



# Stimulant Treatment of Pediatric ADHD

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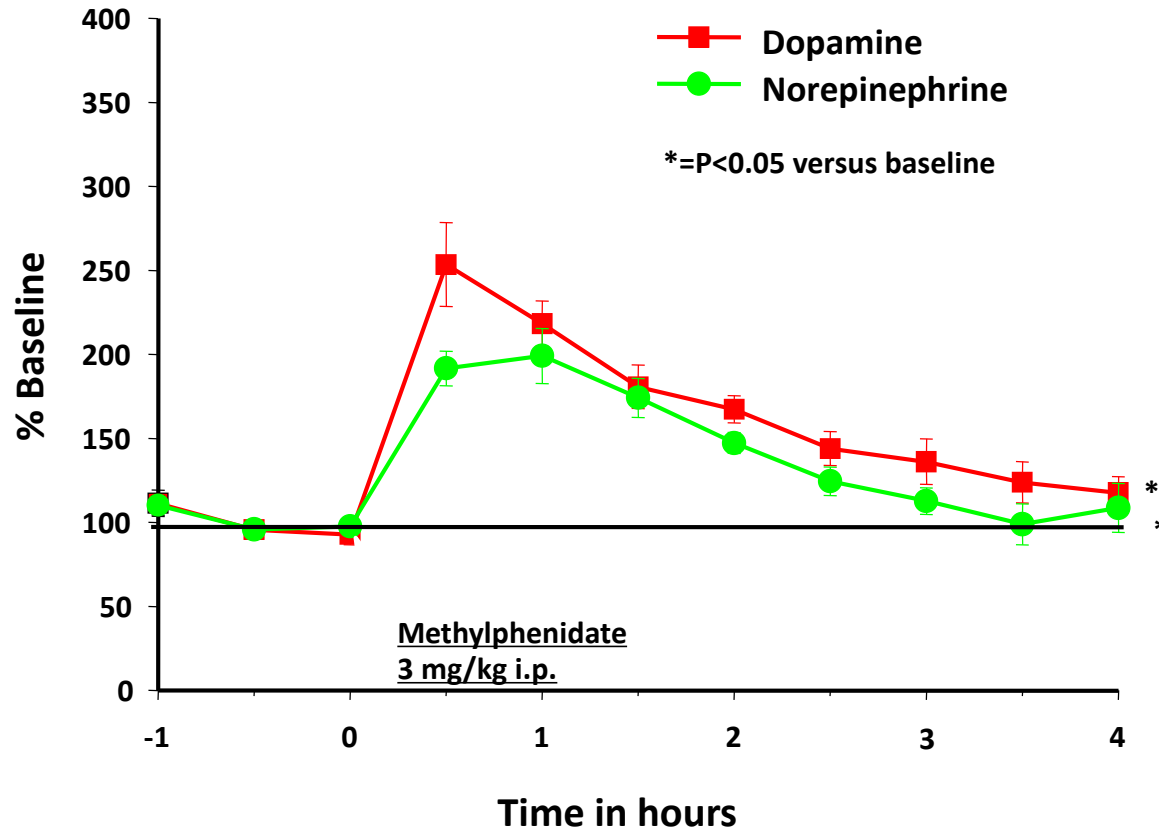
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# Effects of Methylphenidate (3 mg/kg i.p.) on Extracellular Levels of Monoamines in the Rat Prefrontal Cortex



From Bymaster et al., Neuropsychopharmacology, 2002

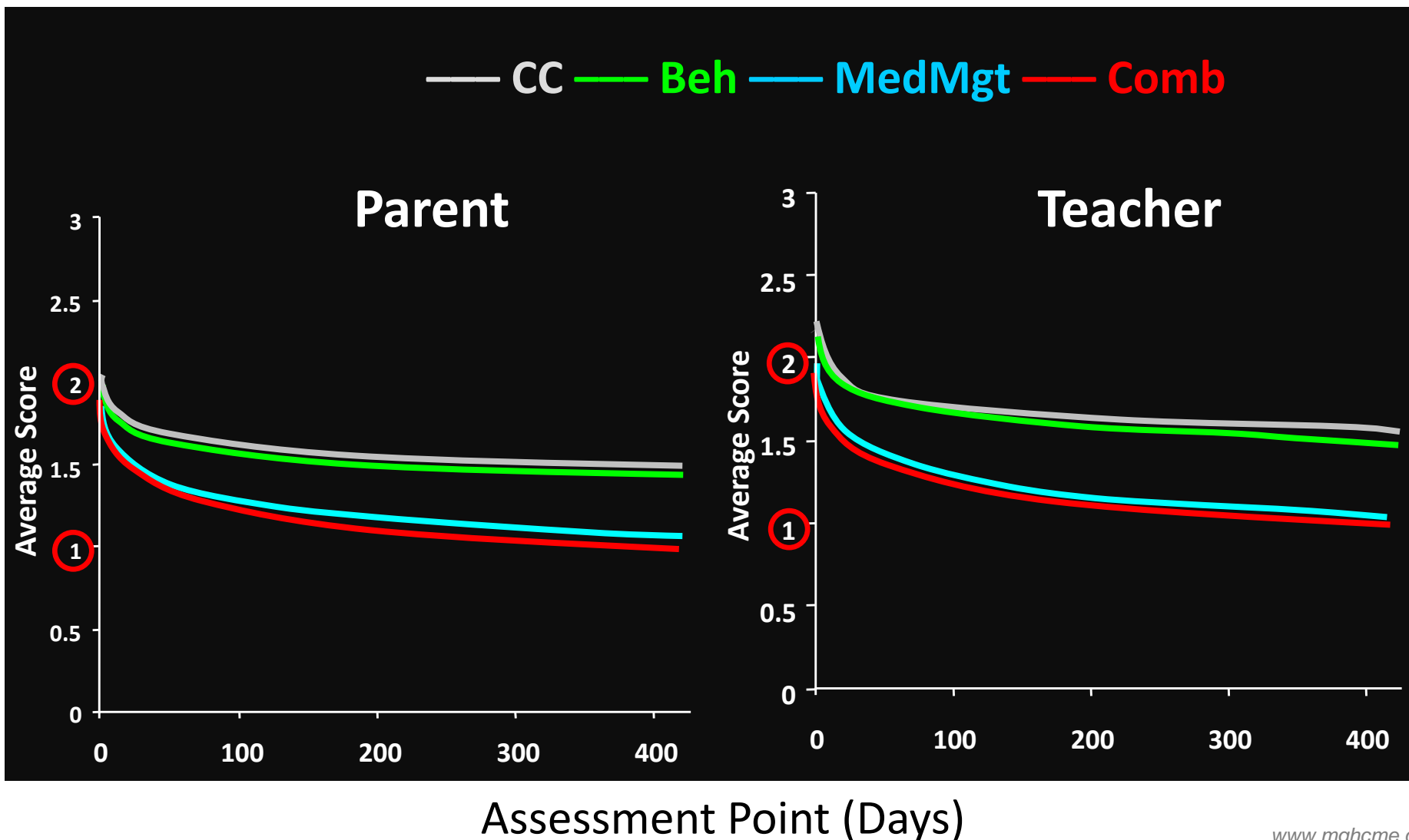
# Mechanism of Action MPH: Insights from PET Imaging Studies

(Volkow et al. *J Att Dis.* 2002;(suppl)1)

- Because DA enhances task-specific neuronal signaling and decreases noise, MPH-induced increases in DA could improve attention and decrease distractibility
- Since DA modulates motivation, the increases in DA would also enhance the saliency of the task facilitating the “interest it elicits” and thus improving performance

# MTA: Treatment Effects on Inattention Scores (SNAP)

[MTA Group, *Arch General Psychiatry*, 1999]

