



21° Congresso Nazionale

Società Italiana di Tossicologia

**Pericolo, rischio
e rapporto
rischio-beneficio**

BOLOGNA

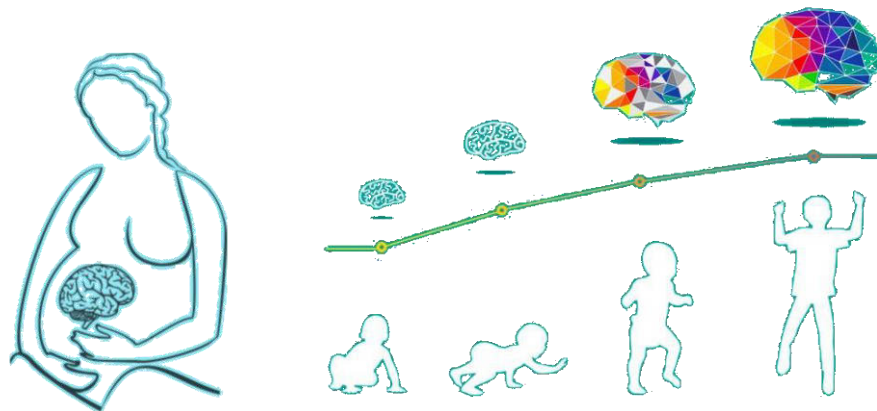
20-22 Febbraio 2023

www.sitox.org

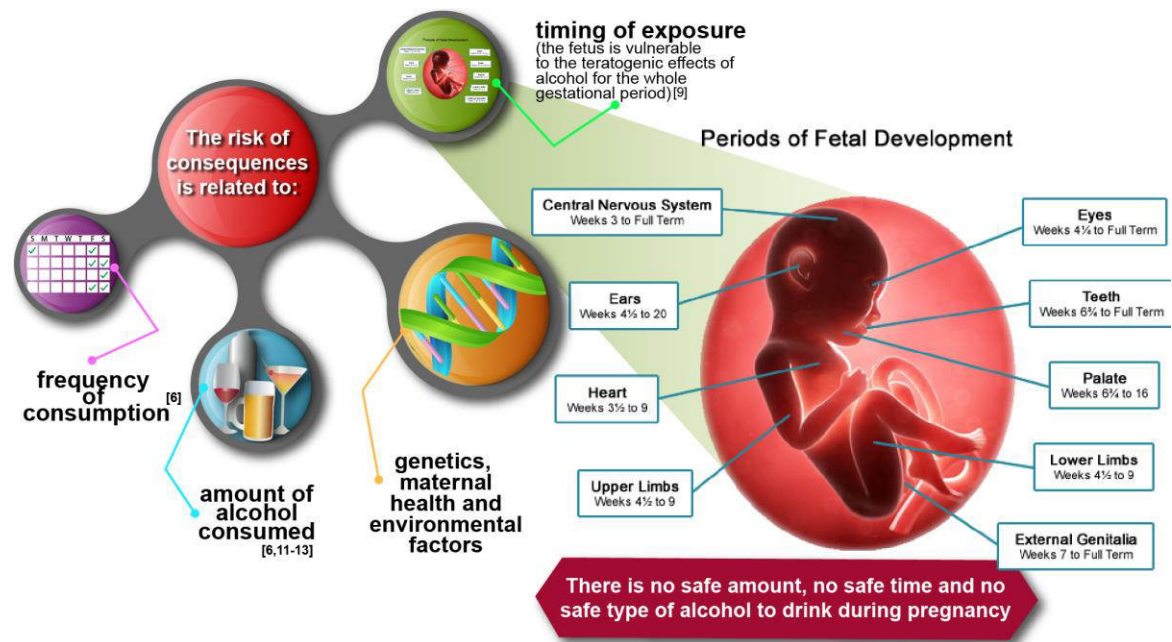
EFFETTI DELL'ALCOL SULLA TRASMISSIONE SINAPTICA DURANTE IL NEUROSVILUPPO

Elisabetta Gerace PhD

Università degli Studi di Firenze

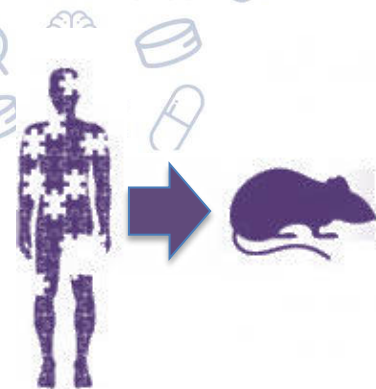


L'alcol altera il network neuronale e lo sviluppo del sistema nervoso centrale



I meccanismi alla base di questi processi sono ancora poco conosciuti

SCOPO DELLA RICERCA



Analizzare i meccanismi molecolari e funzionali indotti dall'esposizione all'etanolo durante il neurosviluppo

In vitro

Colture organotipiche
ippocampali di ratto

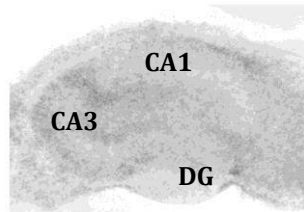


In vivo

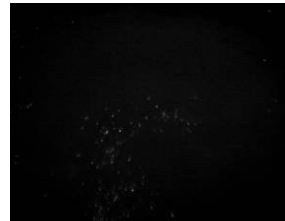
Esposizione prenatale all'alcol
in topi C57/Bl6



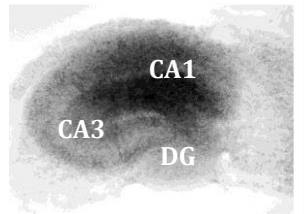
Culture organotipiche ippocampali di ratto



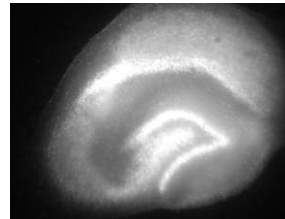
Control



Control



Toxicity

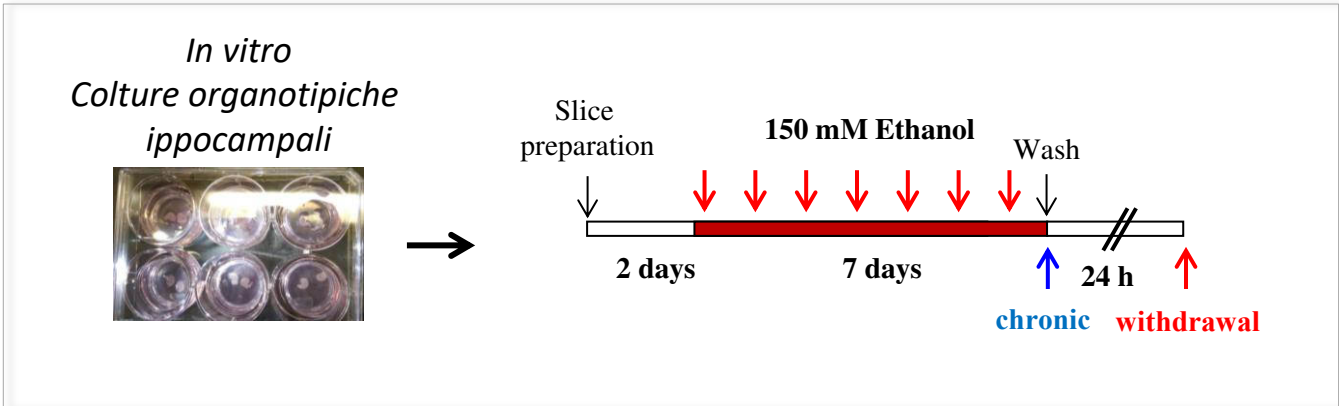
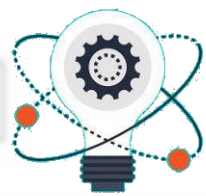


Toxicity

- **Fettine ippocampali** ottenute da ratti di 7-9 giorni e mantenute in coltura in filtri Millicell-CM per 10-15 giorni;
- Modello *in vitro* per applicare stimoli tossici e studiare i meccanismi e gli effetti dei farmaci;
- La **morte cellulare** è quantificata attraverso la misurazione dell'intensità di fluorescenza dello Ioduro di Propidio (PI);

Gerace et al., *Methods Mol Biol.*; (2012) 846:343-54.

Piano sperimentale



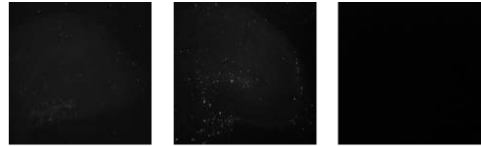
Background

ALCOHOLISM: CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH

Vol. 40, No. 4
April 2016

Ethanol Toxicity During Brain Development: Alterations of Excitatory Synaptic Transmission in Immature Organotypic Hippocampal Slice Cultures

Elisabetta Gerace, Elisa Landucci, Arianna Totti, Daniele Bani, Daniele Guasti, Roberto Baronti, Flavio Moroni, Guido Mannaioni, and Domenico E. Pellegrini-Giampietro

