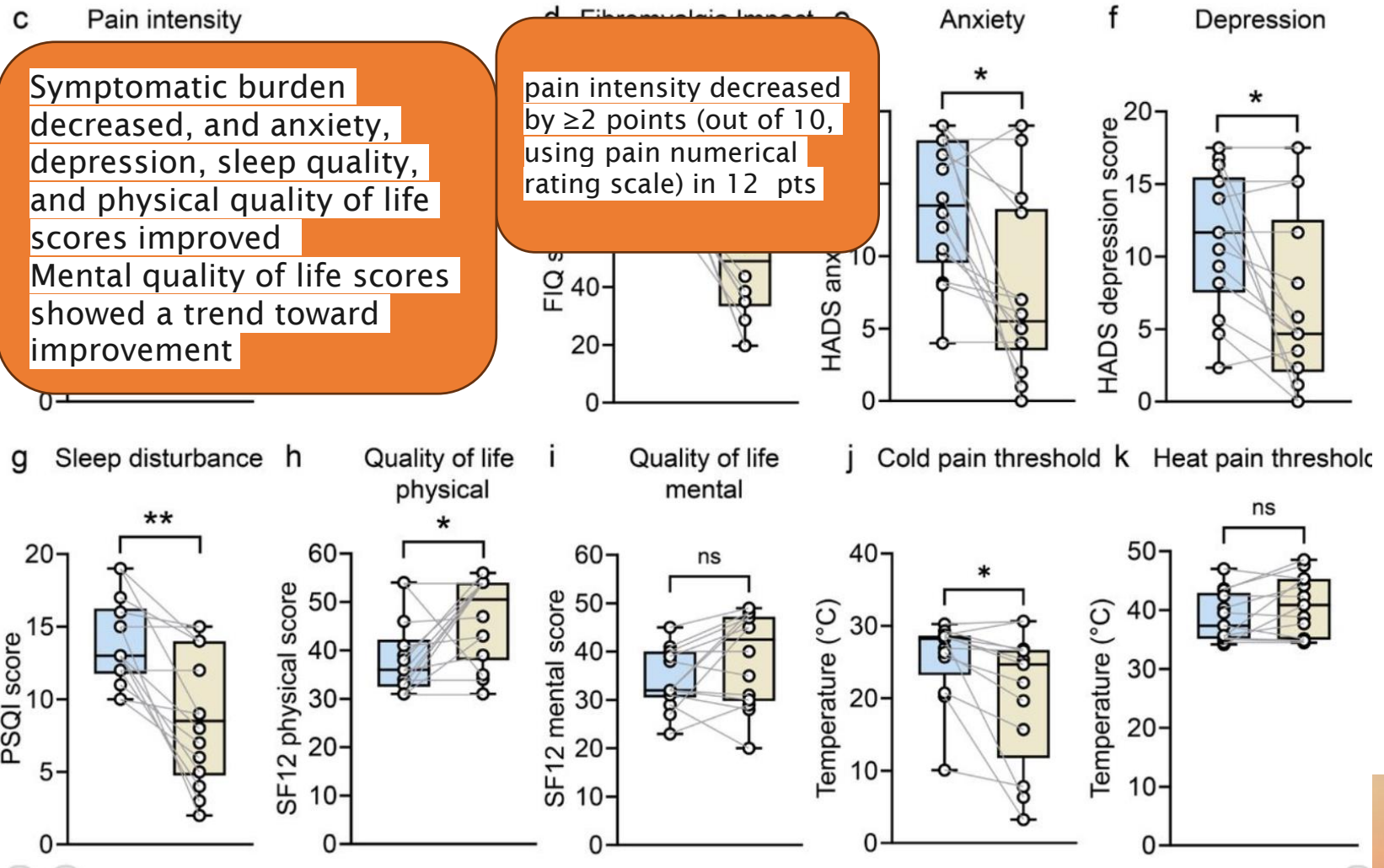
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