

## Daily quetiapine after severe TBI improves learning and memory

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## ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND:** Traumatic brain injury (TBI) induces cognitive deficits driven by neuroinflammation and cerebral edema. The commonly used atypical antipsychotic, quetiapine (QTP), has been recently shown to improve post-TBI outcomes. We hypothesized that QTP would thereby improve animal learning and memory 2 weeks after severe TBI.

**METHODS:** CD1 male mice (n=35) underwent severe TBI (controlled cortical impact, injury, I) or sham craniotomy (S), followed by BID saline (P, placebo) or QTP (10 or 20 mg/kg, IP) for 2 weeks. Animals underwent Morris Water Maze (MWM) exercises to gauge spatial learning and memory. The distance and time required for swimming animals to reach the platform area (Zone 5, Z5) located in quadrant 1 (Zone 1, Z1) was calculated from digital video recordings analyzed using Ethovision software. Animal bodyweights were recorded daily and on day 14, injured cerebral hemispheres were procured for edema determination (wet-to-dry ratio). Intergroup differences were evaluated with ANOVA/Bonferroni correction ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**RESULTS:** On day 14, animal weight loss recovery was lowest in I+P compared to I+QTP20 and I+QTP10 ( $p \leq 0.01$  for either). Cerebral edema was greatest in I+P, and only significantly decreased in I+QTP20 ( $p < 0.05$ ). Both QTP doses similarly improved spatial learning by significantly reducing latency time and travel distance to target zones ( $p < 0.05$ ). In probe memory trials, only I+QTP20 and not I+QTP10 significantly favored animal reaching or crossing into target zones ( $p < 0.05$ ).

**CONCLUSION:** Post-TBI QTP reduces brain edema and improves spatial learning and memory with a potential dose dependence impact benefiting memory up to 14 days. These data suggest an unanticipated QTP benefit following brain injury that should be specifically explored.

**KEY WORDS:** Learning; memory; Morris Water Maze; quetiapine; traumatic brain injury.

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Regardless of mechanism, traumatic brain injury (TBI) disrupts normal cerebral function and drives both emergency care and long-term care depending on severity. In 2014, the CDC recorded 2.53 million emergency department (ED) visits related to TBI. This encompassed approximately 288,000 TBI-related hospitalizations and 56,800 TBI-related fatalities, spanning all age groups.<sup>1</sup> Despite advancements in basic and translational research that have reduced TBI mortality rates, TBI remains a leading cause of disability among young individuals. The dearth of effective post-injury therapeutic interventions has resulted in prolonged intensive care unit (ICU), hospital and long-term care facility dependence. Subsequent convalescent care exerts a significant financial strain on health systems and families tasked with providing lifetime care.<sup>2,3</sup> While initial tissue impact result in primary brain injury, ultimate outcomes are more significantly influenced by events and pathophysiological occurrences in the hours and days following the injury. These potentially avoidable events including hypoxemia, hyperglycemia, and hypercarbia for example, collectively lead to secondary brain injury.<sup>4</sup> The deleterious influences of secondary brain injurians are expressed through incompletely understood mechanisms but include inflammatory, excitotoxic, and apoptotic processes.<sup>5</sup> Neuroinflammatory events, involving glial cell activation and neutrophil trafficking, augment the upregulation of local and regional inflammatory mediators.<sup>6</sup> Modulating undesirable inflammation offers promise as a therapeutic approach to mitigate against secondary brain injury to improve both functional and cognitive outcomes.<sup>7,8</sup>

The administration of typical or atypical antipsychotic agents such as quetiapine (QTP) to treat agitation or delirium occurs frequently after TBI as well as other critical illnesses or injuries. Besides behavioral control and delirium management, such agents have been shown to potentially reduce post-TBI cerebral inflammation and edema and enhance

outcomes.<sup>9-11</sup> In contrast to the wealth of information in preclinical models, there is limited human investigation linking antipsychotic therapeutics with post-TBI or post-stroke outcomes.<sup>12</sup> In a short term (54 hours) *in vivo* investigation, our group demonstrated a compelling correlation between escalating doses of QTP, and a consistent decrease in blood brain barrier leukocyte mobilization and microvascular permeability as observed *in vivo*, in a penumbral region 54-hours after severe TBI.<sup>9</sup> Additionally, escalating QTP doses better normalized 48-hour Garcia neurological test (GNT) scores, injured cerebral hemisphere water content (edema), and animal body weight loss recovery. This data suggests an acutely beneficial role for QTP in reducing cerebral inflammation and edema. The impact of QTP therapy on longer term outcomes including cognitive recovery affecting learning and memory, remains uncertain but worthwhile investigating. We therefore hypothesized that QTP administration would enhance cognitive recovery for weeks after an initial severe blunt TBI by improving learning and memory in a durable fashion.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### **Experimental Design and Study Groups**

The procedures described below received pre-investigation approval from the University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. The ARRIVE Checklist was followed, completed and submitted as Supplemental Digital Content, <http://links.lww.com/TA/D862>.<sup>13</sup> Adult male CD1 mice weighing 25-32 grams (Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA), were acclimated in standard housing facilities with alternating dark and light cycles and access to both water and chow *ad libitum*. On day 0, mice were randomized to one of two procedures: sham craniotomy (Sham [S]) or severe TBI induced by controlled cortical impact (CCI, Injury [I]) (details below; Fig. 1).