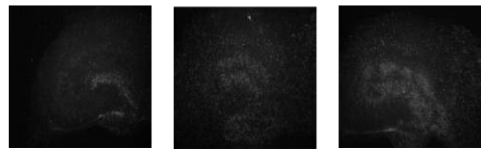


CRL



100 mM ETOH 150 mM ETOH 300 mM ETOH

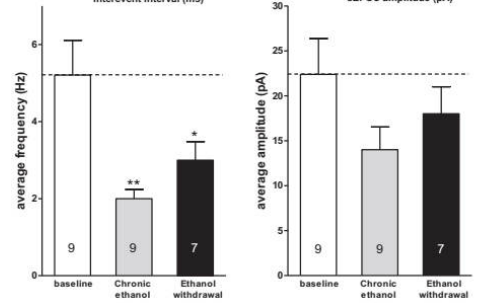
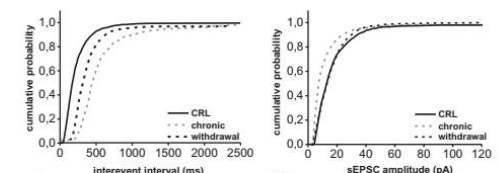
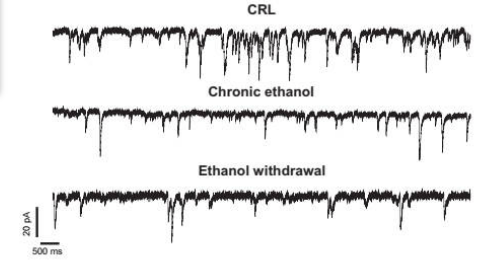
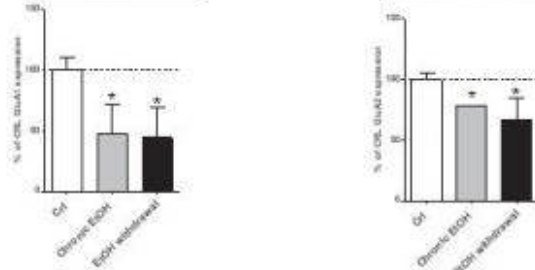
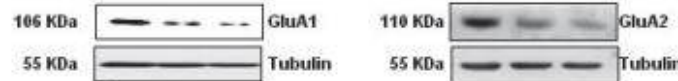
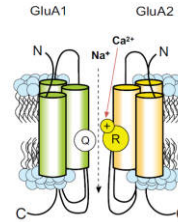
Chronic Ethanol



100 mM ETOH 150 mM ETOH 300 mM ETOH

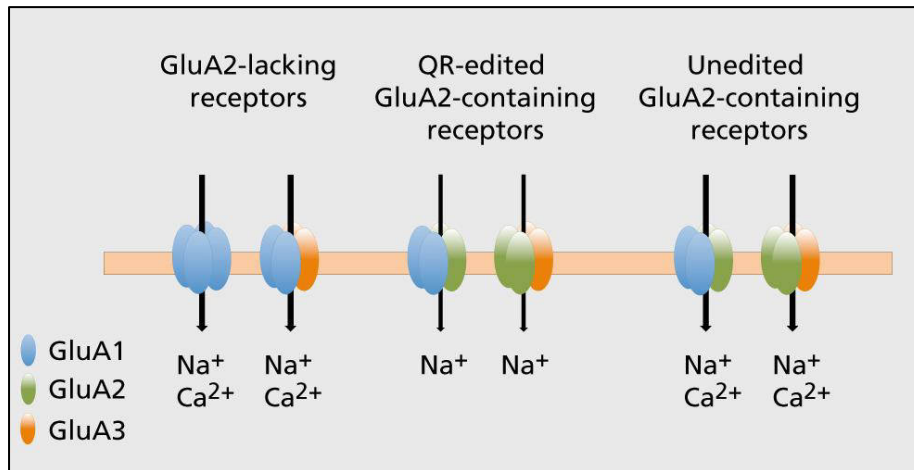
Ethanol withdrawal

AMPA receptors



Recettori AMPA

- **Recettore** transmembrana **ionotropi** del glutammato che media la **neurotrasmissione sinaptica veloce**
- Composto da **quattro subunità** (GluA1, GluA2, GluA3 and GluA4) che si combinano per formare tetrameri
- La maggior parte degli AMPAR sono eterotetrameric, costituiti da dimeri 'simmetrici' di GluA2 e GluA1, GluA3 o GluA4



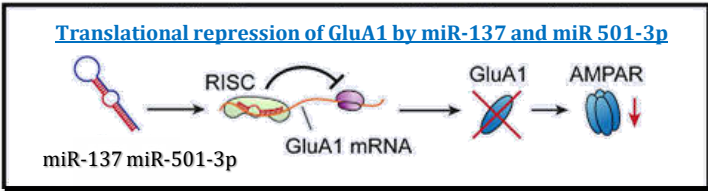
Ipotesi di lavoro

Ruolo dei microRNA e dei recettori mGlu5 nella regolazione della neurotrasmissione mediata dai recettori AMPA

OPEN ACCESS
CellPress
Cell Reports

MicroRNA-137 Controls AMPA-Receptor-Mediated Transmission and mGluR-Dependent LTD

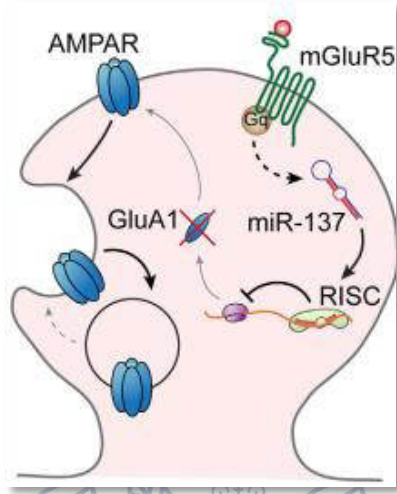
Nikkie F.M. Olde Loohuis,^{1,6} Wei Ba,^{4,5} Peter H. Stoerchel,⁶ Aron Kos,^{1,5} Amanda Jager,^{1,5} Gerhard Schrott,⁶ Gerard J.M. Martens,^{3,5} Hans van Bokhoven,^{1,4,6} Nael Nadif Kasri,^{1,4,5,7,*} and Amaz Aschraf^{1,4,7,*}



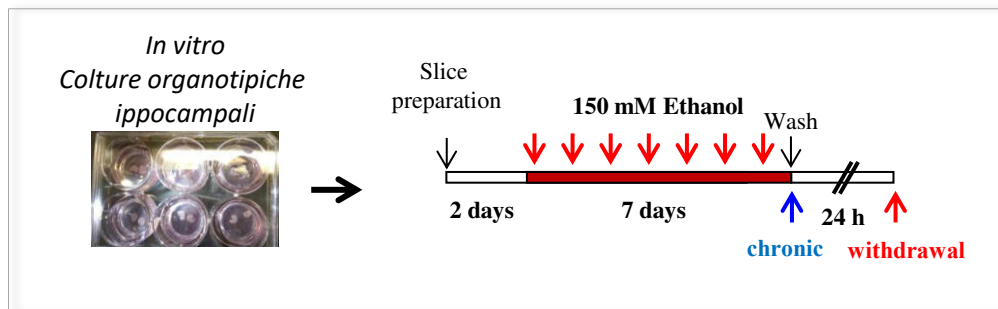
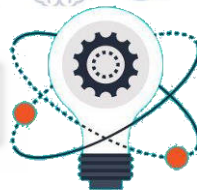
JCB: Article

miR-501-3p mediates the activity-dependent regulation of the expression of AMPA receptor subunit GluA1

Zhonghua Hu,¹ Jun Zhao,¹ Tianyi Hu,¹ Yan Luo,² Jun Zhu,² and Zheng Li¹



Piano sperimentale



Analisi:

- Espressione delle subunità AMPA e relative proteine di ancoraggio tramite western blotting
- Dosaggio dei miRNA 137 e 501-3p tramite RT-PCR
- Registrazioni elettrofisiologiche nei neuroni piramidali della CA1 dell'ippocampo tramite patch clamp

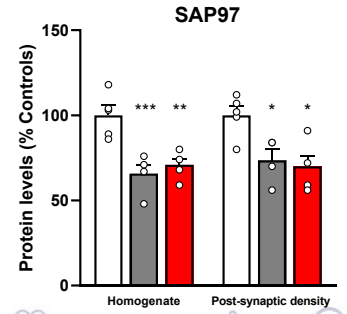
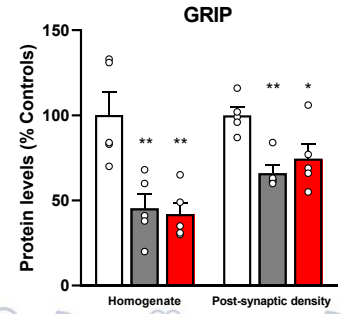
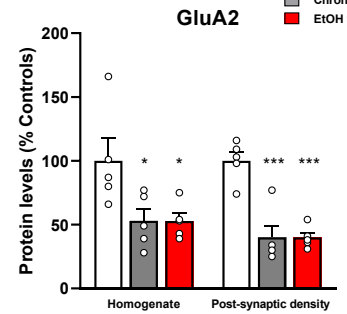
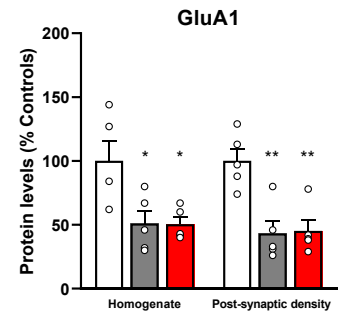
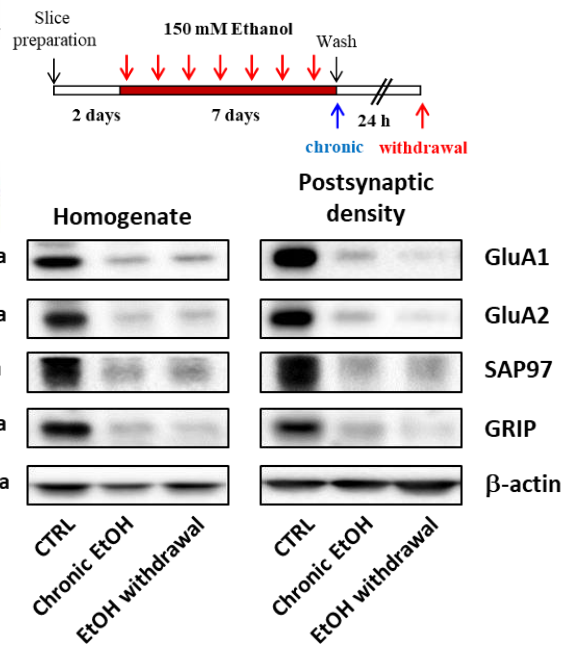
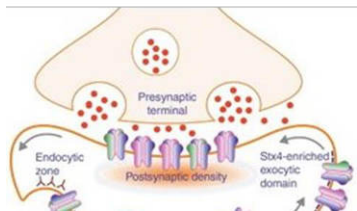