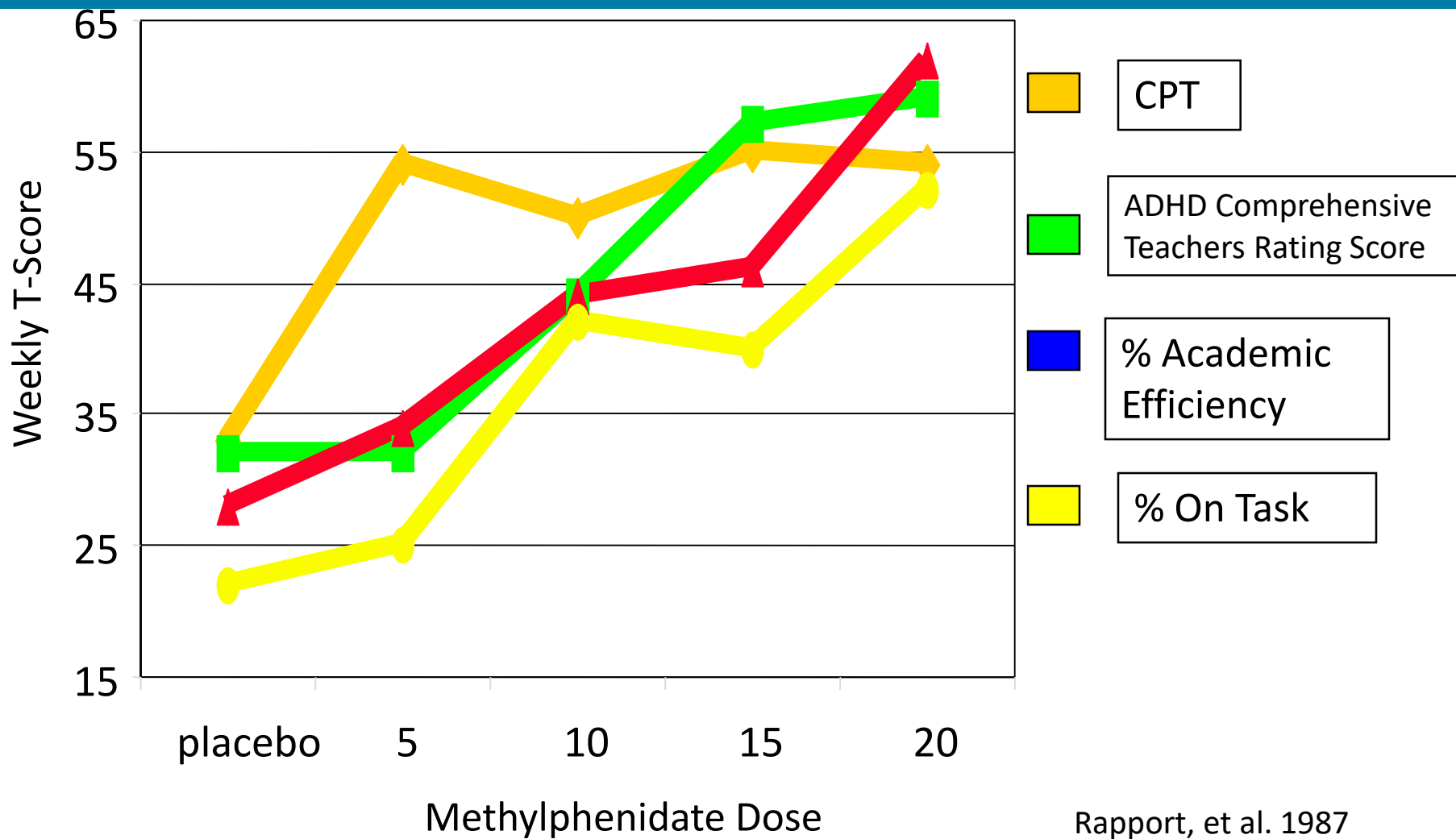


# Indirect Effects of Medication on Parents, Teachers and Peers

(Barkley et al., Cunningham et al.)

- *Social changes in Parents and Teachers*
  - (Barkley et al., Pelham et al., Whalen et al.)
    - Decreased rate of commands and degree of supervision
    - Increased praise and positive responsiveness
- *Social changes in Peers*
  - (Cunningham et al., Whalen et al.)
    - Decreased negative and aggressive behavior on stimulants
    - Leads to greater acceptance by peers
    - Leads to further positive benefit to the child

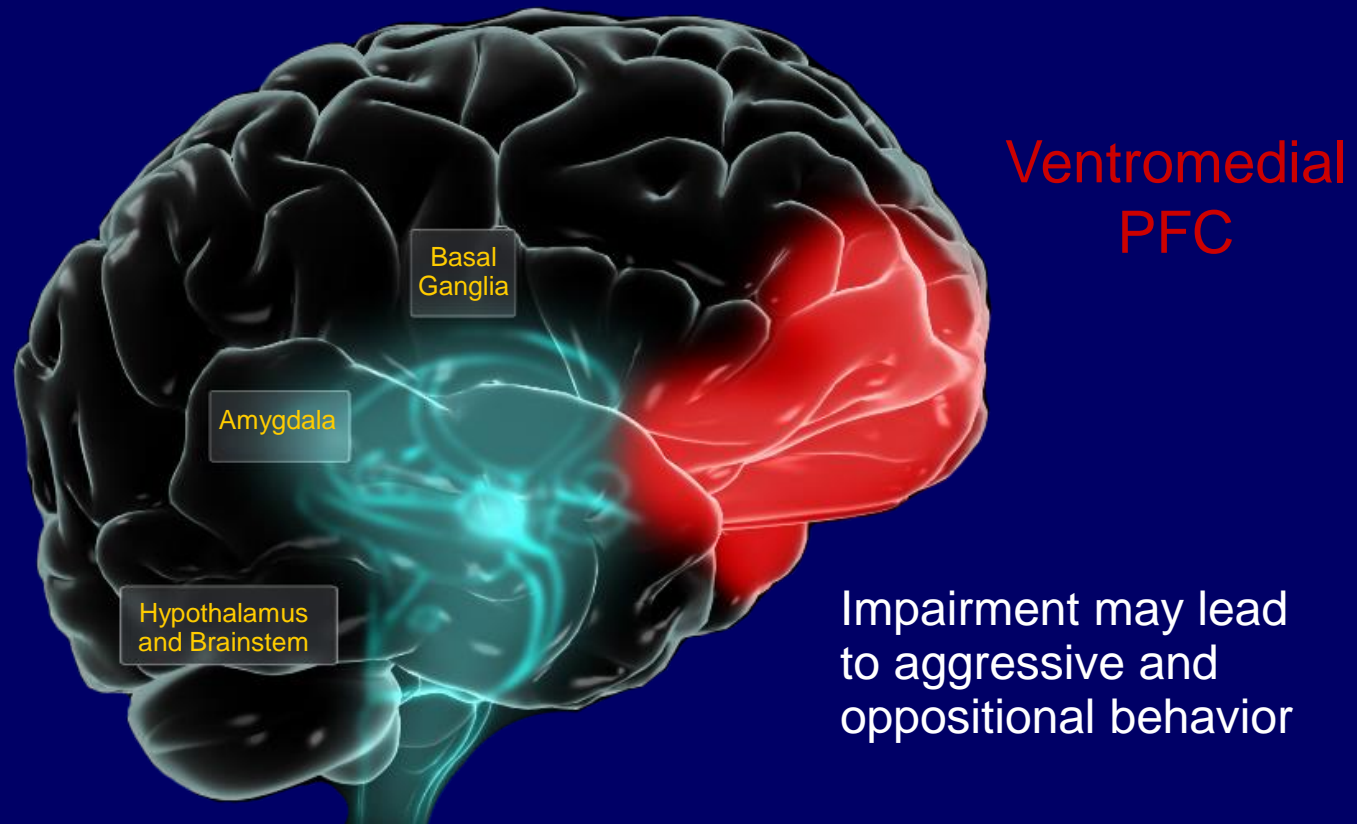
# ADHD and Methylphenidate: Dose Effects on Attention in Clinic and Classroom



Rappoport, et al. 1987

# The Ventromedial PFC: Emotional Regulation

Ventromedial PFC is thought to regulate emotion<sup>1-3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Anderson SW, et al. *Nat Neurosci.* 1999;2:1032-1037.

<sup>2</sup>Arnsten AFT, et al. *J Child Adolesc Psychopharmacol.* 2007;17:393-406.

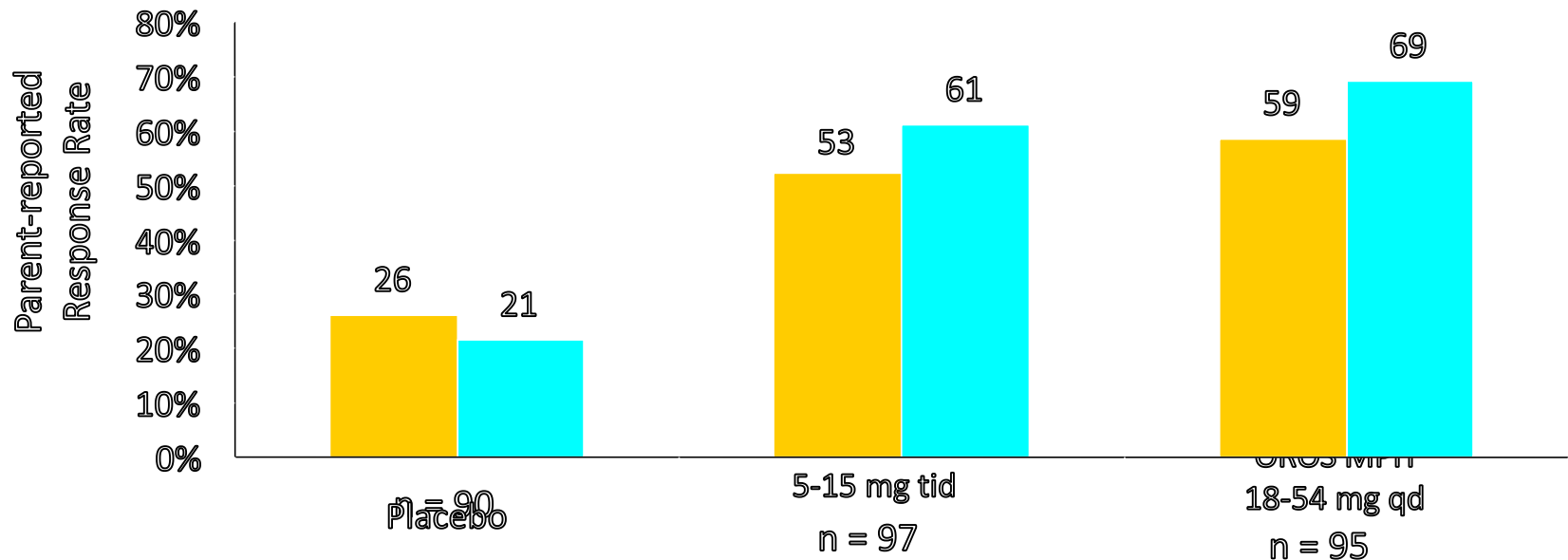
<sup>3</sup>Price JL, et al. *Prog Brain Res.* 1996;107:523-536.