Immediately following TBI, mice were further randomized to receive twice daily intraperitoneal injections (IP) of 0.3ml of either 0.9 % normal saline (NS, Placebo [P]) (Baxter Healthcare Corporation, Deerfield, IL) or quetiapine hemifumarate (QTP; Sigma Aldrich, St Louis, MO) as a low (10mg/kg) or high dose (20mg/kg). Uninjured sham craniotomy mice received either NS or 20mg/kg of QTP IP. These dosing regimens were administered for 14 days and based on previously validated reports focusing on the neuroprotective effects of QTP that established equivalence with oral QTP administered to humans in the ICU<sup>14,15</sup>.

Thirty-five (35) mice were randomly allocated to one of five groups (n=7/group). (1) Sham craniotomy and NS BID (**S+P**); (2) Sham craniotomy and QTP 20mg/kg BID (**S+QTP20**); (3) CCI and placebo BID (**I+P**); (4) CCI and QTP 10mg/kg BID (**I+QTP10**); (5) CCI and QTP 20mg/kg BID (**I+QTP20**). Group sample size was chosen by convenience sampling which was informed by prior studies conducted in our laboratory that employed the same Morris water maze experiments and data analysis methods.<sup>16,17</sup>

### **Murine Severe TBI Model**

Controlled cortical impact (CCI) is a well-established murine injury model that reproduces severe TBI.<sup>18</sup> On day 0, rodents were induced and maintained under anesthesia with inhalational isoflurane (3.5 % induction followed by 2% maintenance) throughout the surgical procedure. Subcutaneous bupivacaine (Fresenius Kabi, Lake Zurich, IL; 0.5mg/mL) and buprenorphine-SR (Zoopharm, Laramie, WY; 1mg/kg) were then injected to provide extended analgesia. Mice were then positioned prone within a stereotactic frame, and a circular 4mm-diameter tracing was marked on the skull between the left bregma and lambda sutures using a trephine. A craniotomy was created with a dental drill (Henry Schein,



Melville, NY) and the bone flap was removed. The dura mater was carefully preserved without injury. In TBI animals, a controlled cortical impactor (AMS201, AmScien Instruments, Richmond, VA) imparted a standardized severe TBI injury to the exposed left parietocerebral cortex, employing the following validated parameters: 3mm-diameter impactor tip, impact velocity of 6m/s, and cortical deformation depth of 1mm.<sup>18</sup> The scalp was sutured closed once hemostasis was achieved.

### **Body Weight Loss Recovery**

Animal body weights were measured both prior to the craniotomy (W0) and daily for the subsequent 14 days. Animal weight loss was calculated relative to the initial animal body weight (W0) and expressed as a percentage using the following formula:  $[(W0 - Wx) / W0] \times 100\%$ , where 'x' represents the number of days after the CCI or sham craniotomy.

### **Brain Tissue Water Content**

After the completion of Morris water maze trials on day 14, animals were euthanized, and their brains and lungs extracted. Each brain hemisphere was extracted separately and labeled as the injured (ipsilateral) or uninjured (contralateral) hemisphere. Hemisphere wet weight (WW) was measured immediately upon organ removal and dry weight (DW) was determined after 72 hours of dehydration at 70 °C. The percentage of tissue water content was calculated using the wet-to-dry ratio formula:  $\% \text{ water content} = 100 \times [(WW - DW) / WW]$ .

### **Morris Water Maze**

Starting on day 6, mice underwent a series of daily exercise trials in a Morris water maze (MWM) by one author (AT) who was blinded to treatment and group allocation (Fig.

2). The water maze consists of a 100 cm diameter circular pool filled with water at a constant temperature of 22°C. The tub is divided into four equal quadrants with a 10cm diameter escape platform positioned in the center of the north quadrant, termed Zone 1. Additional concentric zones around the escape platform were demarcated with the following diameters: Zone 5 (10 cm), Zone 6 (18 cm), Zone 7 (24 cm), and Zone 8 (32 cm). Zone 5 was the 10-cm area surrounding the platform, regardless of whether the platform was present, below the surface, or absent. Exercises included a mix of standard cued, spatial, and probe trials.

### *Cued Learning Trials*

Over the course of days 6 and 7, mice participated in four cued trials daily to help them associate reaching the platform with a positive outcome. The platform's location was randomized within one of the four quadrants and marked with a flag at its center for visibility (Fig. 2). Elevated 1 cm above the water level, the platform was visible to the swimming mice, but no other visual cues on the pool walls were provided. The aim of these trials was to acclimate the mice to the MWM and train them to recognize the platform as the objective.

Mice were randomly positioned facing away from the center at varying starting points (north (N), east (E), south (S), west (W)), and given a 60-second window to locate and swim onto the above water and dry platform. If a mouse failed to reach the platform within the allocated time, the operator guided it onto the platform, allowing it to remain there for 15 seconds before removing it from the MWN and drying it off. The mice were subsequently placed under a heat lamp and given a 10-minute rest period between trials.