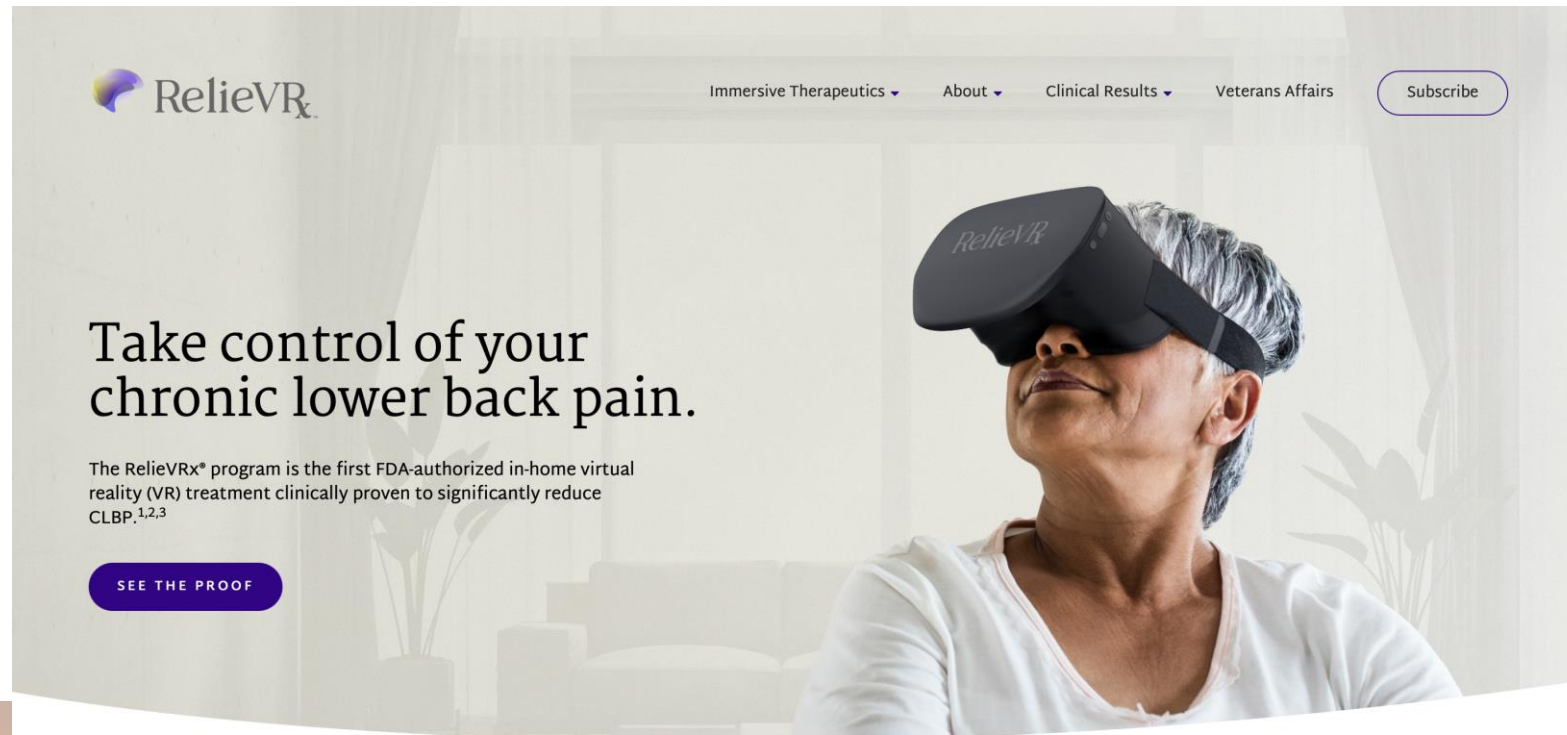
Realtà virtuale