Francesca Mottarlini

Risultati

Localizzazione e trafficking dei recettori AMPA nelle densità post sinaptiche

Post Synaptic Densities



Under review

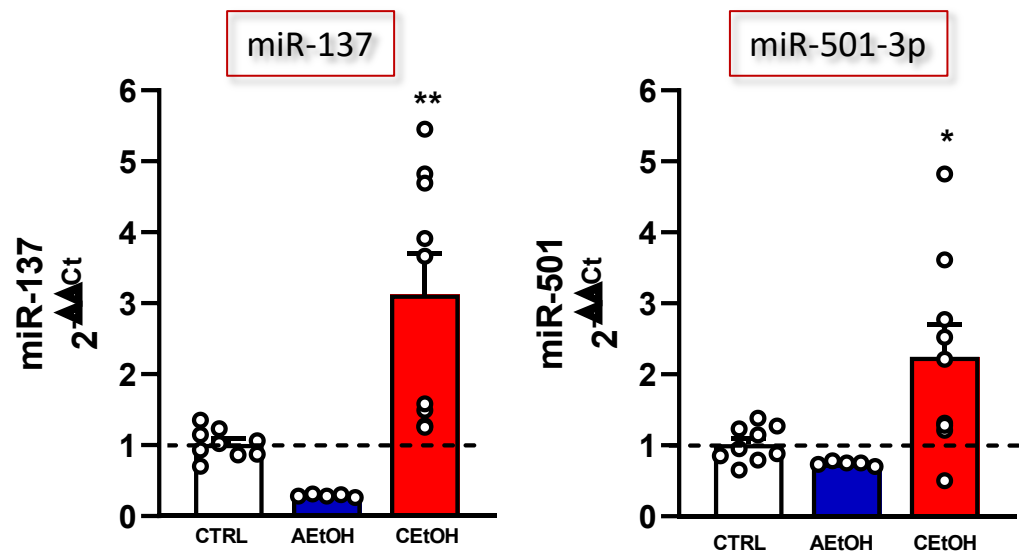


Cristina Luceri

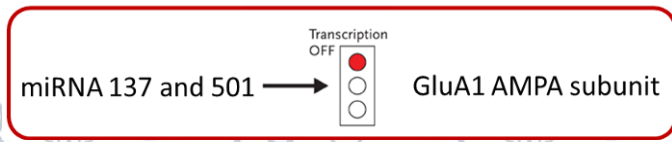
Elisabetta Bigagli

Risultati

miR-137 e miR-501-3p vengono upregolati dall'esposizione cronica ma non acuta di etanolo

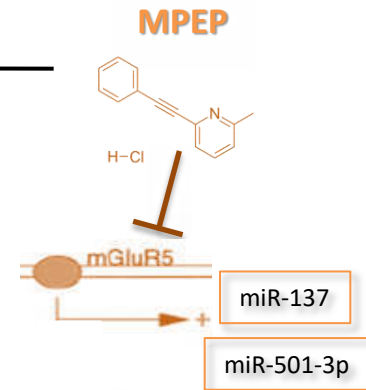
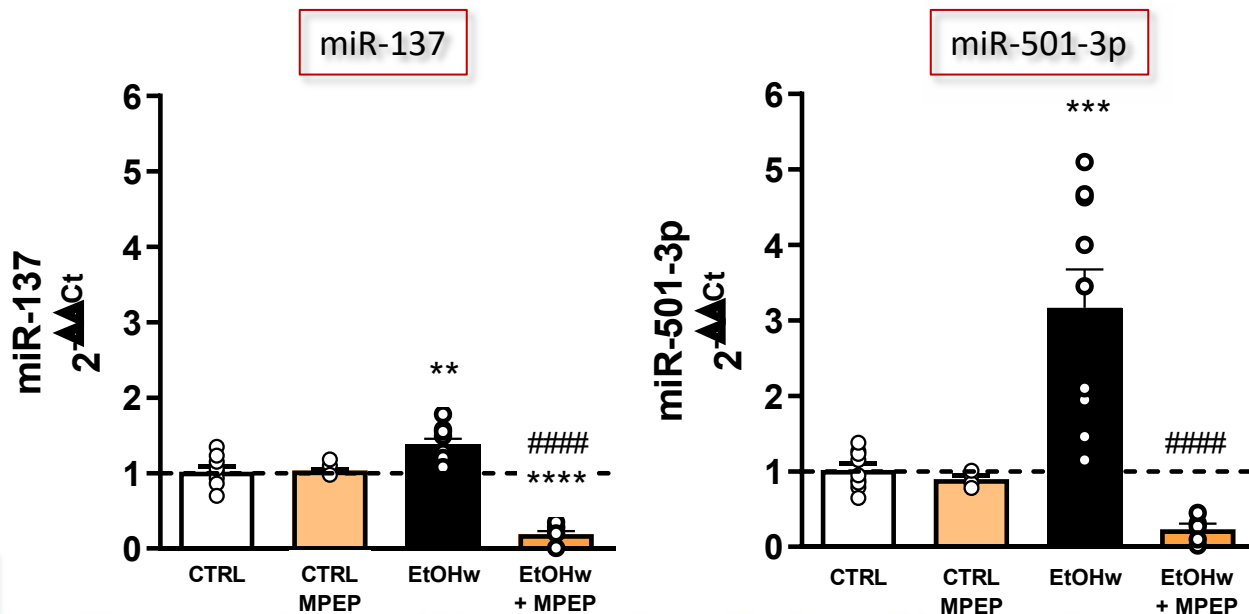


Under review



Risultati

L'upregolazione dei miR-137 e miR-501-3p indotta dall'Etanolo è prevenuta dall'antagonista mGlu5 MPEP



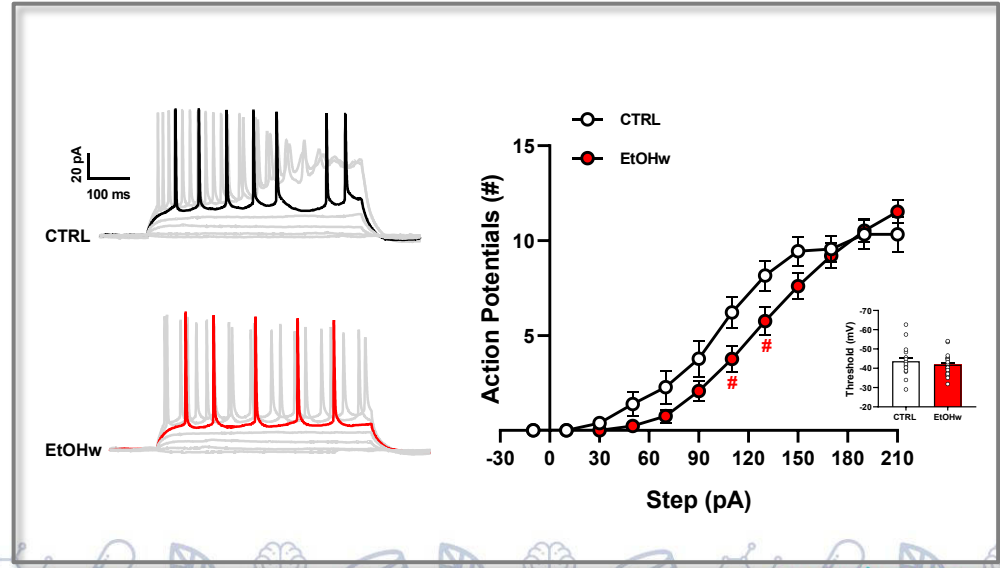
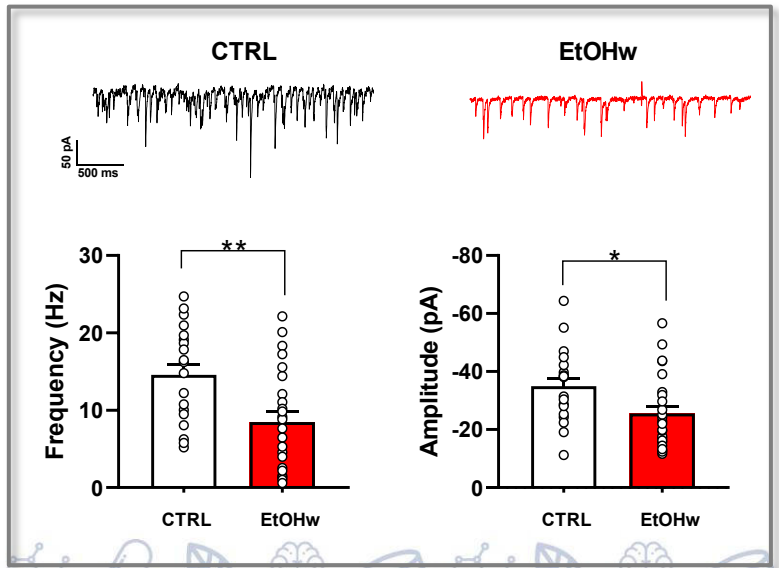
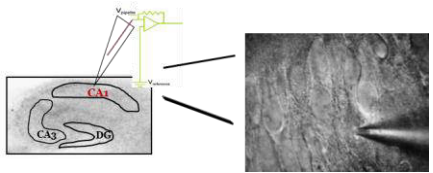
Under review