### *Spatial Learning Trials*

On days 9 through 13, mice were subjected to daily spatial learning trials (4

trials/day). In these trials, the platform was only positioned in the north quadrant (Zone 1) of the pool but was submerged 1 cm below the water surface and was devoid of an identifying flag rendering it invisible to the swimming animal. However, distinctive visual markers were strategically placed on the inner walls of the water tub at each cardinal point (N, S, E, W) along the pool's perimeter. These markers served as navigational cues for the mice to learn and locate the submerged platform.

The objective of these spatial learning trials was to evaluate mouse capability to employ visual cues for navigation to reach the hidden platform. The starting position for each trial was randomly varied to prevent the mice from identifying the platform's location prior to entering the MWM.

In each spatial learning trial, mice were allowed 60 seconds to locate and reach the platform. Upon reaching the platform, tracking was stopped. Failure to reach the platform within 60 seconds led to the mouse being manually prodded onto the platform, where it remained for 15 seconds before extraction and placement under a heat lamp for a 10-minute recovery period before the next trial.

#### *Probe Memory Trials*

The final series of trials were the probe memory trial that took place from days 9 to 14, occurring once per day following spatial trials on days 9-13, and 4 times on day 14. During probe trials, the platform was removed, but pool wall spatial cues remained unchanged from the spatial trials. These trials aimed to evaluate long-term memory of the platform's location solely using visual cues. Animals were released from varying starting points along the pool's perimeter and allotted a maximum of 30 seconds to swim to the

platform's location, after which they were removed from the water.

All MWM mouse trials were video recorded using an overhead camera and analyzed with Ethovision software (Ethovision, Noldus, Leesburg, VA). Parameters such as time latency to reach a platform/zone, swimming distance covered to reach the platform/zones, time duration in a given zone and crossing frequency into a given zone (number of times) were collected.

For cued trials, total distance moved (cm), trial time (s), and mean swimming velocity (in cm/s) were collected. During spatial trials, latency to and distance travelled to reach Zones 1, 7, and 8 were assessed. Duration and frequency in Zone 5 were not measured during spatial trials due to the presence of the platform in that zone, although mean distance to Zone 5 was quantified. In probe trials, the following metrics were measured: latency to, distance travelled, as well as the time spent in and crossing frequency into Zones 1, 5, 7, and 8 were collected. Additionally, the mean distance to Zone 5 was calculated.

## **Statistical Analysis**

Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM and were processed in Prism (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA, 2022). Group differences were analyzed using ANOVA with Bonferroni correction for multiple group comparisons. Significance was assumed for  $p < 0.05$ .

## **RESULTS**

### **Body Weight Loss Recovery**

The degree of initial weight loss, the extent of subsequent weight recovery, and the rate of weight recovery indicate neurological and systemic recuperation from operative

procedures and TBI. S+P animals consistently recovered more body weight than I+P counterparts (Fig. 3A). The slope of both I+QTP groups' weight loss recovery is more acute than the I+P curve indicating a more rapid recovery of body weight over time. Cumulative body weight changes on day 14 significantly favored I+QTP20 which reached levels similar to S+QTP20 (Fig. 3B). All animals subjected to experiments in any of the groups survived.

### **Tissue Water Content**

Assessing sham or CCI cerebral hemisphere (ipsilateral to the craniotomy) day 14 edema, the greatest water content was found in untreated injured mice (I+P:  $77.2 \pm 0.63\%$ ; Fig. 4). Expectedly, significantly less water content was found in S+P ( $74.5 \pm 0.63\%$ ,  $p=0.001$ ) as well as QTP treated mice - but only at the higher dose (I+QTP20;  $74.9 \pm 0.63\%$ , vs. I+P,  $p=0.01$ ). The water content of cerebral hemisphere contralateral to the craniotomy or of lungs did not exhibit notable intergroup differences among all the injured groups, regardless of treatment or dose.

### **Morris Water Maze Exercises**

#### *Cued Learning Trials*

There were no significant intergroup differences across groups in any of the measured parameters that were assessed during the cued learning trials.

#### *Spatial Learning Trials*

In spatial trials, all injured QTP-treated mice significantly outperformed the I+P control mice in latency to reach target zones. I+QTP10 mice demonstrated significantly lower Zone 1 latency (I+QTP10 vs. I+P:  $6.2 \pm 0.4s$  vs.  $8.6 \pm 0.6s$ ,  $p=0.02$ ) but also reduced latency to

the platform zone (Zone 5; Fig. 5A). Both I+QTP groups similarly outperformed I+P ( $20.9 \pm 1.5$ s) in latency to Zone 7, (I+QTP10:  $14.1 \pm 1.1$ s,  $p < 0.01$ ; I+QTP20:  $13.4 \pm 1.2$ s,  $p < 0.001$ ) and Zone 8 (Fig. 5B).

During spatial trials, the I+QTP groups swam consistently closer to the platform compared to I+P mice. Both I+QTP groups demonstrated a reduced mean distance to Zone 5 (Fig. 5C).

Both I+QTP10 ( $2.6 \pm 0.1$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ) and I+QTP20 ( $2.2 \pm 0.1$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) mice crossed into Zone 7 more frequently than I+P mice ( $1.7 \pm 0.1$ ).