- Tecnologia che utilizza software e hardware per creare **un'esperienza simulata** che può **imitare o sostituire la realtà fisica**.
- Gli utenti possono essere **immersi** in ambienti tridimensionali generati al computer e **interagire** con essi utilizzando dispositivi come visori VR, guanti sensoriali o controller di movimento.
- L'esperienza è di fatto vissuta come realistica (studi di neuroimaging)
- *VR ANALGESIA*



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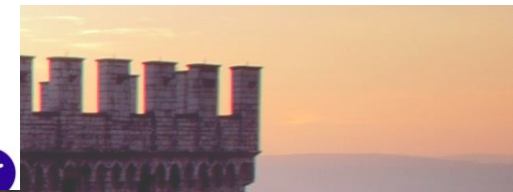
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An 8-Week Self-Administered At-Home Behavioral Skills-Based Virtual Reality Program for Chronic Low Back Pain: Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial Conducted During COVID-19

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Mindful Escapes



Pain Education



Diaphragmatic Breathing



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Responsive training environments enhance diaphragmatic breathing allowing patients to activate and control their parasympathetic response³

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The RelieVRx program offers a simple user experience at every step of the journey



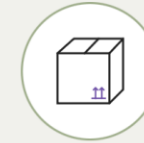
1. At prescribing

After prescribing, the RelieVRx device will ship directly to the patient's home with easy to follow instructions.



2. Ready to Use

The RelieVRx device comes ready to use out of the box with preloaded content.



3. Returning the device

Patients will then return the device in the original packaging using the provided prepaid return shipping label.

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Realtà virtuale: FM: Esercizio fisico

- Studies investigating the effect of VR treatment in FM used **non-immersive VR technologies such as exergames** (Collado-Mateo et al., 2017; Garcia-Palacios et al., 2015; Martín-Martínez et al., 2019; Villafaina et al., 2019).

Nonimmersive VR -> Exergames

🏠 Games for Health

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The Effect of Virtual Reality Exercises on Pain, Functionality, Cardiopulmonary Capacity, and Quality of Life in Fibromyalgia Syndrome: A Randomized Controlled Study

Authors: Musa Polat, MD, Abdulvahap Kahveci, MD ✉, Birsen Muci, PhD, Zafer Günendi, MD, and Gülçin Kaymak Karataş, MD | [AUTHORS INFO & AFFILIATIONS](#)

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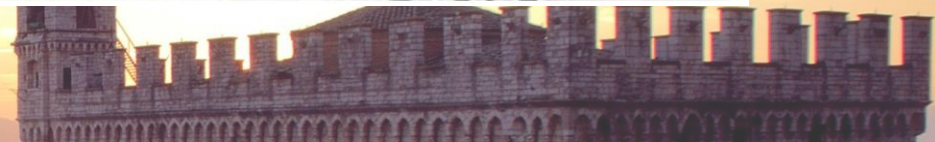
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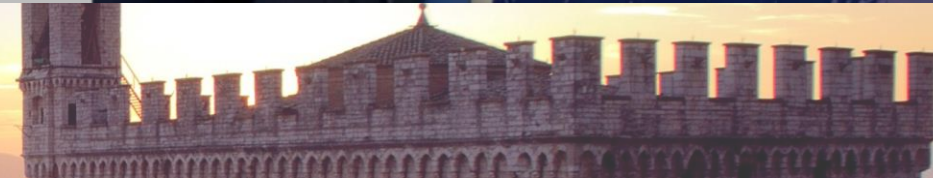
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Realtà virtuale: FM

- Esercizio fisico
- CBT
- Biofeedback multisensoriale

Immersive VR



Realtà virtuale: FM: Esercizio fisico

- EG plus 20 minutes of IVR, twice a week for 8 weeks.
 - IVR: 10 minute dungeon game, the patient was asked to avoid guillotines by tilting ...or jump with both legs.
- **Aim of increasing balance and mobility**

