

Table S1: Summary of Effects of Serotonin on Aggression

Study Species	Study Results	Evidence of 5HT increasing or decreasing aggression
Vertebrates		
Mice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Tryptophan-hydroxylase 2-deficient (Tph2^{-/-})</i> mice exhibited higher aggression in resident-intruder paradigm (Mosienko et al., 2012) Citalopram (selective 5-HT reuptake inhibitor, SSRI)-injected mice exhibited less aggression (Caldwell and Miczek, 2008) Male and female homozygous 5-HT transporter (SERT) knockouts exhibited less aggression (Holmes et al., 2002; Heiming et al., 2013) Suppression of 5-HT firing by genetically overexpressing the Htr1a autoreceptor increased aggression (Audero et al., 2013) 	Decreasing
Humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals with <i>tryptophan-hydroxylase 2 (TPH2)</i> “risk” haplotype exhibited higher aggression levels (Perez-Rodrigues et al., 2010) Violent antisocial behavior consistently associated with lower 5-HIAA (5-HT metabolite) in cerebrospinal fluid (Moore et al., 2002) Selective 5-HT reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) treatment reduces measures of impulsive aggression (Coccaro et al., 1997; Reist et al., 2003; New et al., 2004) Lower SERT distribution (indicating less 5-HT terminals) in anterior cingulate cortex of individuals with impulsive aggression (Frankle et al., 2005) 	Decreasing
Rats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rats with 5,7-dihydroxytryptamine (5,7-DHT) injections that decreased brain 5-HT levels exhibited higher levels of killing behavior (Vergnes and Kempf, 1982) Aggression reduced by systemic injections of 5-HT_{1A} agonists (Blanchard et al., 1988; Nikulina et al., 1992) Systemic 5-HT₂ agonists reduce territorial aggression in male rats (Muehlenkamp et al., 1995) Intracerebroventricular (icv.) infusion of 5-HT_{1B} agonists reduces territorial aggression in male rats (Mos et al., 1992) Decreased 5-HT release in prefrontal cortex during and after aggressive behavior in male rats (van Erp and Miczek, 2000) Homozygous SERT knockout male rats display less territorial aggression (Homberg et al., 2007) Lesioning 5-HT cell bodies in female rats reduces maternal aggression (Holschbach et al., 2018) Activation of 5-HT_{1A} autoreceptors in dorsal raphe (to suppress 5-HT firing) reduces maternal aggression (da Veiga et al., 2011) Partial depletion of brain 5-HT increases aggressiveness in naturally low-aggressive male rats (Wallinga et al., 2009) 	Decreasing (males) Increasing (females)

Hamsters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcortical brain regions associated with aggression show less 5-HT innervation in highly aggressive male golden hamsters (Cervantes and Delville, 2007) Intracerebroventricular (icv.) infusions of 5-HT_{1A} agonists decreased aggression in males but not females, while 5-HT_{1B} infusions were ineffective in both sexes (Joppa et al., 1997) 5-HT_{1A} agonist injections into the hypothalamus inhibited aggression in male Syrian hamsters, but increased aggression in females (Terranova et al., 2016) Dominant female Syrian hamsters show increased activation of 5-HT neurons in the dorsal raphe (Terranova et al., 2016) 	Decreasing (males) Increasing (females)
Prairie Voles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluoxetine (SSRI)-treated males exhibited less aggressive behavior, but fluoxetine-treated females exhibited no changes in aggression (Villalba et al., 1997) 	Decreasing (males) No Effect (females)
Birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injections of either fluoxetine (SSRI) or 5-HT_{1A} agonist reduce territorial aggression in male song sparrows (Sperry et al., 2003) Aggression in known submissive pigeons is increased following partial brain depletion of 5-HT (Ison et al., 1996) Injections of 5-hydroxytryptophan (5-HT precursor) decrease aggression in dominant pigeons (Fachinelli et al., 1989) 	Decreasing
Reptiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluoxetine (SSRI) injection reduced aggressive responses in male green anole lizards (Deckel, 1996) Dominant male green anoles treated with sertraline (SSRI) exhibited less aggressive displays (Larson and Summers, 2001) Baseline 5-HT activity in brain regions associated with aggression is lower in dominant male green anoles (Summers et al., 2005) 	Decreasing
Amphibians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Territorial calling and defense in male coqui frogs are decreased by repeated systemic injections of either fluoxetine (SSRI) or 5-HT_{1A} agonists or 5-HT_{2A/C} agonists (Ten Eyck, 2008; Ten Eyck and Regen, 2014) 	Decreasing
Fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlantic cod fed food supplemented with the 5-HT precursor L-tryptophan (TRP) exhibited less aggressive acts (Höglund et al., 2005) Rainbow trout fed supplemental TRP exhibited less aggression (Winberg et al., 2001) Siamese fighting fish and wildtype zebrafish in water treated with fluoxetine (SSRI) demonstrated a lower number of aggressive attacks than controls (Kohlert et al., 2012; Norton et al., 2011) Male bluehead wrasse injected with fluoxetine (SSRI) exhibited less aggressive behavior than controls (Perreault et al., 2003) 	Decreasing
Invertebrates		
Arthropods		