# Treating ADHD and ODD With OROS MPH

Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 28-day trial (N = 282; all with ADHD; Mean Baseline Parent-Rated IOWA Conners O/D Score = 7.89)

- $P < 0.0001$ ; overall treatment comparison
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Response defined as achieving a  $\geq 30\%$  reduction from baseline IOWA Conners subscale score; ■ Oppositional/Defiant (O/D); ■ Inattention/Overactivity (I/O)

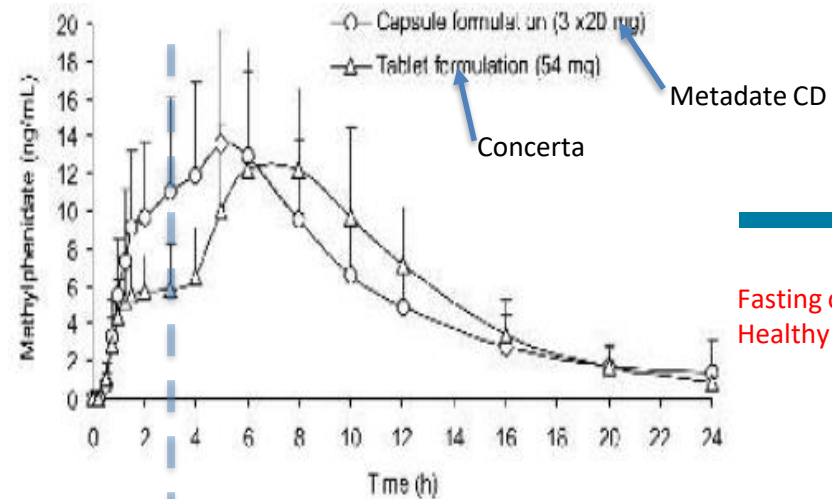
Wan et al. Presented at: 17th Annual US Psychiatric and Mental Health Congress; November 18-21, 2004; San Diego,

# Methylphenidate Formulations

Medication	Formulation	Release % IR/ER	Isomers d,l	Duration
Ritalin® (IR)	Tablet	100/0	1:1	~ 4 hours
Methylin® Chewable	Chewable Tablets	100/0	1:1	~ 4 hours
Methylin® Oral Solution	Oral Solution	100/0	1:1	~ 4 hours
Focalin® (IR)	Tablet	100/0	1:0	~ 4 hours
Ritalin LA®	Capsule	50/50	1:1	~ 8 hours
Metadate CD®	Capsule	30/70	1:1	~ 8 hours
Focalin XR®	Capsule	50/50	1:0	~ 8-10 hours
Cotempla XR-ODT®	ODT	30/70	1:1	~ 8-12 hours
Quillichew ER®	Chewable Tablet	30/70	1:1	~ 8-10 hours
Concerta®	Capsule	22/78	1:1	~ 12 hours
Quillivant XR®	Oral Solution	20/80	1:1	~ 10-12 hrs
Aptensio XR®	Capsule	37/63	1:1	~ 12 hours
Adhansia XR®	Capsule	20/80	1:1	~ 13-16 hrs
Daytrana®	Patch	N/A	1:1	6-16 hours
Jornay PM®	Delayed Release Capsule	0/100	1:1	Start 8-10 hrs Duration ~ 10-12 hrs

# Example of Strong PK/PD Link

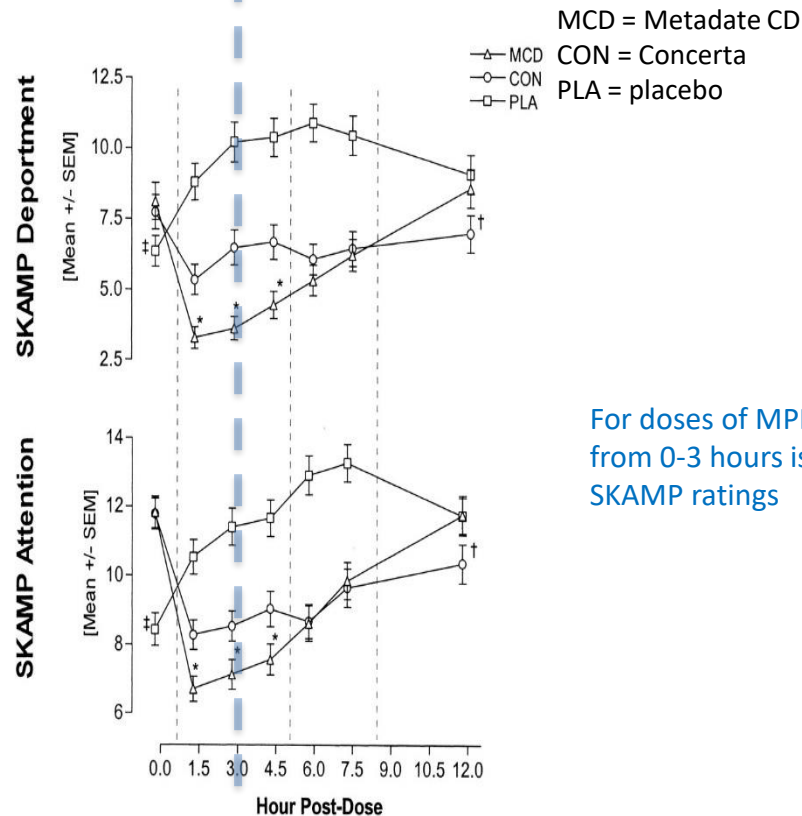
Gonzalez, M. A., et al. "Methylphenidate bioavailability from two extended-release formulations." *International journal of clinical pharmacology and therapeutics* 40.4 (2002): 175-184.



Fasting conditions,  
Healthy volunteers

Swanson, James M., et al. "A comparison of once-daily extended-release methylphenidate formulations in children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder in the laboratory school (the Comacs Study)." *Pediatrics* 113.3 (2004): e206-e216.

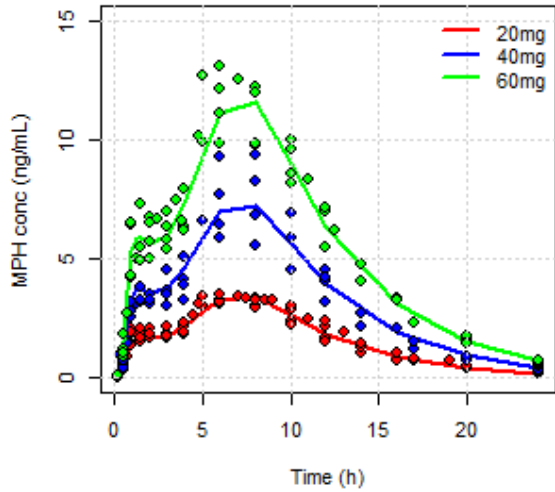
\* and †: statistically significance  
between active treatments



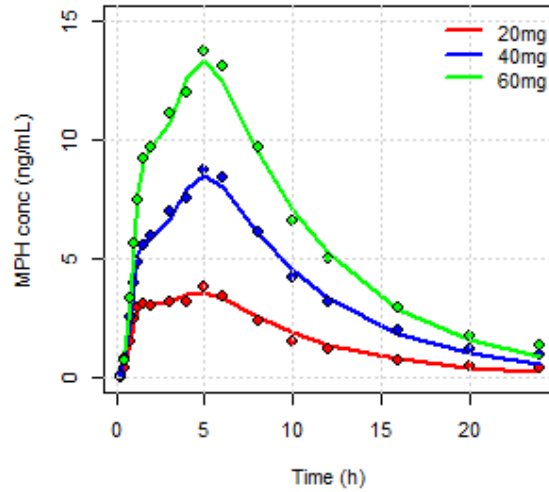
For doses of MPH, differences in PK  
from 0-3 hours is reflected in the  
SKAMP ratings