Articles

Effect of fully immersive virtual reality treatment combined with exercise in fibromyalgia patients: a randomized controlled trial

C. Gulsen PT, MSc , F. Soke PT, PhD , K. Eldemir PT, MSc , Y. Apaydin PT, MSc , C. Ozkul PT, PhD ,

A. Guclu-Gunduz PT, Professor   & ...show all

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Exercise+IVR group showed significant improvement compared to the EG regarding pain, kinesiophobia, fatigue, level of physical activity, and mental component of quality of life ($p < .05$)



Realtà virtuale: FM: CBT

🏠 [Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking](#) > Vol. 16, No. 3

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Virtual Reality in the Treatment of Fibromyalgia: A Pilot Study

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- 12 sessions of group CBT (ten 1-hour group sessions, 2 individual sessions) with the support of an adaptive virtual environment containing a specific content for developing relaxation and mindfulness skills.
- Long term benefits at 6 months supported training in slow breathing.



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- 20 participants, rheumatoid arthritis (RA), lupus, and fibromyalgia.
- Guided meditation (GM) environment, + respiratory biofeedback (BFD) environment.



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Virtual Reality Meditation for Fatigue in Persons With Rheumatoid Arthritis: Mixed Methods Pilot Study

Nathan J Dreesmann ^{1,2} ; Diana Buchanan ³ ; Hsin-Yi Jean Tang ³ ;
Thomas Furness III ⁴ ; Hilaire Thompson ³ 

- High Acceptability
- Positive subjective experience
- **Anxiety** was significantly reduced immediately following an GM environment – but not after respiratory BFD. This was inconsistent with results from previous studies and may be a result of the small sample size.
- **Acute pain relief** occurs after immersive respiratory biofeedback and, to a lesser extent, immersive GM.
- The order of intervention did not have a significant effect



Realtà virtuale: meccanismi

- Active **distraction**.
 - attention is required for pain and exists in limited supply
 - VR is thought to be more effective than traditional methods of distraction because of its immersive property
 - high immersion level produces more pain reduction than lower ones (Shahrbanian et al., [2012](#)).

Goal -> **increase user's immersion**

CAVE:

- VR distraction is a more appropriate procedure for specific moments such as when a patient is undergoing a painful medical procedure (experiencing acute pain).
- Chronic pain -> distraction may not always be an effective technique for such a multidimensional condition.



Realtà virtuale: meccanismi

- **Neurophysiologic** changes

- Studies investigating active participation in VR to improve perception of control over pain
 - Loreto-Quijada et al. and Shiri et al. both used techniques that transitioned from visuals representing feelings of pain to visuals representing feelings of calm and comfort or happiness.
- CBT



Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy



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- **Serotonergic psychedelics**

- LSD, Psilocybin, DMT, (MDMA)