In all spatial trials, no significant differences were detected among any of the injured groups in the other spatial parameters (mean velocity, duration in/frequency in Zone 1, duration in Zone 7, and duration in/frequency in Zone 8). In no spatial trial parameter were the QTP-treated injured groups significantly outperformed by I+P.

#### *Probe Memory Trials*

Only I+QTP20 mice exhibited lower latency to Zone 1 than I+P mice ( $6.3 \pm 0.6$ s vs.  $9.6 \pm 1.0$ s,  $p = 0.02$ ). This shorter latency time only of higher dose treated animals (I+QTP20) was also noted for Zone 7 (Fig. 6A) and Zone 8 (Fig. 6B).

Only I+QTP20 mice demonstrated significantly higher frequent crossing into Zone 8 (Fig. 6C). Both I+QTP10 ( $3.4 \pm 0.2$ ,  $p = 0.046$ ) and I+QTP20 ( $3.8 \pm 0.2$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) mice exceeded I+P ( $2.7 \pm 0.2$ ) in Zone 1 crossing frequency.

In probe trials, no significant differences were detected among any of the injured groups in the other measured probe parameters (mean velocity, duration in Zone 1, mean distance to/duration in/frequency in/latency to Zone 5, or duration in/frequency in Zone 7 and duration in Zone 8). In no probe trial parameter were any QTP-treated injured group significantly outperformed by I+P.

In summary, memory was poorest in I+P animals and though, in some cases, both QTP doses improved results; a more generalized finding was that only higher dose (I+QTP20 but not I+QTP10) lead to significantly improved performance when compared to untreated injured animals.

## DISCUSSION

In this study, we characterized the impact of post-TBI QTP dosing on learning and memory recovery. Daily QTP for 2 weeks improved markers of spatial learning regardless of dose, while only higher dose QTP appeared to principally enhance memory recovery. The latter dose response benefit was also observed in other post- TBI outcomes including animal weight recovery and reduced cerebral edema.

Quetiapine fumarate, is a dibenzothiazepine derivative and second-generation atypical antipsychotic commonly utilized in the management of ICU delirium and psychosis.<sup>19</sup> It is also routinely employed in various psychiatric conditions, including schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, exhibiting a strong affinity for the serotonergic 5HT<sub>2</sub>-A/5HT<sub>1</sub>-A receptors but also interacting with D<sub>1</sub>/D<sub>2</sub> (dopamine), H<sub>1</sub> (histamine), and  $\alpha$ <sub>1</sub>/ $\alpha$ <sub>2</sub> (norepinephrine) receptors.<sup>20,21</sup> Mechanistically, quetiapine appears to demonstrate immunomodulatory activity as it blunts catecholamine (dopamine, serotonin and norepinephrine) downstream

activity, reduces cerebral tissue inflammation.<sup>22</sup>

Broad evidence underscores quetiapine's potential for cognitive enhancement in psychiatric contexts. An open-label QTP study involving patients with borderline personality disorder showed improvements in spatial learning, word fluency, and problem-solving skills.<sup>23</sup> Likewise, in patients with schizophrenia, enhancements in motor skills, attention, and executive functioning were observed after an eight-week course of quetiapine.<sup>24</sup> Head-to-head comparisons between several atypical antipsychotic agents demonstrated greater improvements in cognitive function over one to two years in patients with schizophrenia.<sup>25,26</sup> In a post-traumatic syndrome disorder (PTSD) rodent model, QTP blunted anxiety-like behavior and cognitive impairments.<sup>27</sup> In multiple sclerosis, quetiapine reduced murine brain TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-6, reduced activated astrocytes and microglia abundance, and attenuated CD4 T-cell while upregulating Treg cell infiltration.<sup>28,29</sup> Finally, in patients with Parkinson's but not Alzheimer's, significant cognitive recall improvements were noted following QTP therapy.<sup>30</sup> In our study, twice daily QTP for 2 weeks after injury, globally improved clinical recovery demonstrating murine improvement in learning where the platform was hidden and remembering where the platform had been after removal in the probe trials. Unexpectedly, cerebral edema in the craniotomy hemisphere as measured so long after injury - on day 14 - remained also reduced by QTP but only at the higher dose, corroborating previous parallel findings (*in vivo* and *ex vivo*) at 54 hours after injury.<sup>9</sup> This body of evidence underscores quetiapine's potential utility as a cognitive support agent for patients with well-defined neurologic conditions and suggests a role following TBI.