Lorenzo Curti

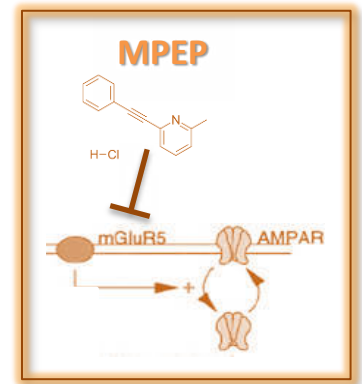
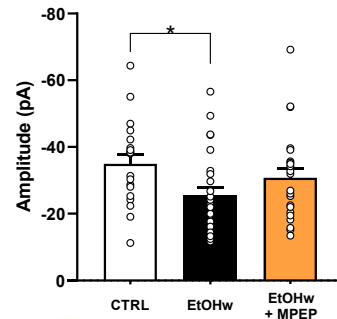
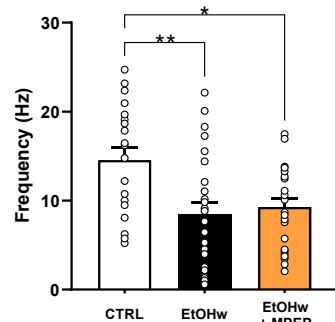
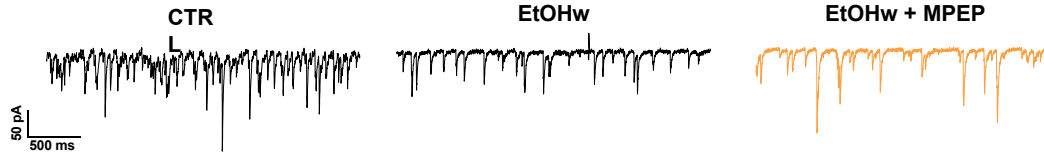
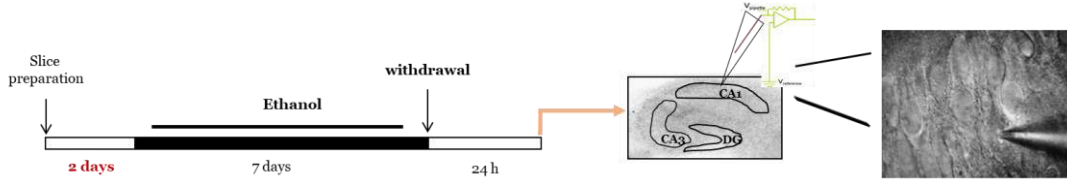
Risultati

L'etanolo induce una riduzione delle correnti spontanee eccitatorie e dell'eccitabilità dei neuroni della CA1 dell'ippocampo



Risultati

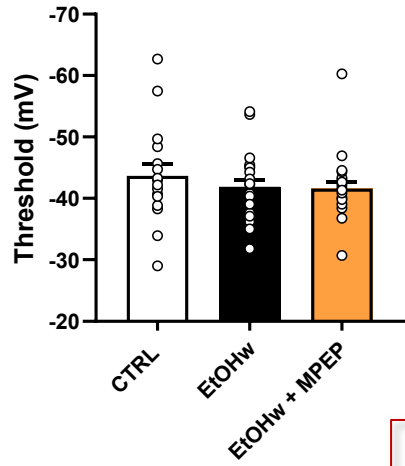
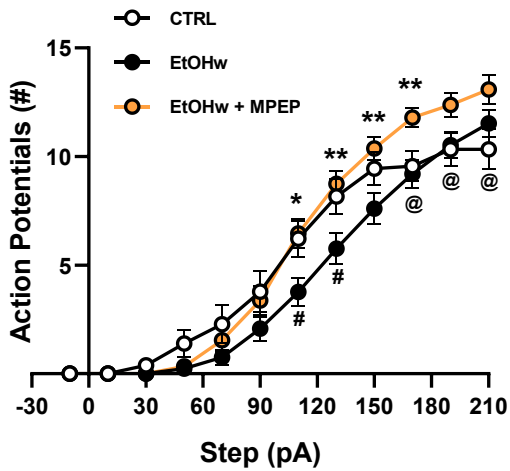
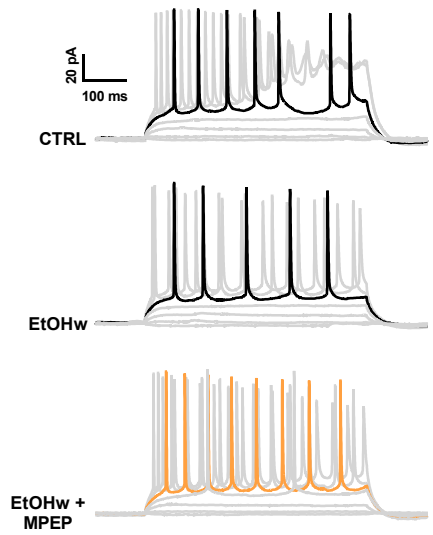
La downregolazione AMPA indotta dall'Etanolo è mediata dai recettori metabotropi mGlu5



Under review

Risultati

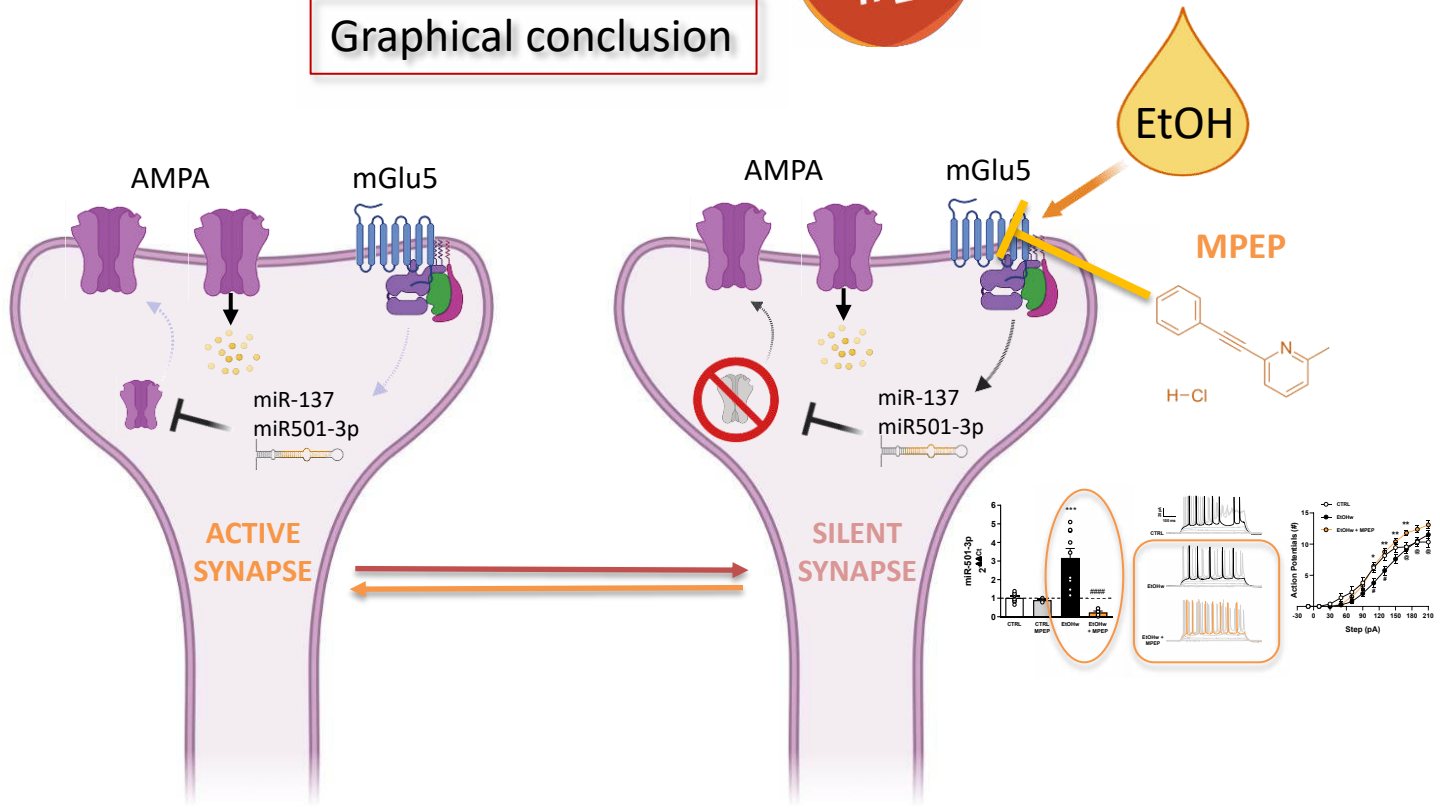
La ridotta eccitabilità dei neuroni piramidali della CA1 dell'ippocampo indotta dall'Etanolo è prevenuta dall'antagonista mGlu5 MPEP



Under review

PART #1

Graphical conclusion



SIGNIFICATO E IMPLICAZIONI

Potenziali target terapeutici
per la FASD



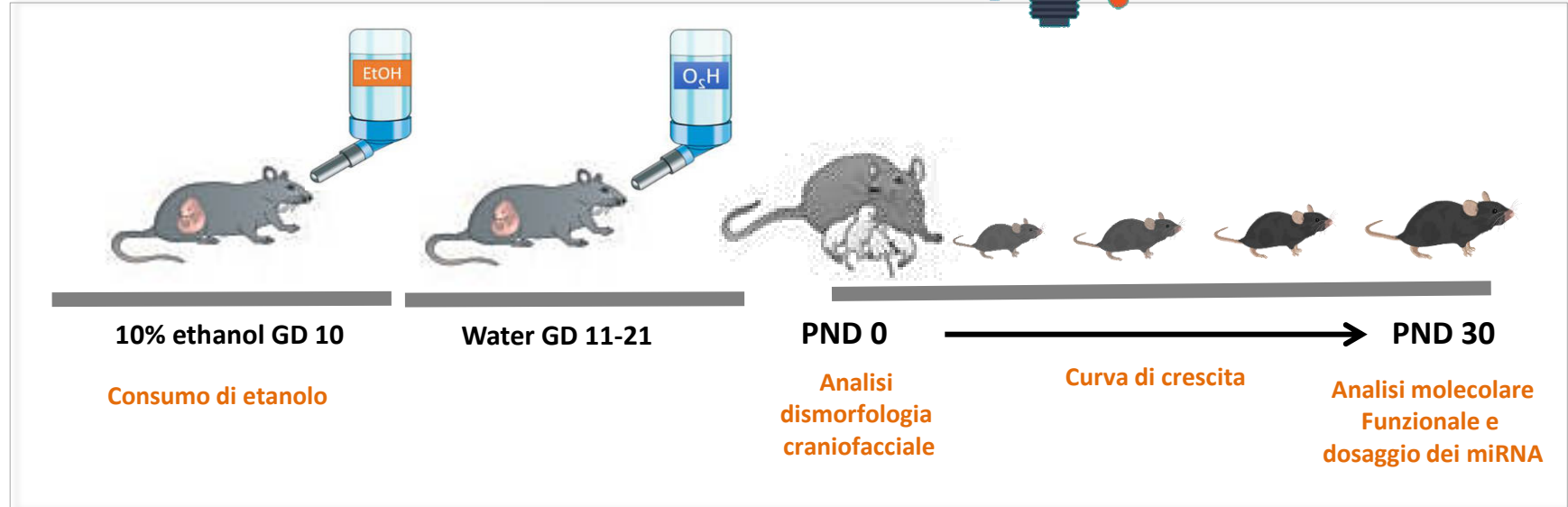
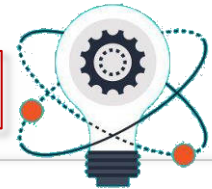
- Recettori AMPA
- miRNA 137 e 501-3p
- Recettori mGlu5