# Long Acting MPH formulations

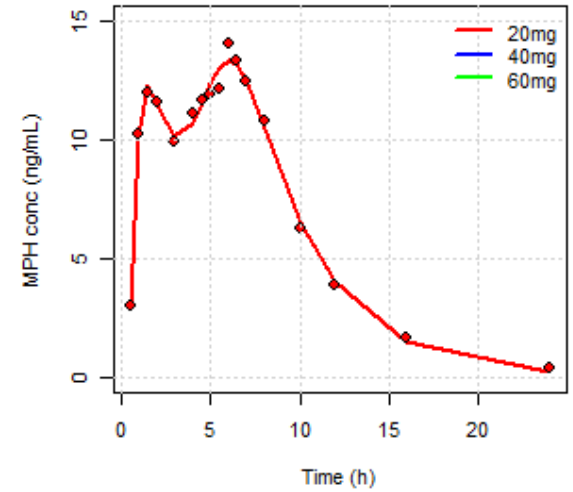
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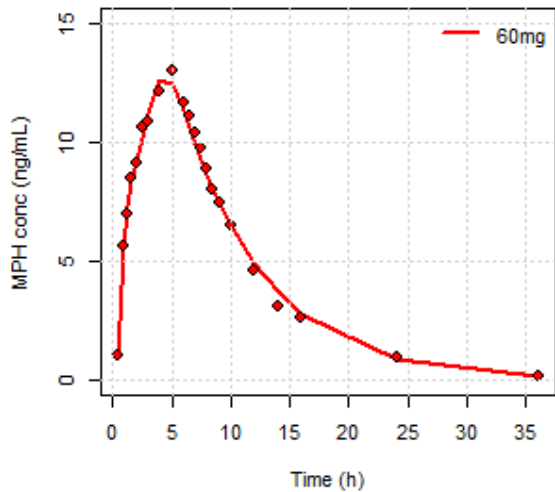
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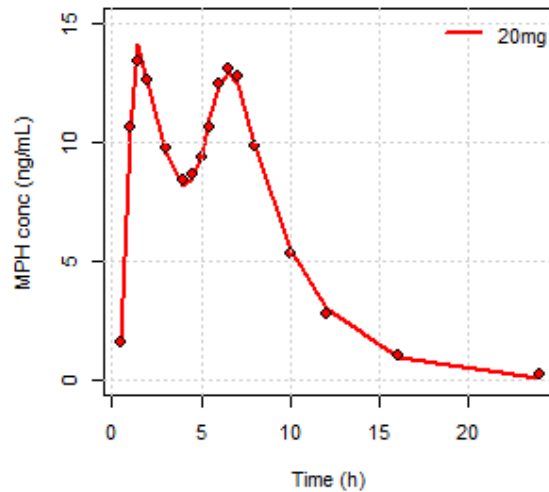
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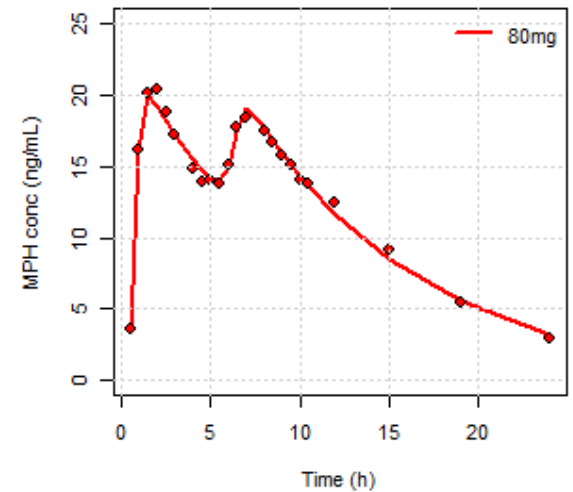
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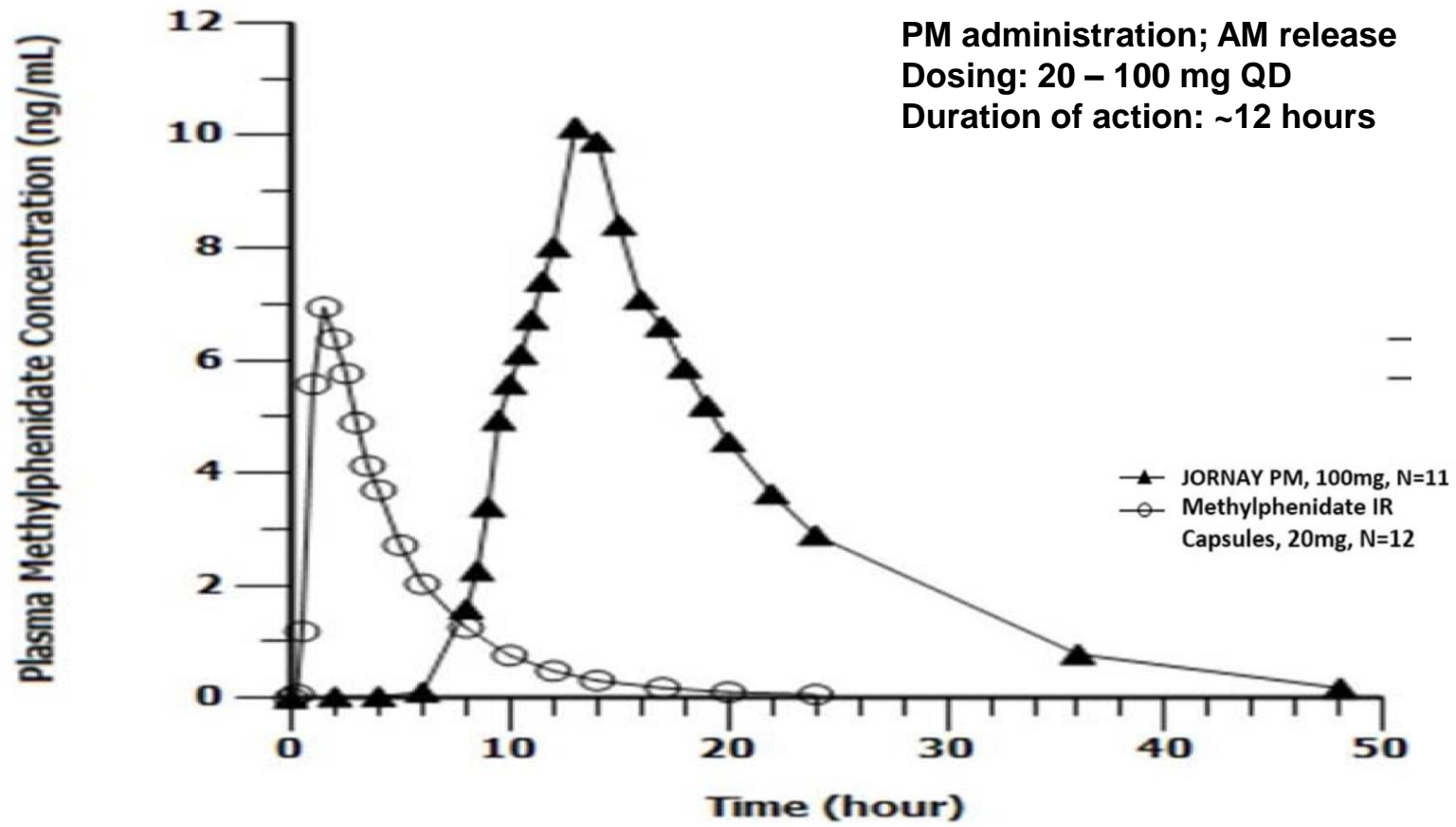
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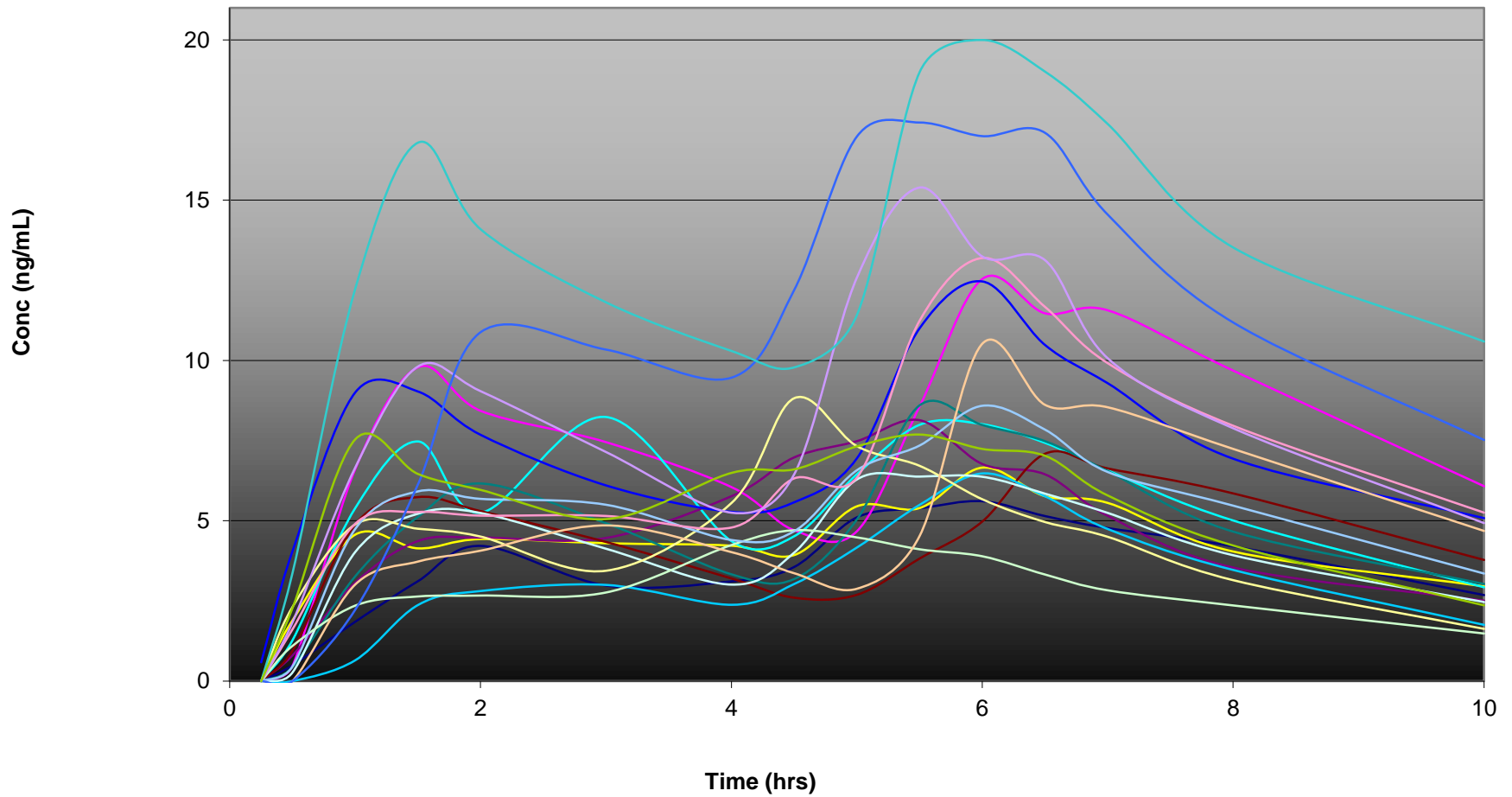
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# Jornay PM<sup>®</sup> Delayed Release Methylphenidate