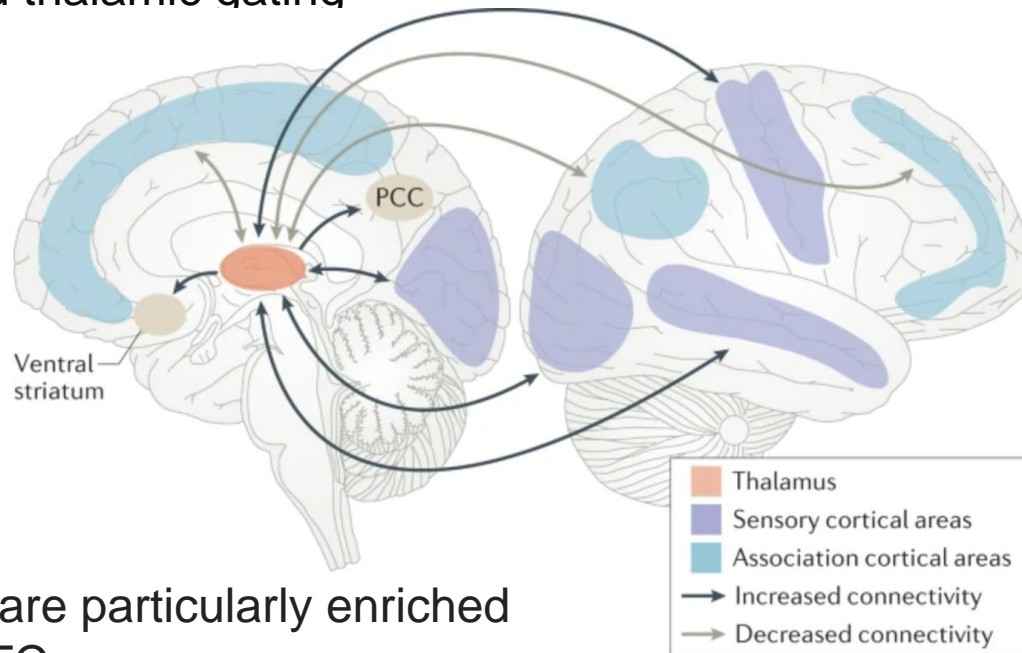
- Mostly act through serotonin receptors | **2A** receptor agonism

- Many psychedelic drugs also have high affinities for 5-HT_{2B} and 5-HT_{2C} receptors & other GPCR




Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy: Mechanisms

Widespread changes in neural activity, particularly within the **cortico-striato-thalamo-cortical loops**, Which play crucial roles in regulating perception, cognition, and behavior. | Increased cortical activity, altered thalamic gating




5-HT2A are particularly enriched in the PFC


Treating the Cause: Medicinal Psilocybin Assisted-Psychotherapy for Depression



Alters communication between brain networks, such as the Default Mode Network (DMN), which are associated with many mental illnesses.




Enabling patients to 'break out' of repetitive and rigid styles of thinking, feeling and behaving.



Promotes a form of "active coping", restoring patient agency.

Increased communication between brain networks (based on fMRI scans)



Psilocybin Placebo

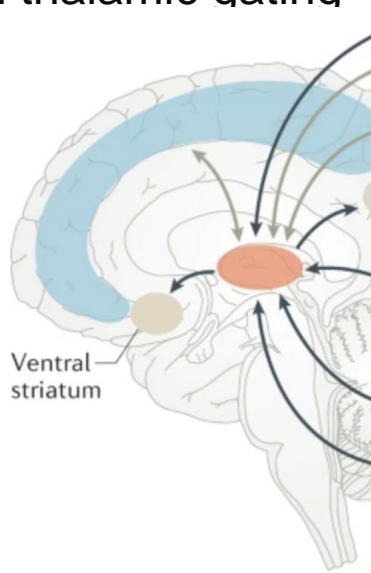
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Changes in measures of connectivity -> **psychedelic-evoked neural plasticity** (neuroplastic adaptation) even after 1 administration -> lasting symptom improvements

> BDNF, AMPA and NMDA-driven neuroplasticity

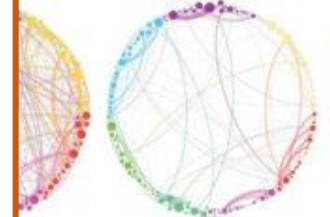
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Placebo