A recent retrospective analysis of quetiapine treated post-TBI patients noted a 25% reduction in in-hospital mortality and an improvement in median discharge Glasgow Coma



Scale compared to matched controls.<sup>11</sup> The authors further reported how higher dose quetiapine patients who underwent intracranial pressure (ICP) monitoring demonstrated lower intracranial pressure (ICP) and higher cerebral perfusion pressure (CPP). Since high ICP and low CPP appear to worsen post-TBI outcomes, quetiapine may serve as an important adjunct therapy for those with the most severe TBI. Unfortunately, how this human study's low and high quetiapine dosage compares to the IP doses administered in our murine model is difficult to interpret and draw any correlation other than an interesting similarity. Similarly, quetiapine appears to improve neurobehavioral outcomes by reducing irritability and aggression in those with TBI complicated by delirium.<sup>31-33</sup> Moreover, there is a suggestion that quetiapine may also enhance downstream cognitive function and neuropsychological in the humans tested.<sup>32</sup>

In animal studies, certain evidence also points to quetiapine's advantage after TBI. In one animal CCI model, exposure to a typical antipsychotic (Haldol) resulted in worsened TBI-induced motor and cognitive deficits but this was not found when exposing animals to quetiapine (atypical) instead.<sup>34</sup> Using MWM exercises, however, the authors were unable to demonstrate significant QTP-related improvements in spatial learning or probe memory trials. However, the study's QTP dosing frequency was daily not twice daily as in our study, potentially pointing to relative underdosing for the lack of observed effect. Additionally, in contrast to our study, only three MWM parameters were evaluated as opposed to the five individual parameters (latency time, duration, frequency of crossing, distance covered, velocity) collected in our study and evaluated in 5 concentric zones (not only 2), potentially missing capture of subtly altered learning/memory differences between groups. Interestingly, in the group receiving daily QTP (10mg/kg once daily) spatial learning (z5 latency) on day 14 approached that of sham levels, a finding similar to those same specific findings in our

study. Specifically in probe trials, our study noted that only higher dose (I+QTP20) animals demonstrated memory improvements suggesting that there is a dose dependent effect or a threshold effect in memory recovery for quetiapine therapy. Leveraging the additional granularity of our analysis highlighted that I+QTP mice consistently outperformed I+P counterparts in a majority of parameters analyzed. In 2 additional rodent studies, while typical antipsychotics (i.e. haloperidol) administered after TBI consistently resulted in delayed cognitive recovery, this was not found with atypical antipsychotics.<sup>35,36</sup> Unfortunately, while these studies also utilized MWM exercises, none of them specifically tested quetiapine.

Different mechanisms can be speculated for the observed quetiapine-related improvements in cognition, learning and memory after TBI. Quetiapine has been found to blunt oxidative metabolism (reducing MDA and elevating GSH brain homogenate levels), reduce neuronal inflammation (lower homogenate COX-2, NF- $\kappa$ B, and TNF- $\alpha$ ), and affect apoptosis, altering secondary neuronal tissue injury in central and spinal cord injury models.<sup>37,38</sup> Quetiapine also appears to profoundly reduce myeloid cell line activity, particularly blunting activation and trafficking numbers of neutrophils and macrophages.<sup>39,40</sup> Using an identical CCI murine model as in the current study but coupled with intravital microscopy conducted 54 hours after injury, our group recently reported that incrementally increased QTP dosing reduced leukocyte mobilization to penumbral cerebral tissue at 2 days post-TBI.<sup>9</sup> These stepwise and rapid parallel changes with increased post-TBI QTP dosing were associated with incrementally improved Garcia Neurological Test scores at 24 and 48 hours as well. Quetiapine similarly enhanced *in vitro* rodent rat brain microvascular endothelial cell (BMEC) permeability in another study, corroborating these *in vivo* findings and pointing to a quetiapine-related preservation of the endothelial blood brain barrier after TBI.<sup>10</sup>

Relatedly, utilizing the same murine CCI model as ours, these authors demonstrated that quetiapine completely abrogated *in vivo* blood brain barrier leakage of FITC-dextran up to 70 minutes after TBI.<sup>10</sup> The current study, however, was not designed to explore the mechanism of action but did confirm consistent QTP-related improvements in surrogates of neurological recovery, enhancing both learning and memory in rodents.

While the current study provides insights into quetiapine-driven learning and memory enhancement in brain-injured mice after severe TBI, there are important limitations to discuss. The murine model employed in this study exclusively utilized CD1 male mice precluding the evaluation of sex-based outcome differences. Based upon our use of this specific mouse strain and sex for over a decade, a consistent approach supported linkage across related inquiries. Nonetheless, the data may not be extrapolatable to female mice especially since TBI and certain neuroprotective strategies affect females and males quite differently.<sup>41,42</sup> Additionally, we refrained from investigating known electrophysiologic side effects of quetiapine, such as QTc prolongation and development of *torsade de pointes*, as our study focused on behavior related to learning and memory. This decision was made to ensure that daily memory and learning tests were not disrupted by additional animal activity or neurologically active medications as obtaining electro cardiac tracings involve mouse sedation. Nonetheless, no animal suffered cardiac arrest even during vigorous activity (i.e. swimming). We pursued only two quetiapine doses and may have therefore missed a threshold for benefit at an even lower dose. While 14 days is relatively long for a murine study after TBI, any potential benefits of the lower quetiapine dose that could manifest at a later follow-up period were not captured. Indeed, QTP may simply have accelerated normalization of certain parameters being manifestly improved over placebo within the 14-day experimental observation window but there is no way of knowing if followed

indefinitely, any or all studied parameters would have normalized in all groups with time. Furthermore, murine days are not equivalent to human days<sup>43</sup>, thus treatment or learning/memory testing exercises in mice for 14 days is not equivalent to 2 human weeks but likely a much longer time, making timeframe inferences difficult to quantify. Also, we did not assess long-term impact of quetiapine assisted recovery on other murine social behaviors such as foraging, mating or behavior within a group social structure. While QTP and other atypical antipsychotics are not routinely utilized to provide pain control, all have been noted to have potential analgesic properties. There is no way of knowing if the improved MWM performance in QTP-treated groups was specifically from better pain control. Finally, as a mouse study, the study is not directly extrapolatable to humans, but provides additional preclinical information that may help shape human investigation.