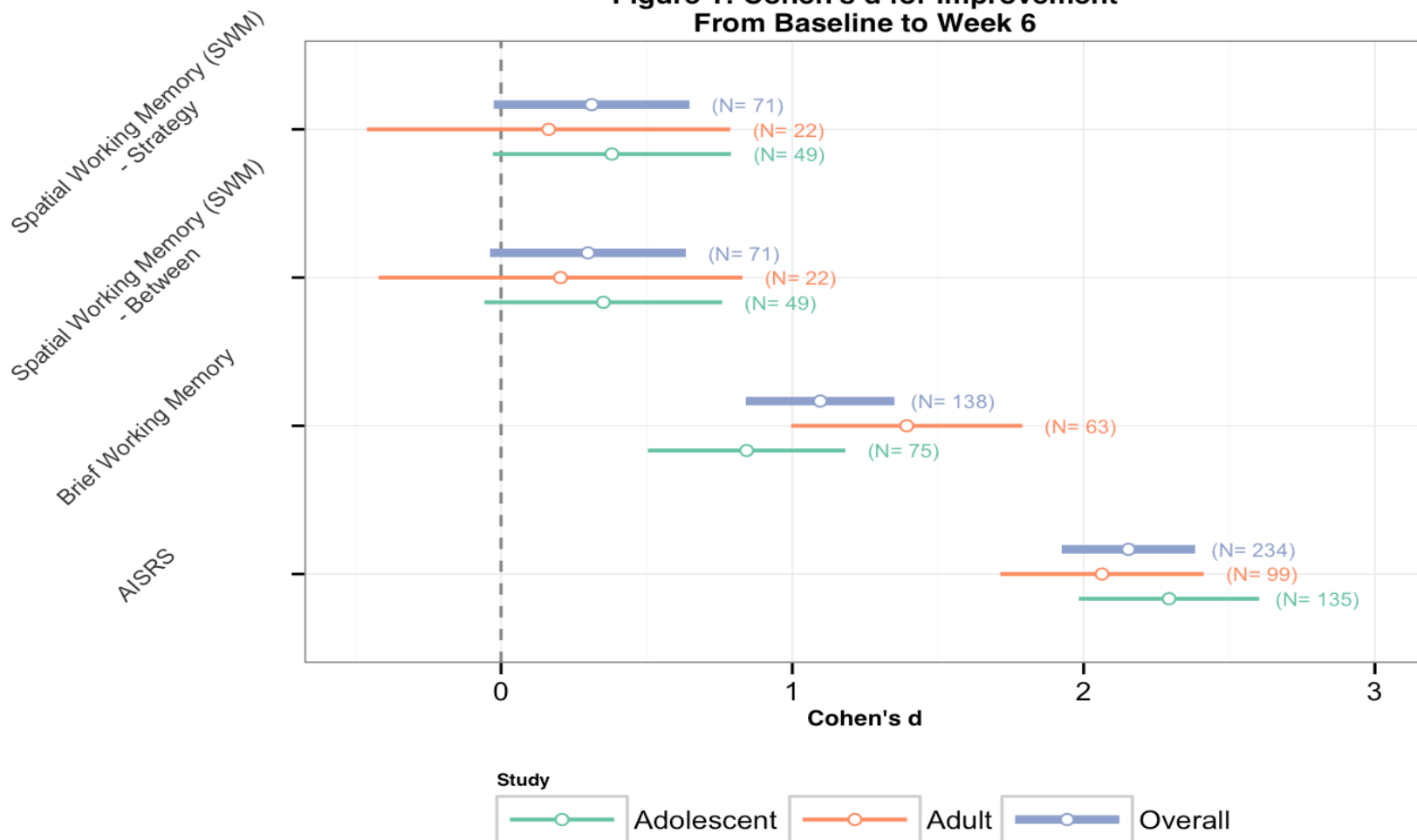


# Individual PK Plots in a Single 50/50 IR/ER MPH Delivery Formulation



# Pharmacological Dissociation Between The Robust Effects Of Methylphenidate On ADHD Symptoms And Weaker Effects On Working Memory

Figure 1: Cohen's d for Improvement From Baseline to Week 6



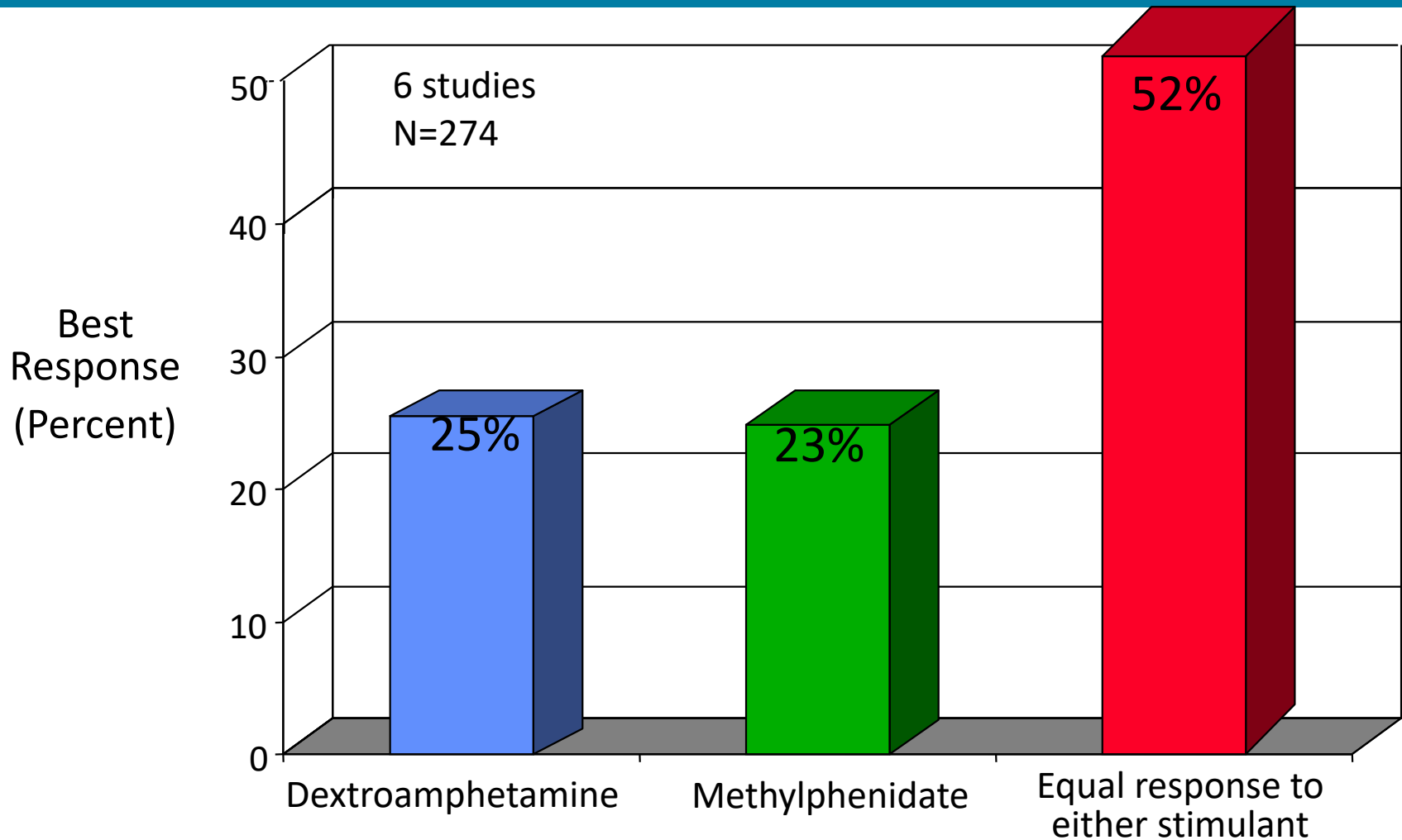
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Dexedrine Spansules®	Capsules	unknown	1:0	~ 6 hours
Adderall® (IR)	Tablet	100/0	3:1	~ 4-6 hours
Evekeo®	Tablet	100/0	1:1	~ 4-6 hours
Evekeo ODT®	ODT	100/0	1:1	~ 4-6 hours
Procentra®	Oral Solution	100/0	1:0	~ 4-6 hours
Adzenys XR ODT®	ODT	50/50	3:1	~ 12 hours
Adzenys ER® Liquid	Oral Solution	50/50	3:1	~ 12 hours
Dyanavel XR®	Oral Solution	unknown	3.2:1	~ 13 hours
Adderall XR®	Capsule	50/50	3:1	~ 12 hours
Mydayis®	Capsule	33/33/33	3:1	~ 16 hours
Vyvanse®	Capsule	Prodrug	1:0	~ 13 hours
Vyvanse Chewable®	Tablet	Prodrug	1:0	~ 13 hours