Crustaceans		
Lobsters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-HT-injected squat lobsters (<i>Munida quadrispina</i>) exhibited more aggressive postures in isolation and increased territorial aggression towards untreated intruders (Antonsen and Paul, 1997) Duration and intensity of fights are increased after 5HT injection in American lobsters (<i>Homarus americanus</i>, Huber et al., 1997) Fight winning and territorial possession in juvenile American lobsters (<i>H. americanus</i>) are not affected by low dose 5-HT injection, while high dose 5-HT promotes subordination (Peeke et al., 2000) Discrete aggressive behaviors during intrasexual fights between size-matched juvenile <i>H. americanus</i> are increased by injections of 5-carboxamidotryptamine maleate (agonist for 5-HT₁, 5-HT₅, and 5-HT₇ receptors) but decreased by 5-HT injection (Tierney and Mangiameli, 2001) 	Generally Increasing
Crayfish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-HT-injected subordinate <i>Astacus astacus</i> crayfish were more willing to engage with dominants (Huber et al., 1997) 5-HT-injected small <i>Procambarus clarkii</i> crayfish were more likely to win fights against larger, untreated crayfish, with retention of dominance towards new larger opponents enhanced by fluoxetine (SSRI) (Momohara et al., 2013) 5-HT injections delay decision to retreat during fights (Bacque-Cazenave et al., 2018) Chronic 5-HT administration increases fight intensity in size-matched <i>Orconectes rusticus</i> crayfish (Panksepp and Huber, 2002) 	Increasing
Crabs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male <i>Neohelice granulatus</i> crabs injected with 5-HT display more approaches and attacks than vehicle-treated opponents (Pedetta et al., 2010) Male shore crabs (<i>Carcinus maenas</i>) that win fights have higher endogenous circulating 5-HT than losers, both at rest and post-contest (Sneddon et al., 2000) No change in aggression (towards mirror image) following injection of fluoxetine (SSRI) in striped shore crabs (<i>Pachygrapsus crassipes</i>, Hamilton et al., 2016) 	Generally Increasing
Insects		
Fruit Flies (<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>TRH-Gal4</i> driver flies with reduced 5-HT neurotransmission exhibited less aggressive behaviors (Alekseyenko et al., 2010) Drug-induced increase of 5-HT in fly brain increased aggression (Dierick and Greenspan, 2007) Drug-induced decrease of 5-HT only modestly lowered fighting frequencies (Dierick and Greenspan, 2007) 	Increasing

Stalk-eyed flies (<i>Teleopsis dalmanni</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-HTP (5-HT precursor)-treated flies won more contests than untreated flies (Bubak et al., 2014) Smaller, 5-HT-treated opponents had higher levels of high-intensity aggressive behaviors (Bubak et al., 2015) 5-HTP-treated flies had a higher probability of winning contests (Bubak et al., 2013) 	Increasing
Crickets (<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-HTP (5-HT precursor)-injected males exhibited more aggressive postures and behaviors (Dyakonova and Krushinsky, 2013) Male crickets treated with either AMTP (5-HT synthesis inhibitor), 5-HT antagonists, 5-HTP (5-HT precursor) or fluoxetine (SSRI) exhibited no change in aggressive or submissive behaviors during an initial fight (Stevenson et al., 2000; Rillich and Stevenson, 2018) Injection of AMTP (5-HT synthesis inhibitor) promotes recovery of aggression in losing males, but only after they have fought (Rillich and Stevenson, 2018) Injection of fluoxetine (SSRI) promotes losing in males (Abbey-Lee et al., 2018) 	Mixed, trend for decreasing
Ants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral administration of 5-HTP (5-HT precursor) increases aggression towards non-nestmates in pavement ants (<i>Tetramorium caespitum</i>) (Bubak et al., 2016) 5-HT-administration to <i>Formica polyctena</i> ants promoted some aspects of aggressive behavior towards non-conspecifics (<i>F. fusca</i>) and potential prey (house cricket nymphs), but had no effect on conspecific aggression (Szczuka et al., 2013) 5-HT and 5-HTP injections increased percentage of ants (<i>Formica rufa</i>) fighting amongst themselves (Kostowski and Tarchalska, 1972) Endogenous 5-HT decreases in subordinate worker ants (<i>Harpegnathos saltator</i>) following formation and reinforcement of social hierarchy (Penick et al., 2014) Endogenous 5-HT is highest in <i>H. saltator</i> ants of the foraging caste, which are known to actively attack intruders (Penick et al., 2014) 	Increasing
Honey bees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-HT application increases likelihood of stinging attacks during colony defense (Nouvian et al., 2018) 	
Molluscs (Cephalopods)		
Octopus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MDMA (SSRI) enhanced pro-social (non-aggressive) behaviors (Edsinger and Dölund, 2018) 	Decreasing

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