## CONCLUSION

Our study demonstrates that two weeks of post-severe TBI quetiapine improves both spatial learning and memory in mice. Memory, in particular, seems enhanced at a higher dose of quetiapine while spatial learning appears devoid of similar benefit. The ability of quetiapine to support recovery of cognitive function following TBI offers the potential for early intervention that may demonstrate durable beneficial effects.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL DIGITAL CONTENT**

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**Figure 1.** Experimental timeline.

**Figure 2.** Morris water maze (MWM) trials overview and setup. (A) Cued Learning Trials (Days 6-7): The platform is above water and mice have 60s to reach the platform. (B) Spatial Learning Trials (Days 8-13): The platform, submerged and not visible. Distinct visual markers at cardinal point pool walls serve as the cues. (C) Probe Memory Trials (Days 9-14): The platform is removed, but the spatial cues are retained. N, E, S, W, north, east, south, and west mouse starting positions, respectively.

**Figure 3.** (A) The daily average percentage change in animal body weight over the course of 14 days following either a sham craniotomy or CCI. (B) More detailed representation of panel A, specifically focusing on Day 14 summative results.

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**Figure 6.** Comparative analysis of probe navigation in animals post treatment. (A) Probe Frequency in Zone 8: The number of times animals entered the border of Zone 8. (B) Probe Latency to Zone 8: The amount of time in seconds it took animals to enter Zone 8. (C) Probe Latency to Zone 7: The amount of time in seconds it took animals to enter Zone 7.

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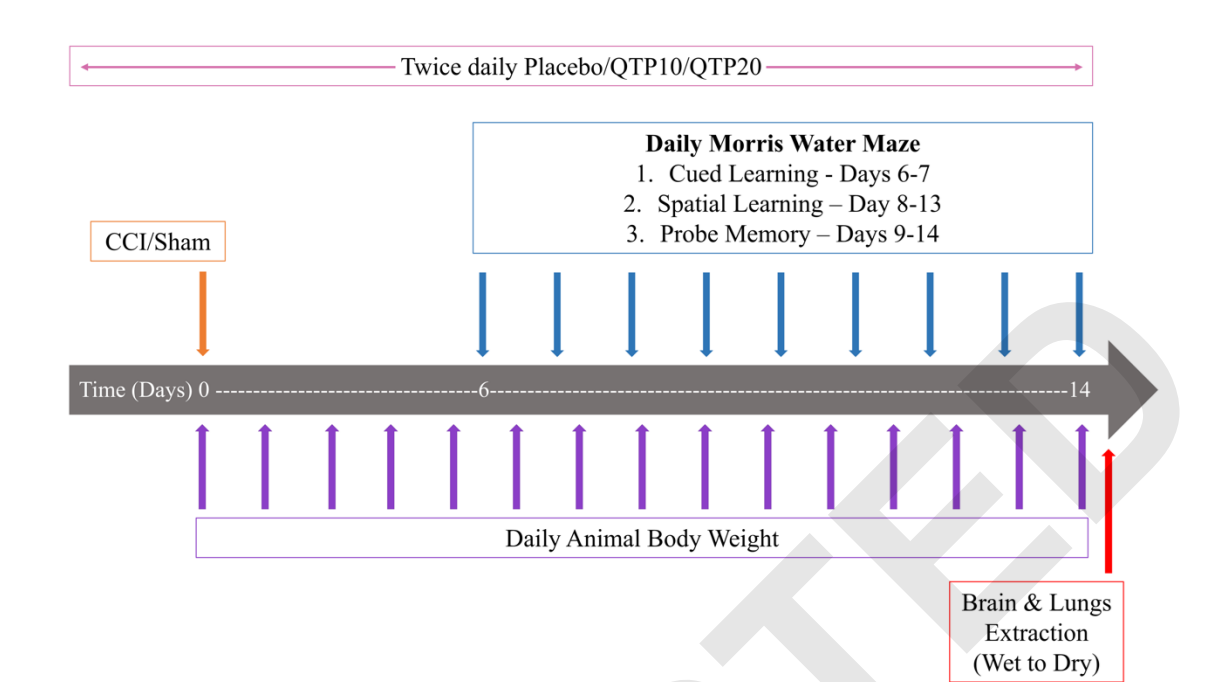