# Meta-analysis of Within-Subject Comparative Trials Evaluating Response to Stimulant Medications

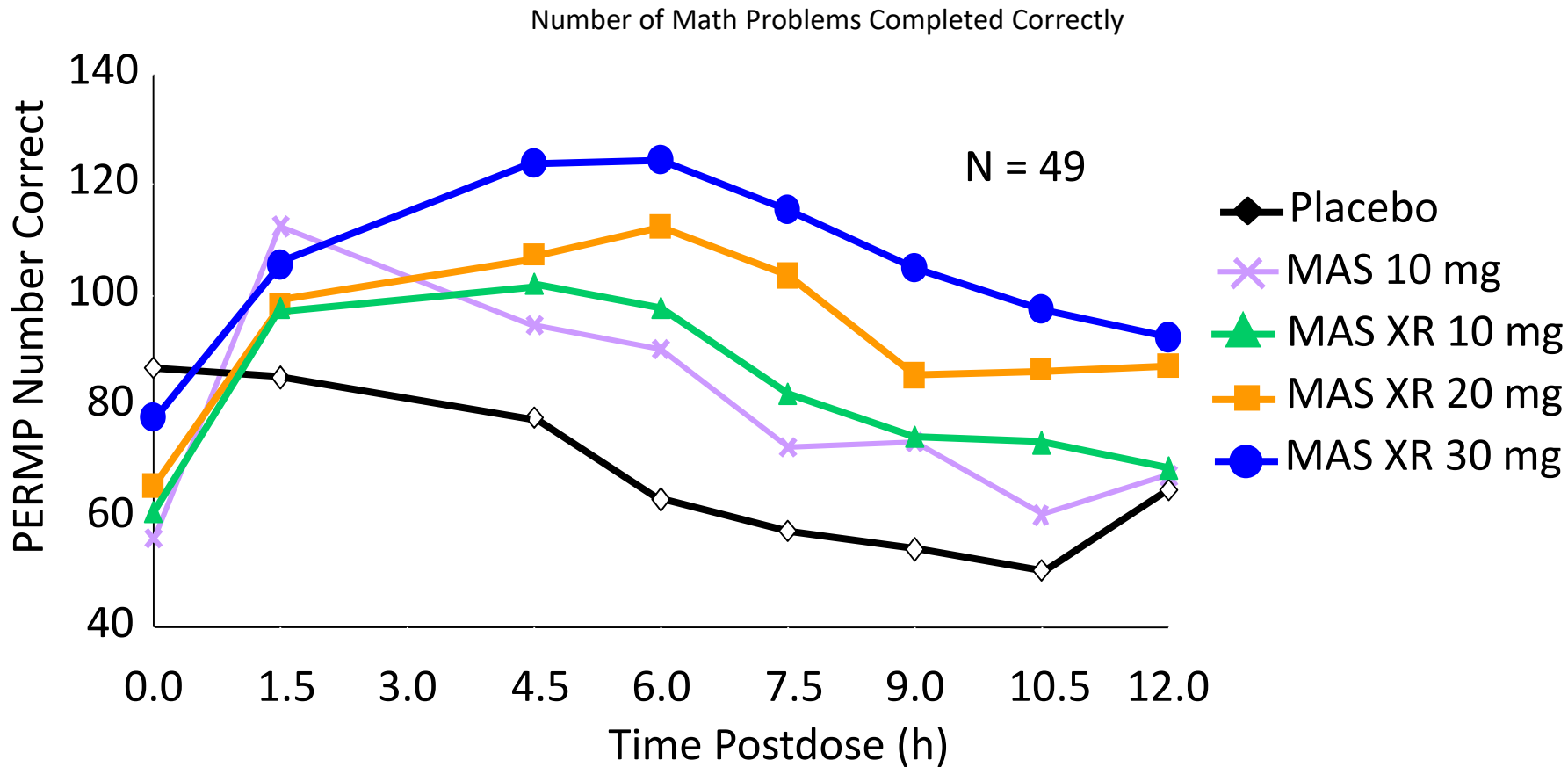
Spencer et al. Arch of Gen Psych 2001



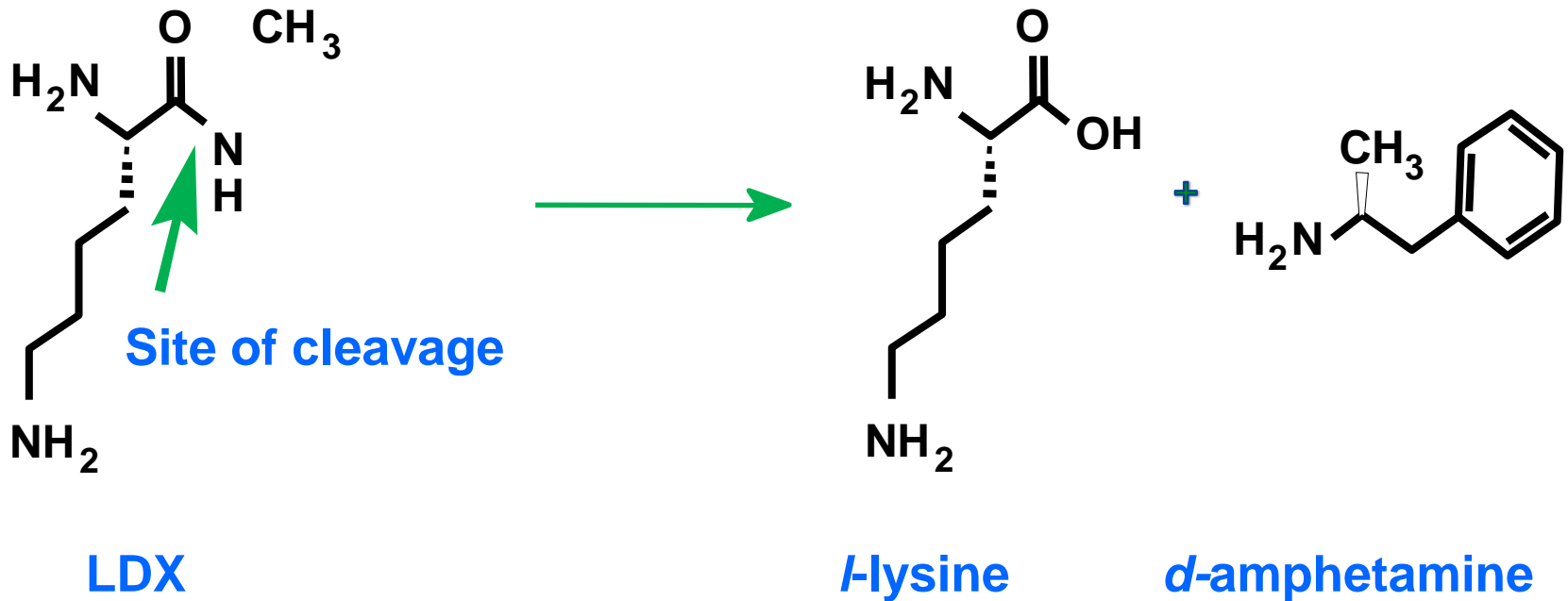
# MAS XR Efficacy:

Academic Productivity

Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study



# LDX Chemistry



# LDX Extraction, Pharmacokinetic and Abuse Liability Studies: Results

- Amphetamine is very difficult to extract from LDX prodrug
- Intravenous administration does not result in appreciable serum amphetamine levels in rat and human studies
- Intranasal administration does not result in appreciable serum amphetamine levels in rat and human studies
- Apparent “saturation” of LDX in gut limits ultimate serum amphetamine levels (e.g., overdose implications)
- Marginally less likeability in human studies

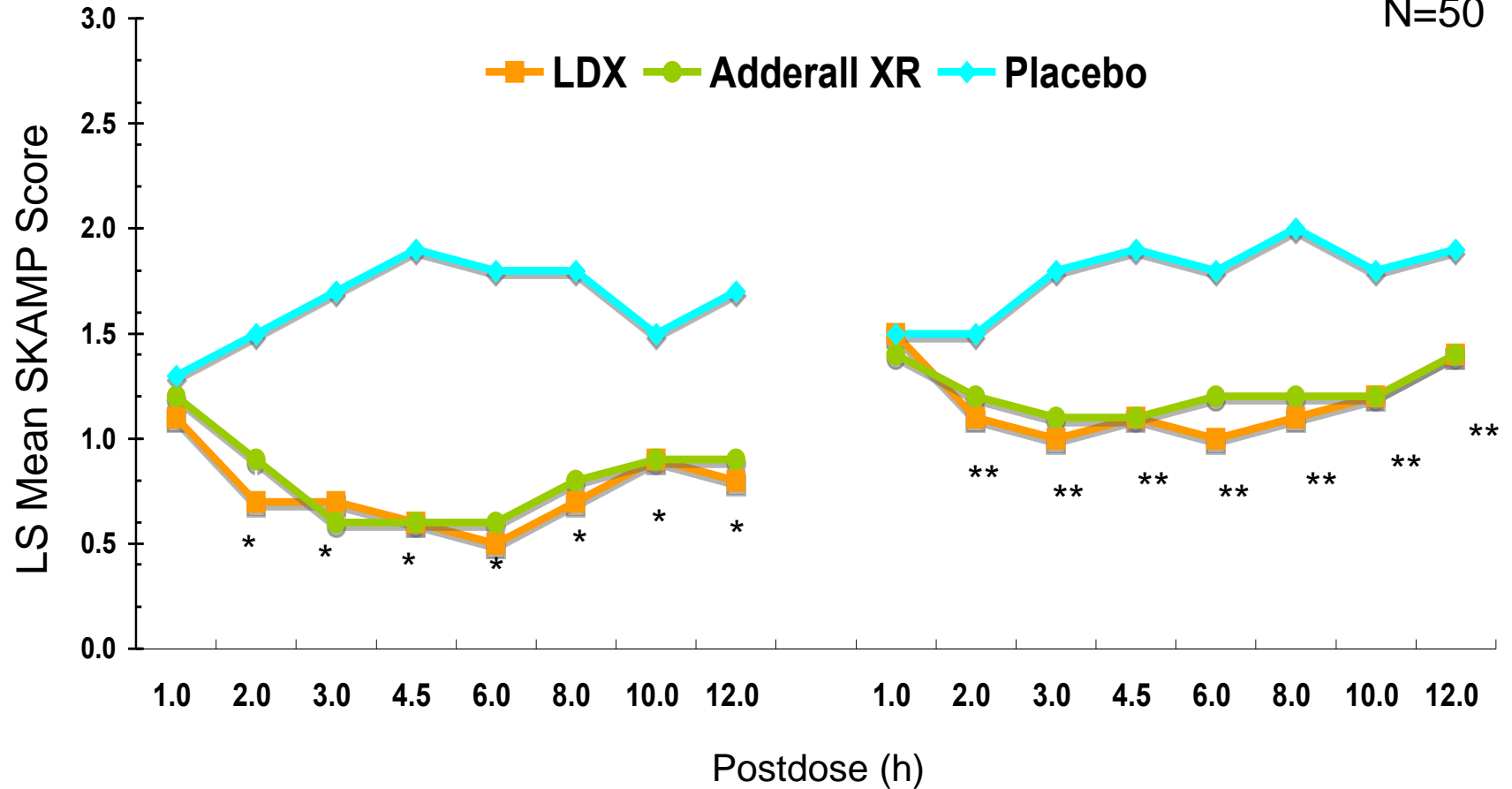
Jasinski D, et al. Posters presented at CPDD Meeting, June, 2006, Scottsdale, AZ.;