Alice Ilari

Lorenzo Curti

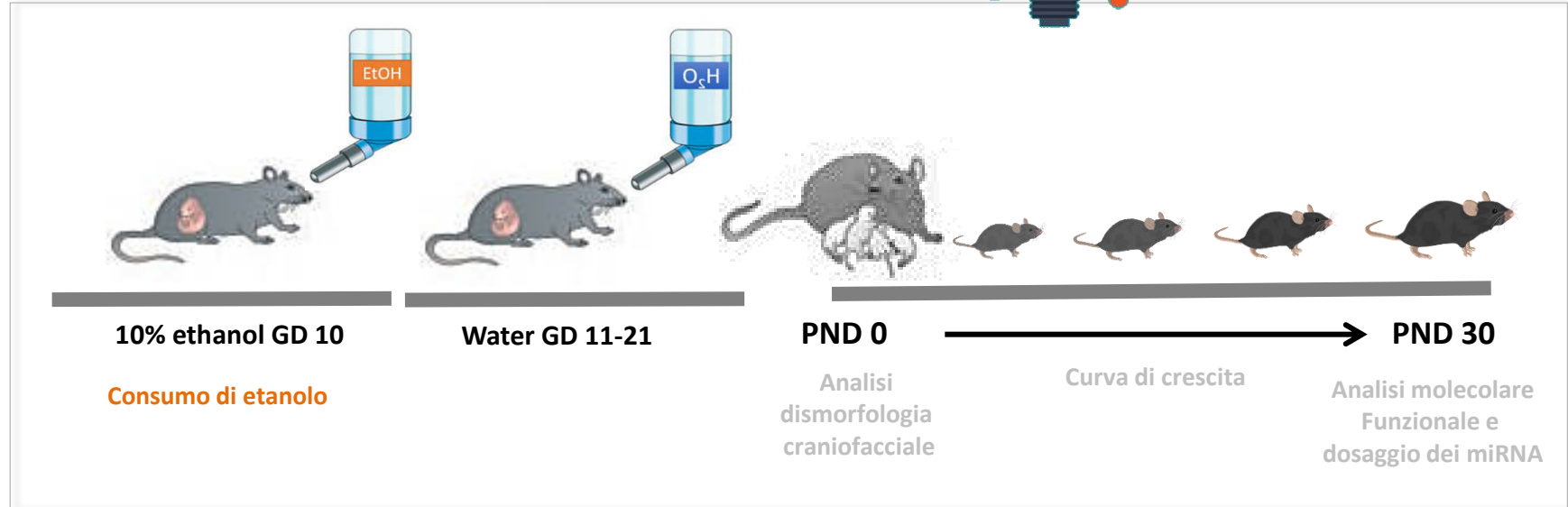
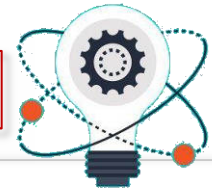
Piano sperimentale



Adapted from Kaminen-Ahola et al., 2010

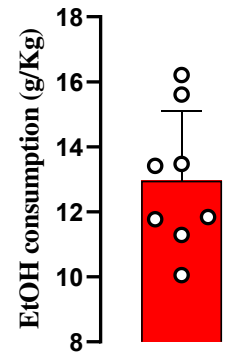
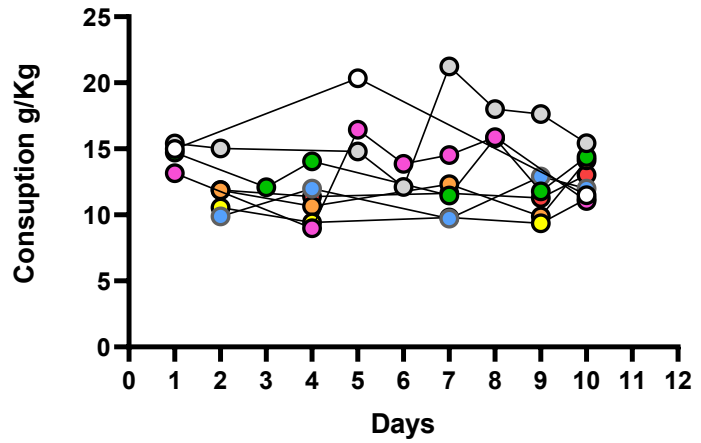
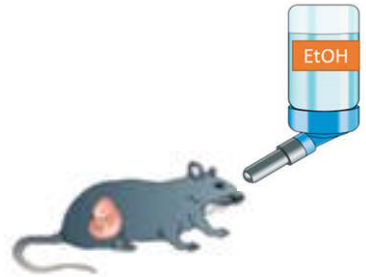
Unpublished

Piano sperimentale

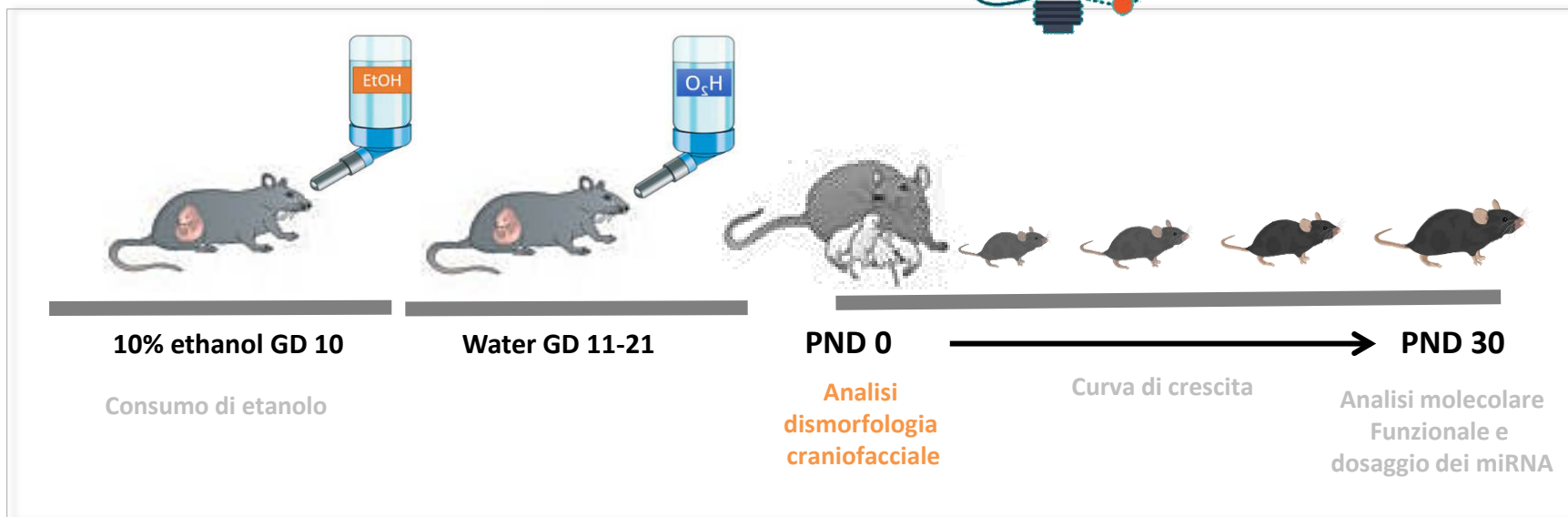
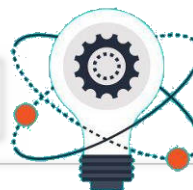


Risultati

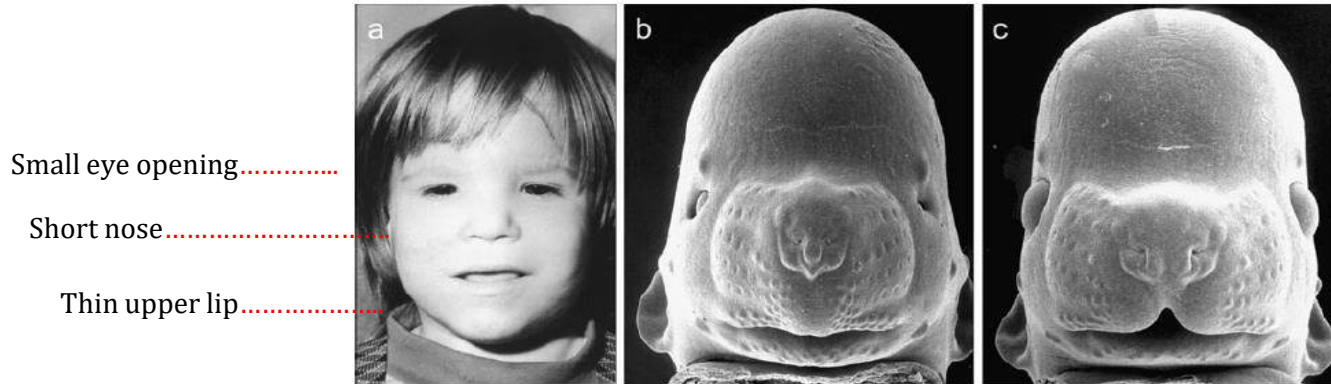
Consumo di etanolo nei topi femmina durante il primo trimestre di gestazione