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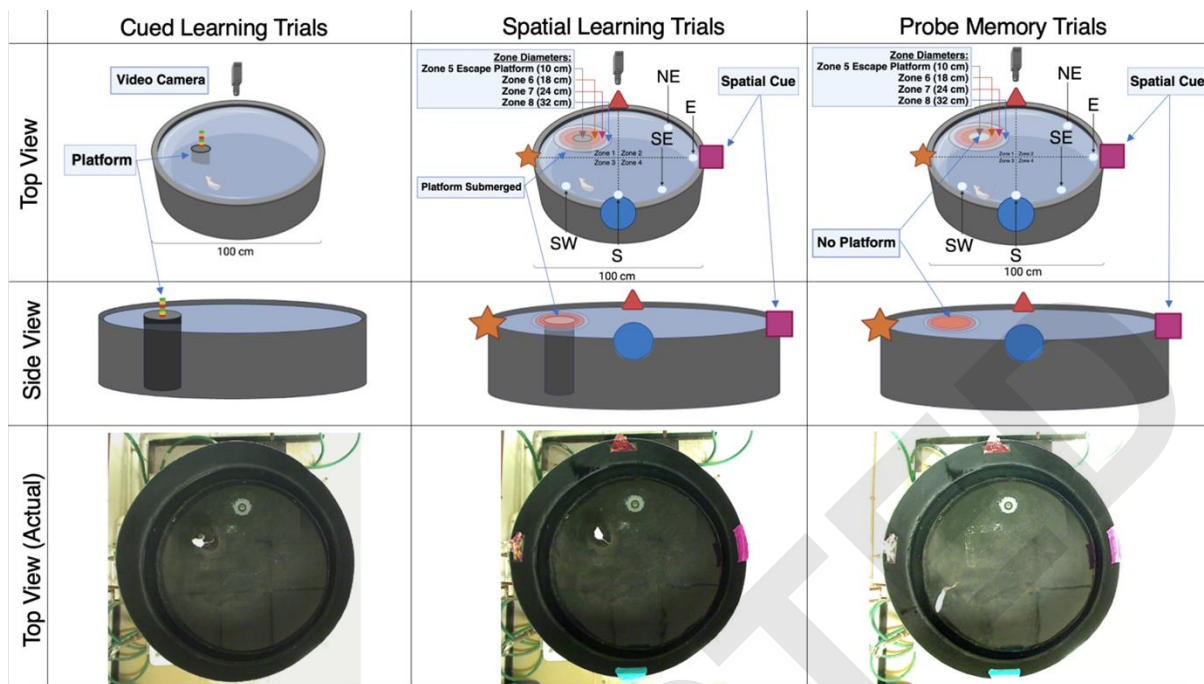


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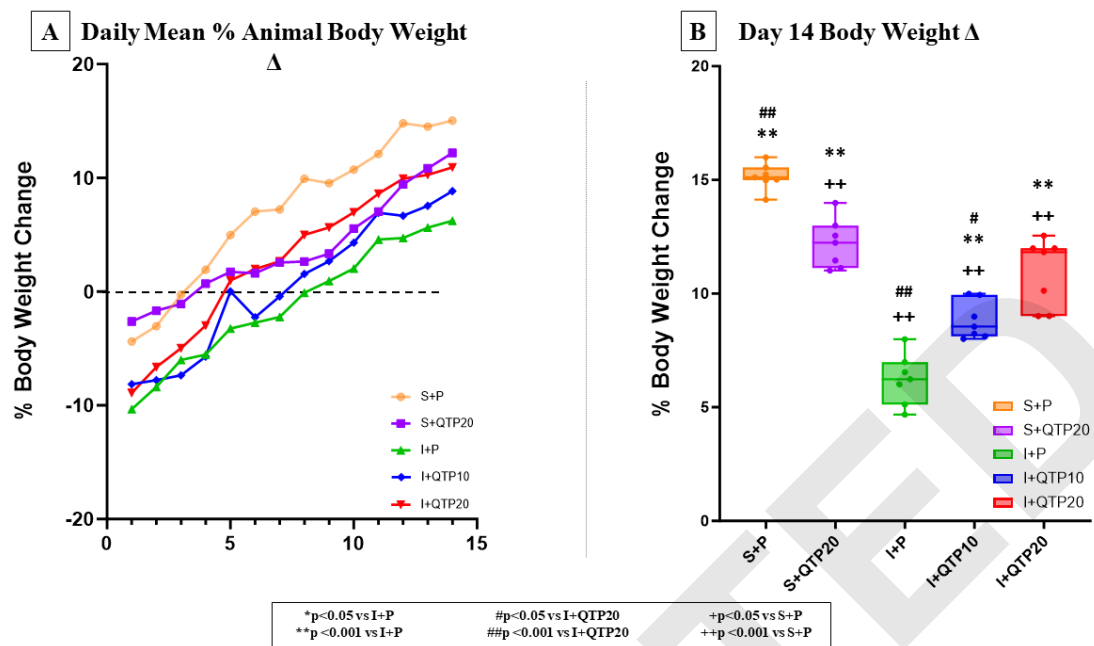