Biederman J, et al. Poster presented at Annual APA Meeting, May 24, 2006, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Boyle L, et al. Presented at NCDEU, June 12-15, 2006, Boca Raton, FL.

# LDX : Duration of Action SKAMP Time Course

N=50



\* $P < .0001$ , \*\* $P < .01$ , LDX and Adderall XR vs placebo;  
LS = Least Square.

# Adverse Effects of Stimulants

- Adverse effects (AEs) are similar for all stimulants
  - Decreased appetite
  - Insomnia
  - Headache
  - Stomachache
  - Irritability/rebound phenomena
- Rates of these “Aes” may be high prior to any medical intervention; thus, baseline levels should always be obtained

Wilens T, Spencer T. In: *Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America*. Philadelphia, Pa: Saunders Press; 2000:573-604.

# Adverse Reactions Concerta®

## FDA Approved Labeling

### Black Box

- Drug Dependence

### Contraindications

- Hypersensitivity to methylphenidate
- Marked anxiety, tension or agitation
- Glaucoma
- Tics
- Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors

### Warnings and Precautions

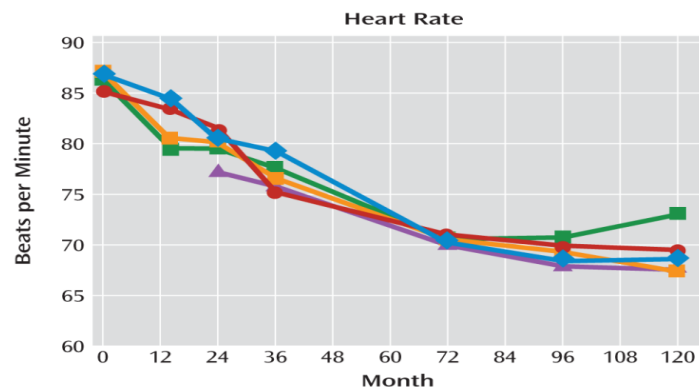
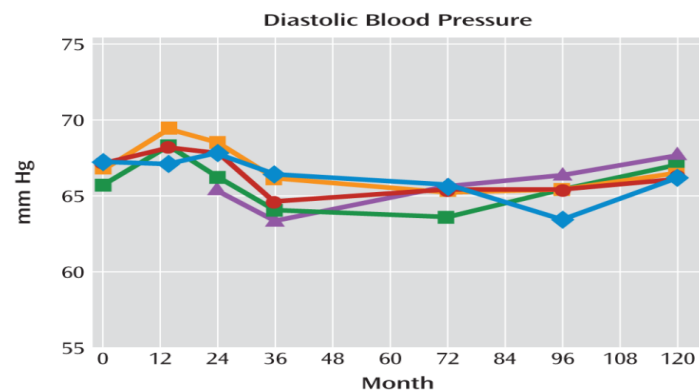
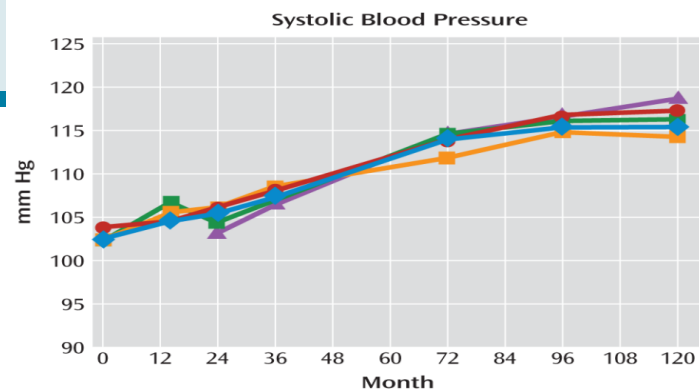
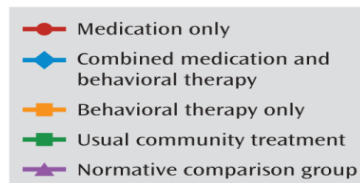
- Serious Cardiovascular Events
- Increase blood pressure
- Psychiatric Adverse Events
- Seizures
- Priapism
- Peripheral Vasculopathy, including Raynaud's Phenomenon
- Long-Term Suppression of Growth
- Visual Disturbance
- Hematologic Monitoring

# Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Over 10 Years in the MTA

No significant treatment-by-time effect was observed on systolic or diastolic blood pressure.

A significant treatment-by-time effect was observed on heart rate ( $p=0.02$ ), with significantly higher mean heart rates in the groups receiving medication at 14 months, but not afterward.

(Vitiello et al. JAMA 2012)





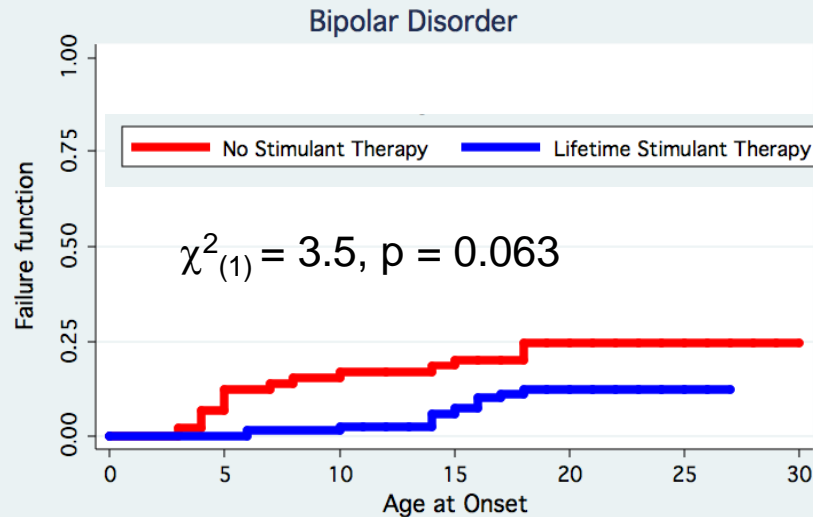
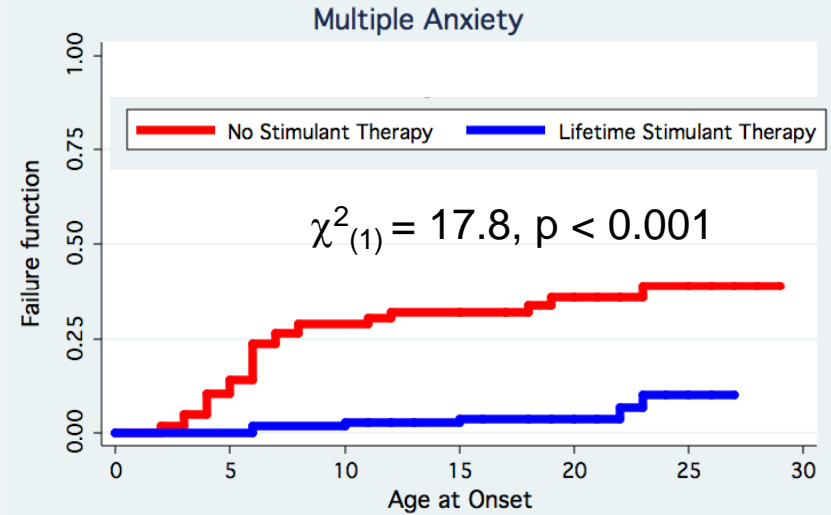
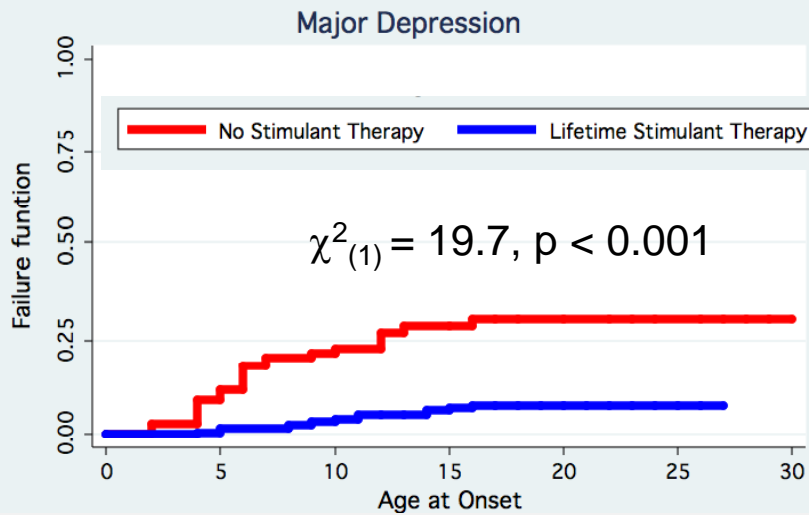
# Screening for Cardiac Risk: AHA Guidelines

- Medical history
  - Personal congenital or acquired cardiac disease history
  - Family history of cardiac disease (<50 years of age)
  - Palpitations, chest pain, fainting, seizures, post-exercise symptoms
  - Ask about other medications (including OTC)
- Routine medical exam
- Monitor BP and pulse at baseline and follow-up, especially in adults
- ECG is reasonable but not mandatory
- Routine check of Holter, ECHO is not necessary

Gutgesell H, et al. *Circulation*. 1999;99:979-982.