Piano sperimentale



L'esposizione prenatale all'etanolo causa caratteristiche dismorfiche craniofacciali



Child with FAS Mouse with FAS Normal mouse

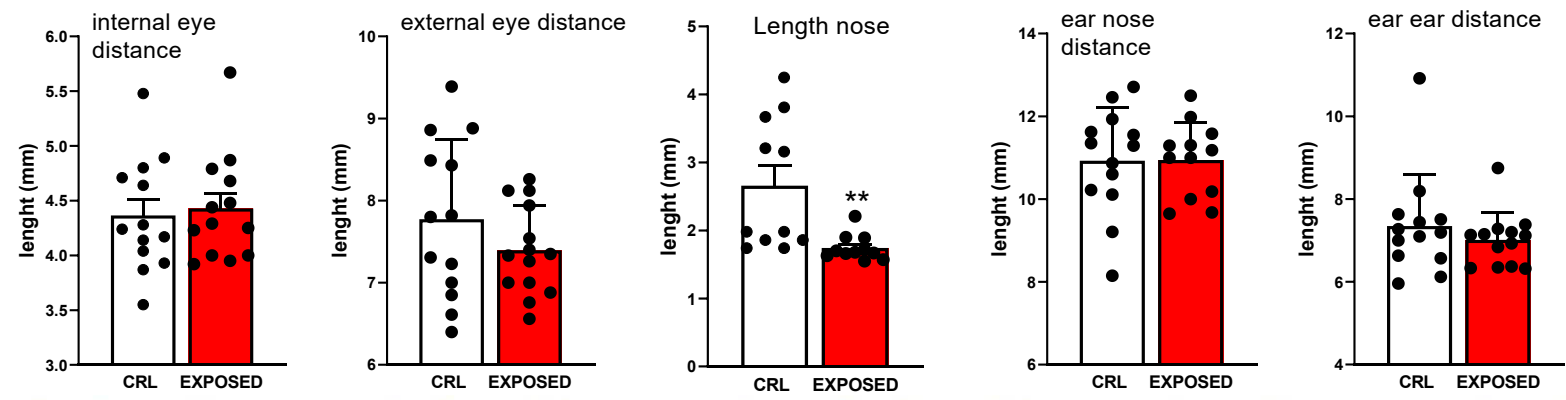
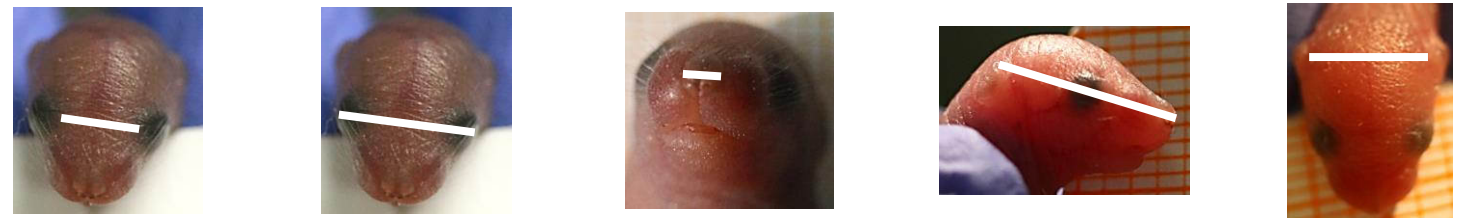
Genesis of Alcohol-Induced Craniofacial Dysmorphism.
Sulik KK. (2005) *Exp Biol Med* **230**: 366-375



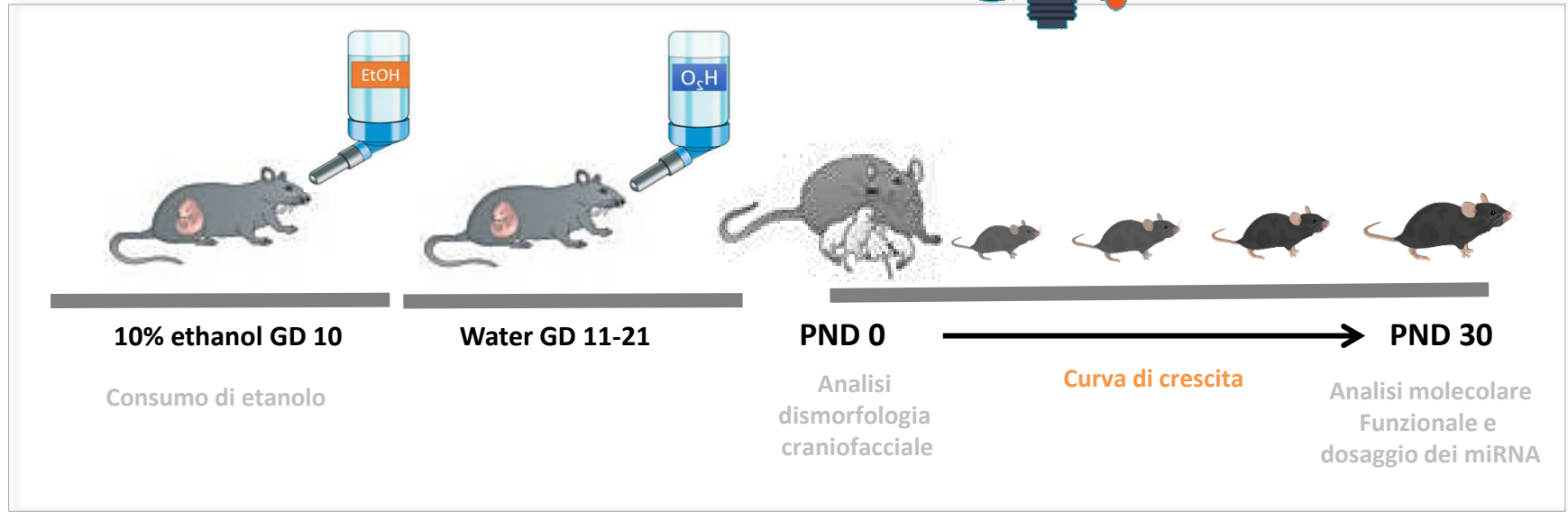
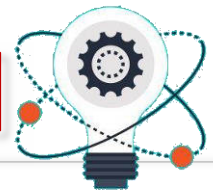
Giuseppe Ranieri

Risultati

Caratteristiche dimorfiche craniofacciali in PAE C57/Bl6 mice



Piano sperimentale

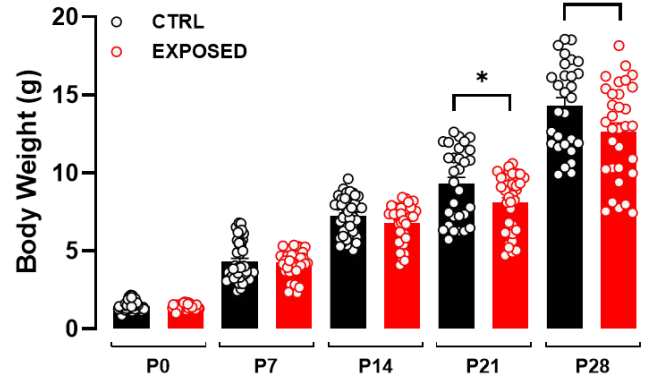
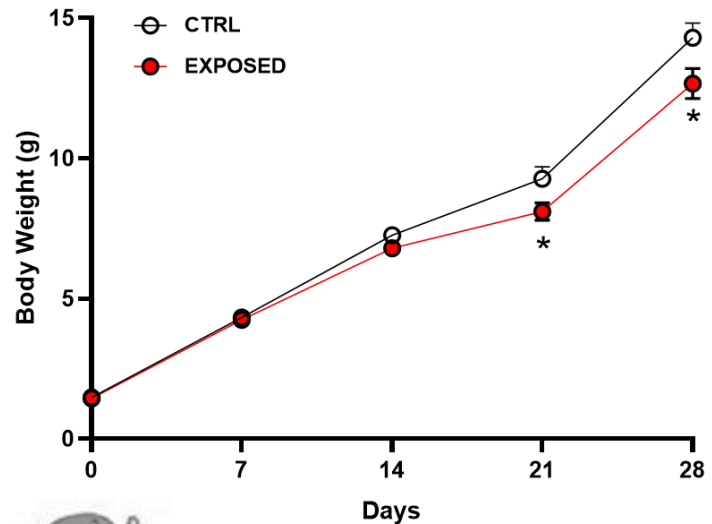