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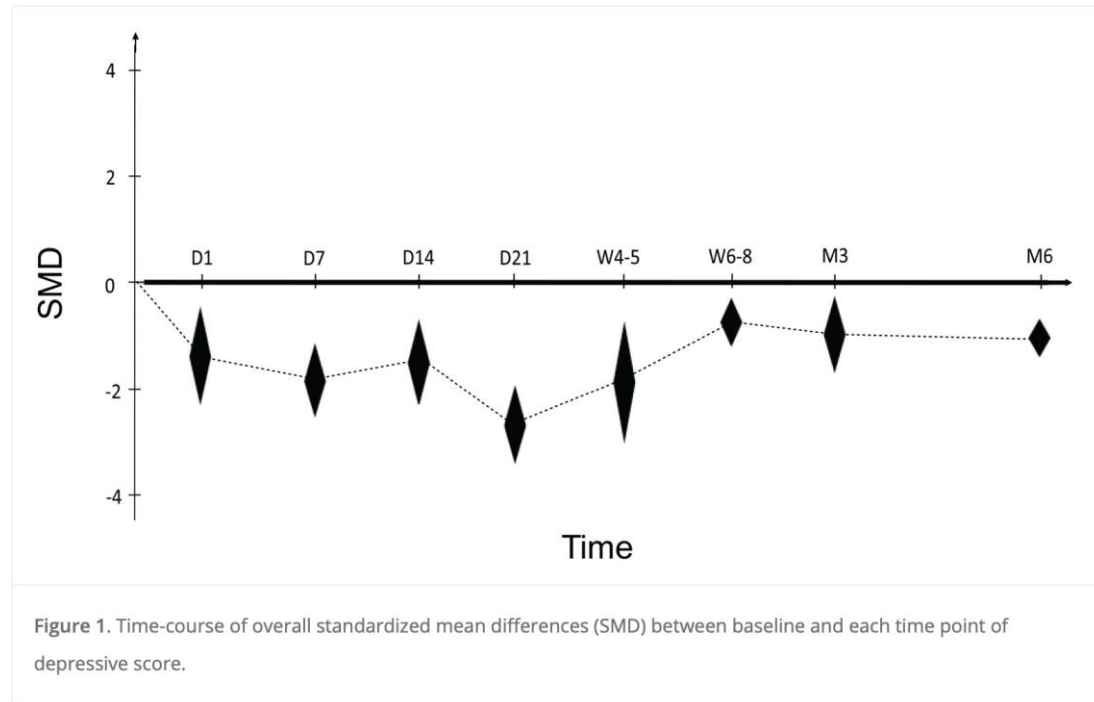
PAT: Depression

- 8 studies
- A significant decrease of depressive symptoms was found from day 1 to 6 months after psychedelic sessions (drug administration + psychological support).
- No serious adverse effect was reported in all included studies.
- To our knowledge, ketamine is the only treatment which had shown relative similar results

Efficacy of psychedelic treatments on depressive symptoms: A meta-analysis


Bruno Romeo , Laurent Karila, [...], and Amine Benyamina  [View all authors and affiliations](#)

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- In the meta-analysis of 7 randomised controlled trials, symptom reduction was significantly indicated in three timepoints out of four, including 1-day, 1-week, and 3–5 weeks, with the exception of the 6–8 weeks follow-up point which was less conclusive.