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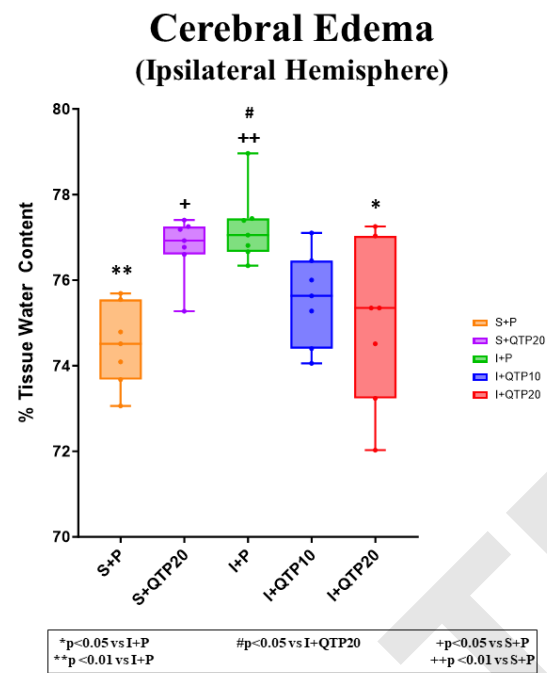


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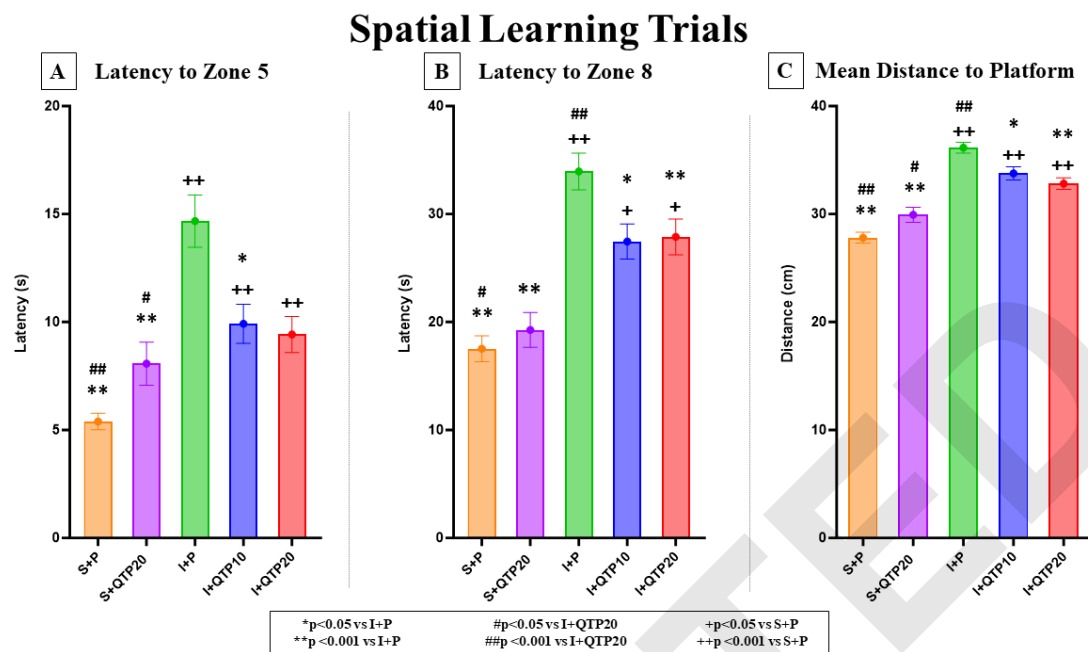
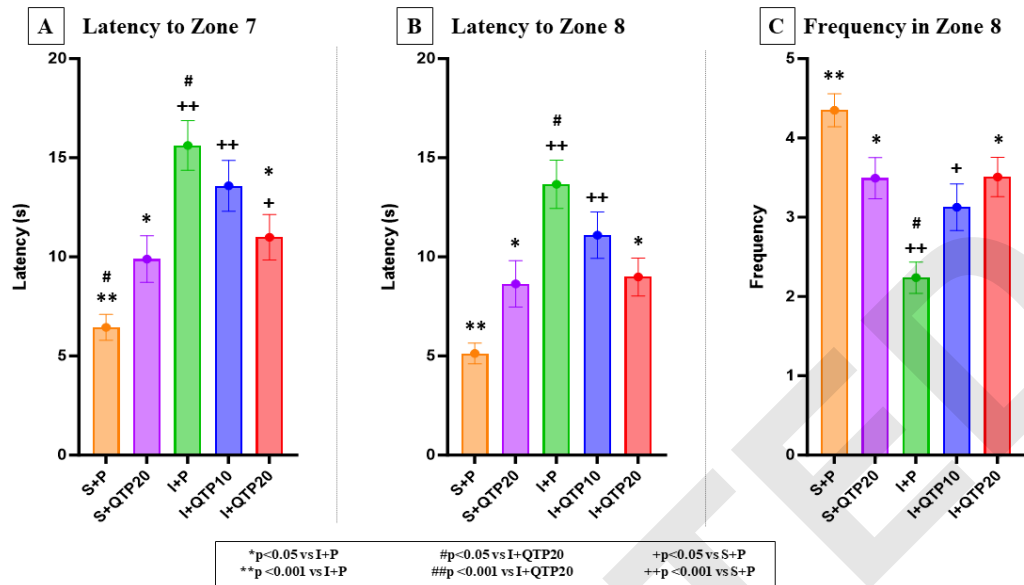


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