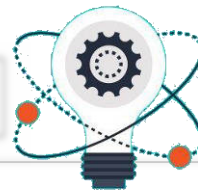
Lorenzo Curti

Risultati

Curva di crescita espressa come peso corporeo



Piano sperimentale



10% ethanol GD 10

Consumo di etanolo



Water GD 11-21



PND 0

Analisi
dismorfologia
craniofaciale



Curva di crescita

PND 30

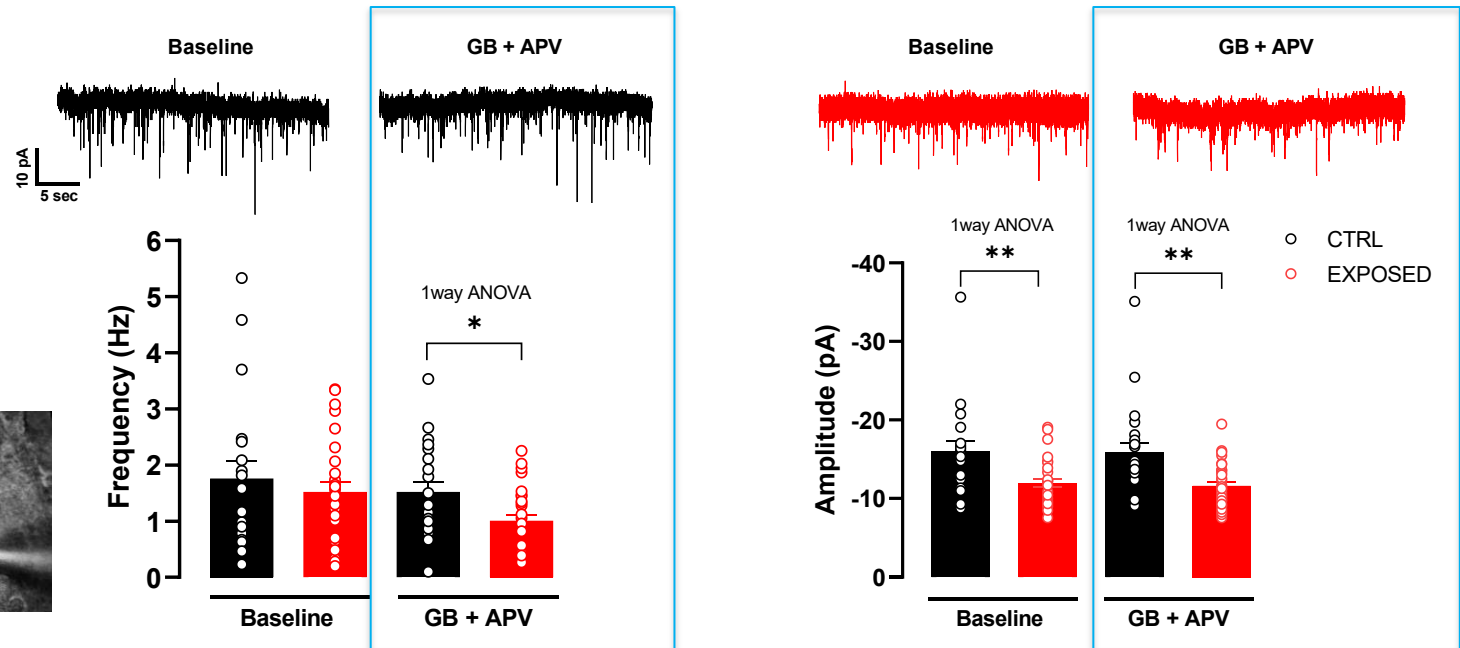
Analisi molecolare
Funzionale e
dosaggio dei miRNA



Lorenzo Curti

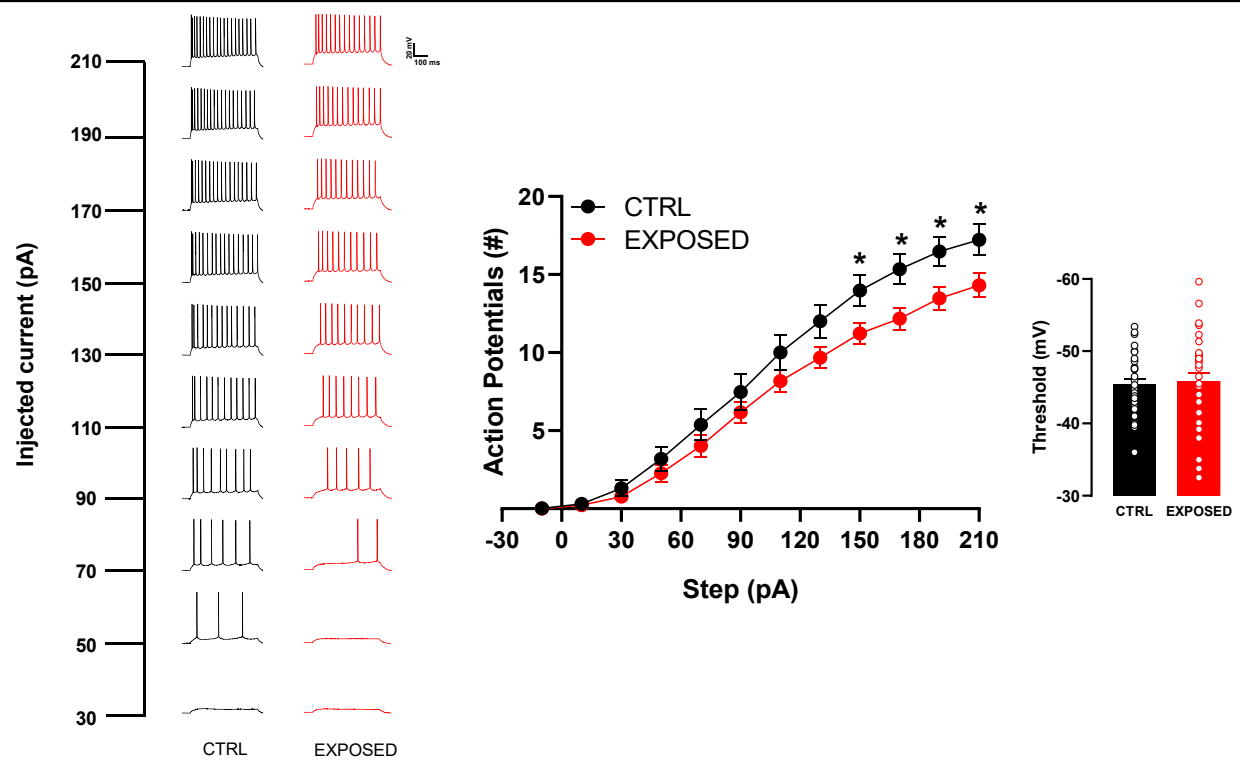
Risultati

Attività sinaptica eccitatoria dei neuroni piramidali della CA1 dell'ippocampo di topi controllo e PAE

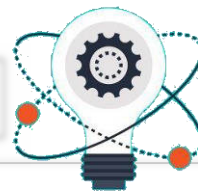


Risultati

Eccitabilità intrinseca dei neuroni piramidali della CA1 dell'ippocampo di topi controllo e PAE



Piano sperimentale

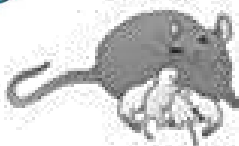


10% ethanol GD 10

Consumo di etanolo



Water GD 11-21



PND 0

Analisi
dismorfologia
craniofaciale

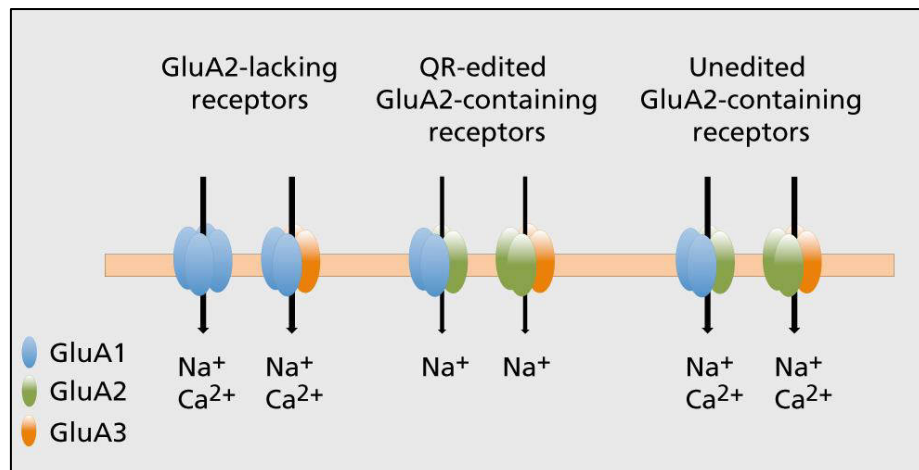


Curva di crescita

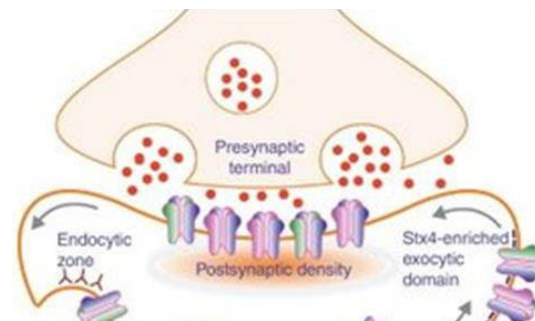
PND 30

Analisi molecolare
Funzionale e
dosaggio dei miRNA

Livelli di espressione dei recettori AMPA nell'ippocampo di topi controllo e PAE



Post Synaptic Densities



Risultati

Composizione dei recettori AMPA nell'ippocampo di topi controllo e PAE



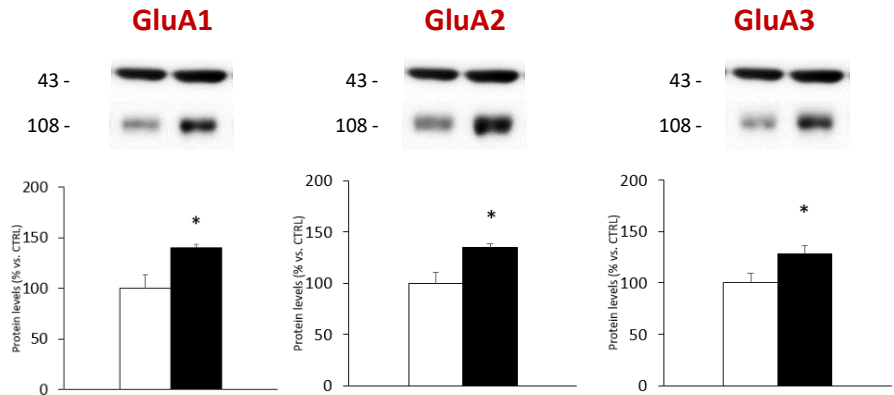
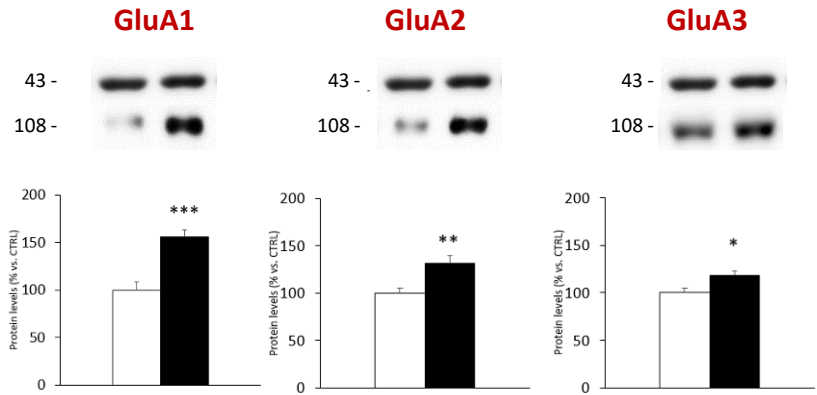
Prof.ssa Lucia Caffino