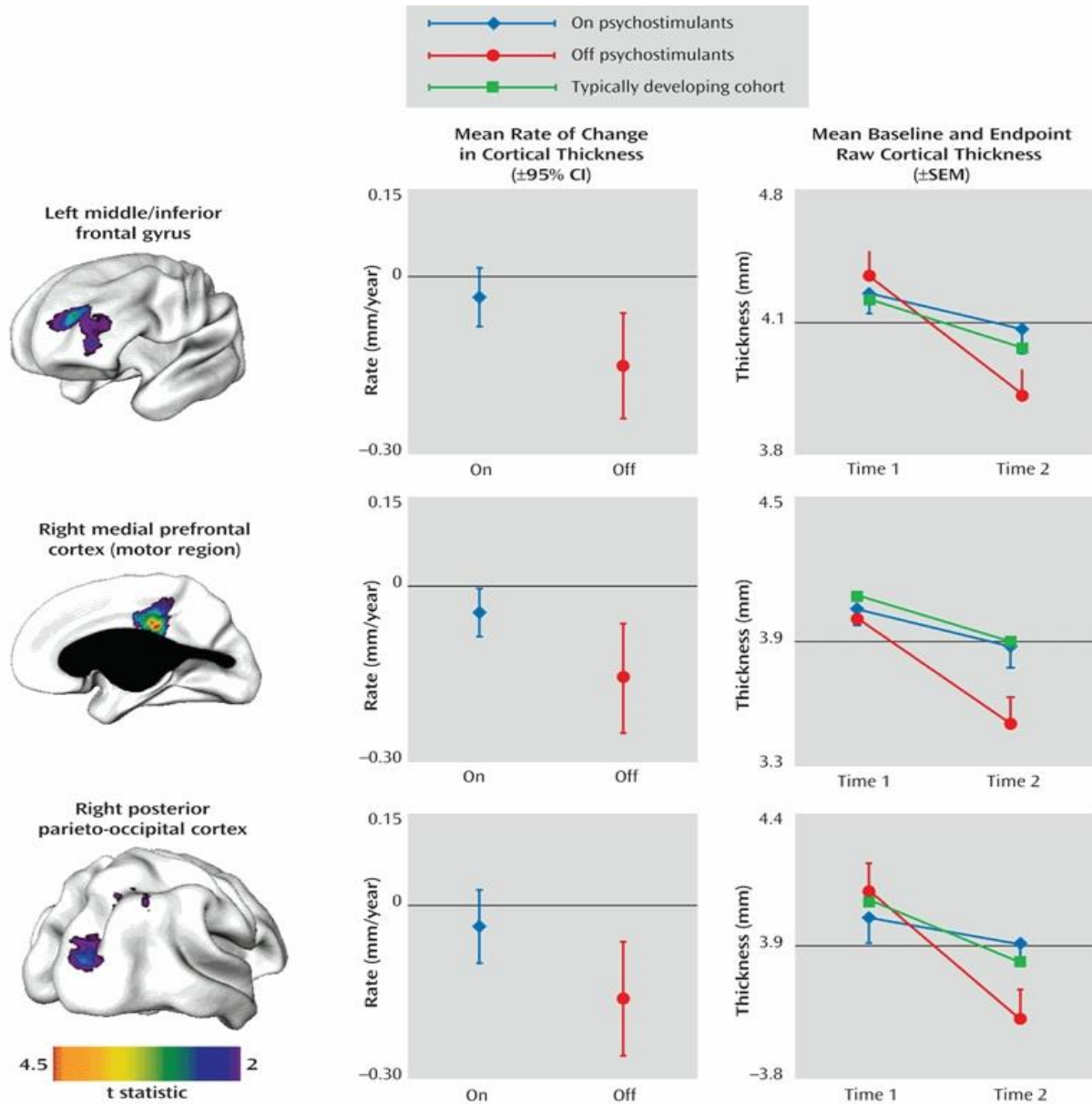
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# Protective Effect of Stimulants on Comorbidity

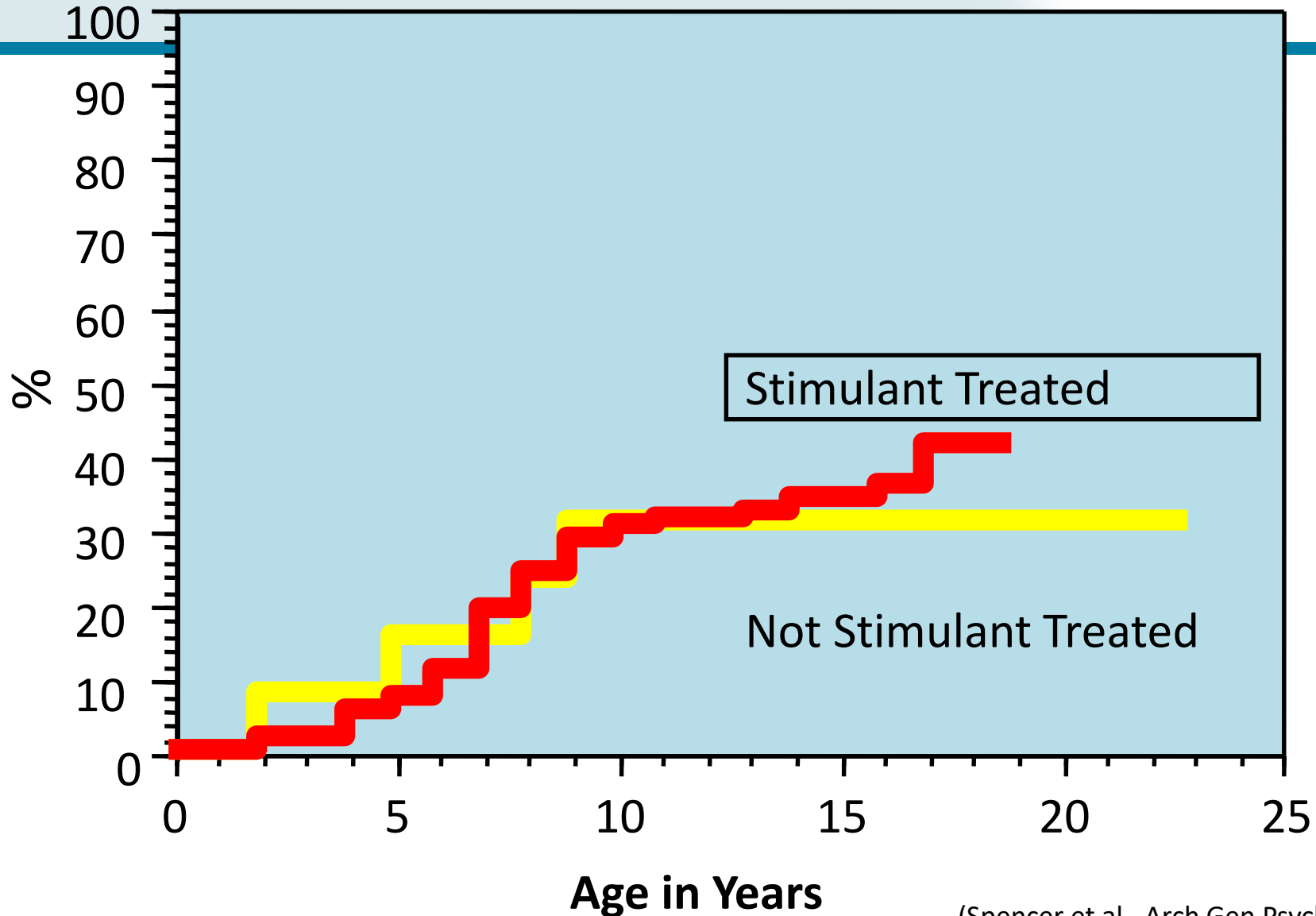


Biederman et al. Pediatrics. 2009.

# Psychostimulant Treatment and the Developing Cortex in ADHD



# Onset of Tic Disorders in ADHD Probands Stratified by Stimulant Treatment



# **Effect of Stimulants on Height and Weight: A Review of the Literature**

SV FARAONE, PH.D., J BIEDERMAN, M.D., C MORLEY, M.A., TJ SPENCER, M.D.

J. Am. Acad. Child Adolesc. Psychiatry, 2008;47(9)

## **Conclusions**

**Treatment with stimulants in childhood modestly reduced expected height and weight. Although these effects attenuate over time and some data suggest that ultimate adult growth parameters are not affected, more work is needed to clarify the effects of continuous treatment from childhood to adulthood. Although physicians should monitor height, deficits in height and weight do not appear to be a clinical concern for most children treated with stimulants.**



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