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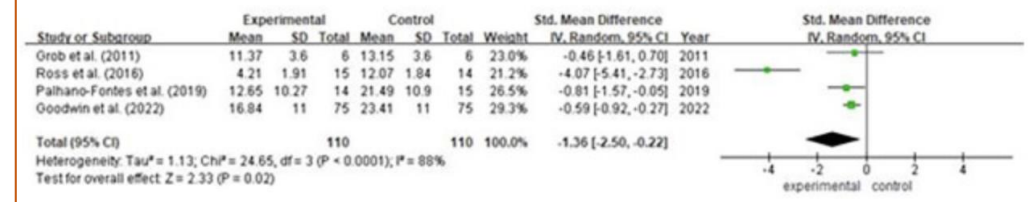
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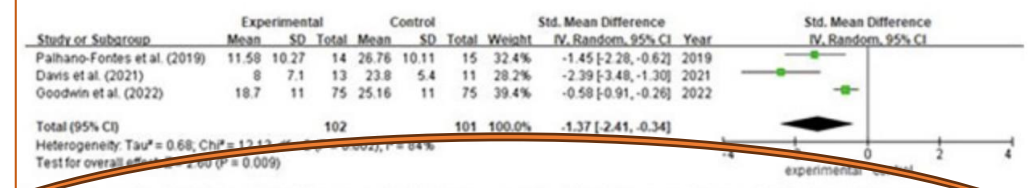
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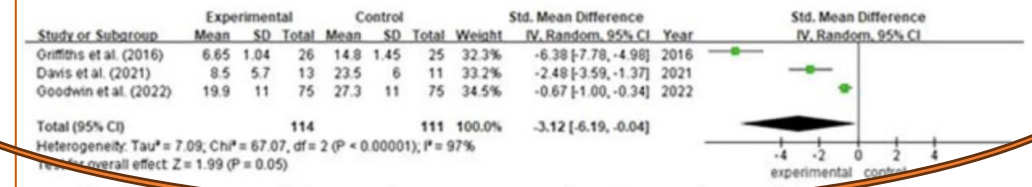
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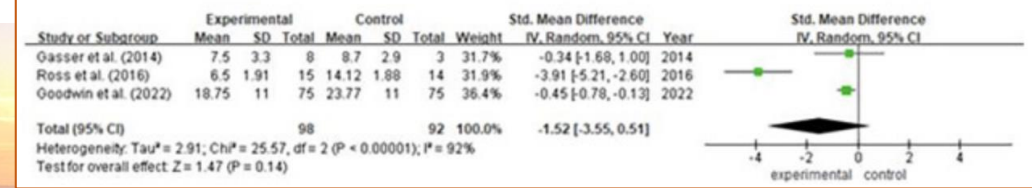
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Standardised Mean Difference between control and experimental at weeks 3-5



Standardised Mean Difference between control and experimental at weeks 6-8



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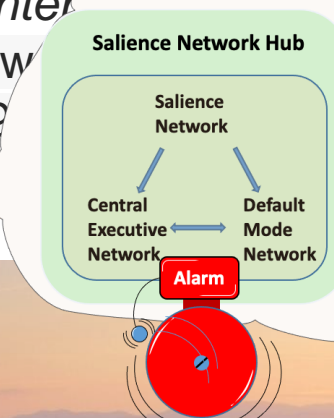
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overall CPGS *severity grade* w
the highest pain cluster ($n = 9$)
the medium pain cluster ($n =$





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Posttraumatic stress disorder in fibromyalgia syndrome: Prevalence, temporal relationship between posttraumatic stress and fibromyalgia symptoms, and impact on clinical outcome

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Baseline After session 1 After session 2 After session 3



Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy: Mechanisms

- In **fMRI** studies in healthy volunteers, psilocybin and MDMA **attenuate amygdala reactivity** to negative and neutral stimuli and increase activity in the frontal cortex, modulating circuitry that can become dysregulated following trauma (Kraehenmann et al., 2015; Feduccia et al., 2018).
- Reduced amygdala reactivity in response to affective stimuli and associated negative affect was decreased **1-week** post psilocybin administration in healthy volunteers (Barrett et al., 2020).
- In PTSD, psilocybin may also inhibit fear responses during the revisiting of traumatic material.