Beatrice Rizzi

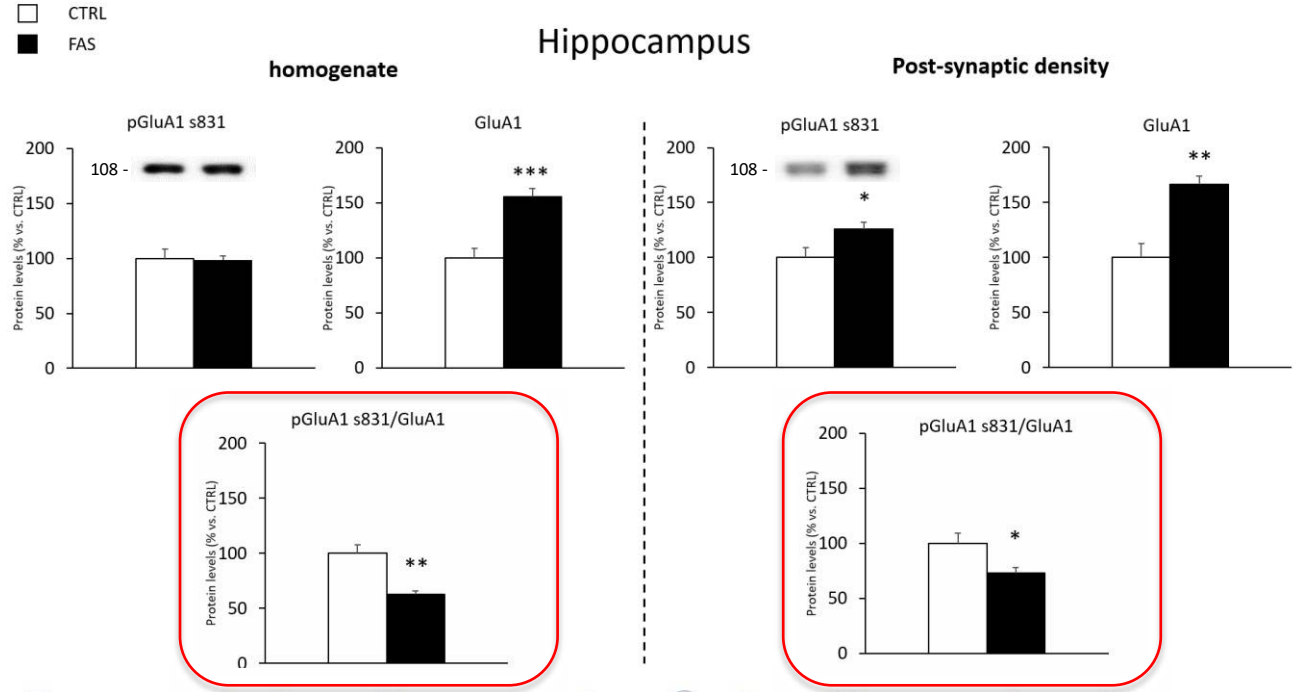
homogenate

Post-synaptic density



Risultati

Livelli di fosforilazione (attivazione) della subunità AMPA GluA1 nell'ippocampo di topi controllo e PAE

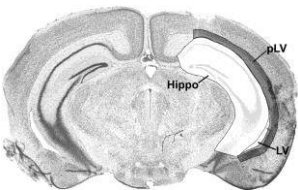


Risultati

Livelli di miR-137 e miR-501-3p nel plasma e negli ippocampi di topi controllo e PAE



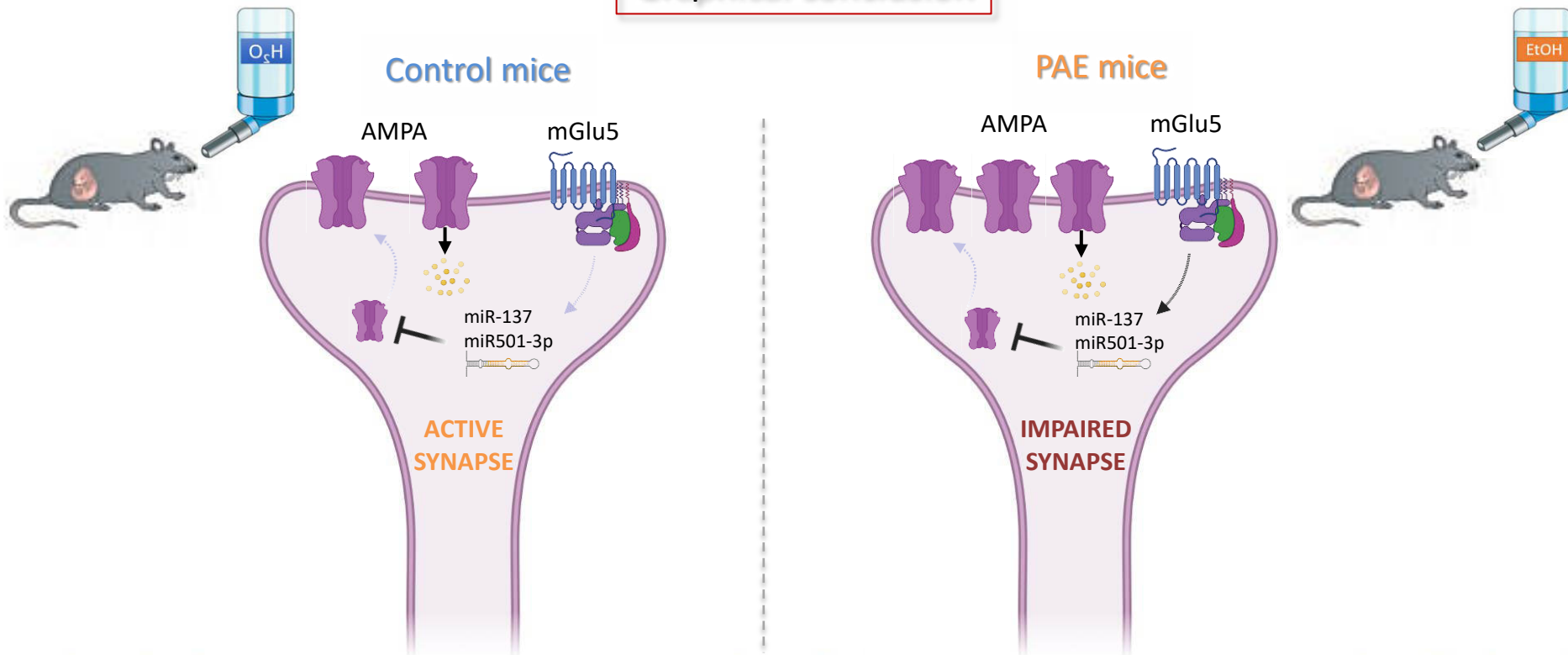
Plasma



Ippocampo



Graphical conclusion






Significato e Implicazioni

Alcohol use during pregnancy can lead to lifelong effects.

People with FASDs can experience a mix of the following problems:

Physical issues

- low birth weight and growth 
- problems with heart, kidneys, and other organs 
- damage to parts of the brain 

Which leads to...

Behavioral and intellectual disabilities

- learning disabilities and low IQ 
- hyperactivity 
- difficulty with attention
- poor ability to communicate in social situations
- poor reasoning and judgment skills 

These can lead to...

Lifelong issues with

- school and social skills 
- living independently
- mental health
- substance use
- keeping a job 
- trouble with the law

Grazie a



Prof. Guido Mannaioni

Lorenzo Curti

Alice Ilari

Elisabetta Bigagli

Prof.ssa Cristina Luceri

Giuseppe Ranieri

Alessio Masi

Antonino La Rocca



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI
DI MILANO



Prof. Fabio Fumagalli

Prof.ssa Lucia Caffino

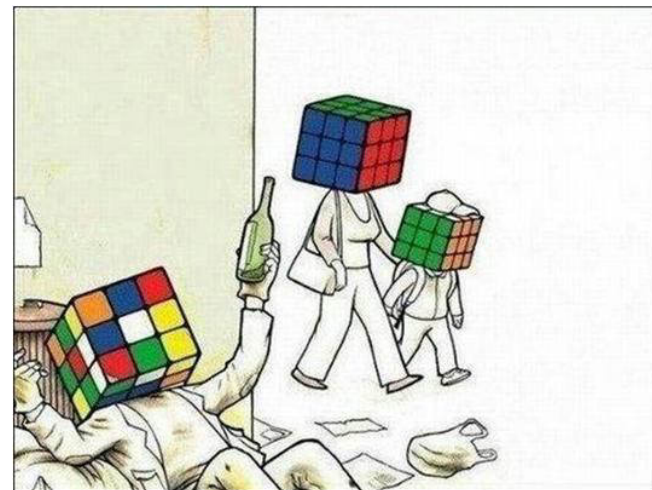
Francesca Mottarlini

Fernando Castillo Díaz

Beatrice Rizzi



Italian Zardi-Gori
Foundation for Addiction Research



Grazie a voi per il vostro
tempo e per la vostra
attenzione