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by MDMA



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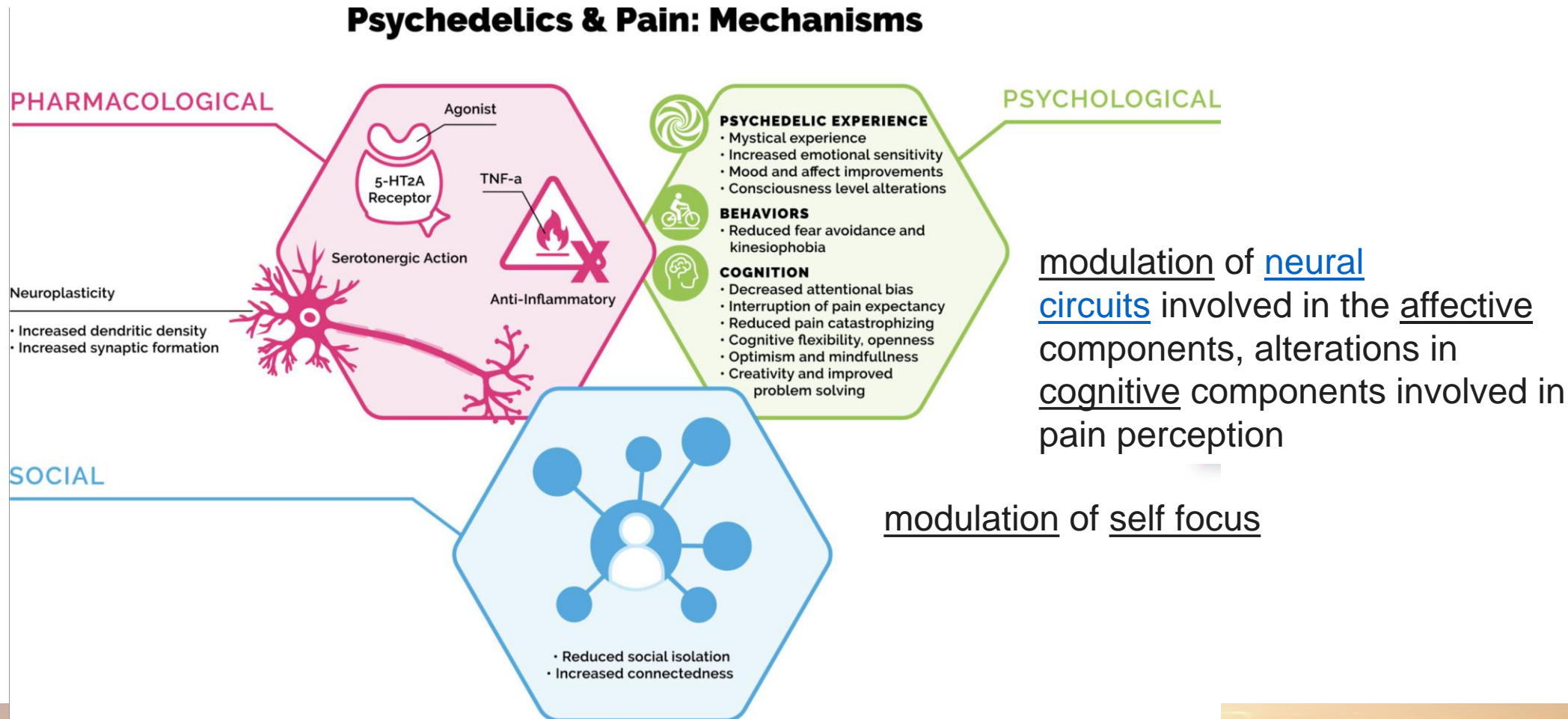
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PAT for chronic pain: therapeutic model

- Necessity to adapt the psychiatric model of PAT application to chronic pain
- For some conditions, such as cluster headache and migraine, the drug alone, at smaller doses with subtle subjective effects, may have therapeutic benefit.
- It is vital to reconsider the current emphasis on more resource-intensive psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy and advocate for a more flexible, diversified, and pragmatic role of psychedelics in this group of medical conditions.
- Priorities for future research include identifying **ideal dosing parameters** (How much drug should be administered, and when?), **elucidating mechanisms of action** (How do psychedelics work?) and delineating the influence of extra-pharmacologic factors (What might be therapeutic other than the drug itself?), all in the service of advancing therapeutic benefit.
 - The lack of specificity of the popular term ‘microdosing,’ for instance, generates confusion. It encapsulates a range of potential regimens from a single sub-psychedelic dose in one’s lifetime to daily small doses for the rest of one’s life, which are starkly differing scenarios with very different pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic consequences.





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