

# Multiple Sclerosis



## Cuprizone-Induced Mouse Model

Cuprizone is a copper chelator, that causes rapid demyelination and gliosis, and rapid proliferation of glia subtypes. The cuprizone mouse model captures several aspects of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) pathology like demyelination / remyelination, cognitive decline, altered activity and motor deficits. C57Bl/6 mice are fed with cuprizone-containing chow for 1 month. Behavioral changes are analyzed within the last week of cuprizone treatment.

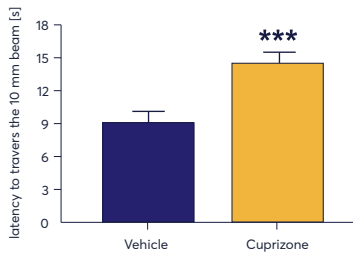
- Motor deficits
- Reduced myelination
- Reduced MAO activity
- Neuroinflammation

**Figure 1:**  
Beam walk test of C57Bl/6 mice after 4 weeks of cuprizone treatment. Latency to traverse a 10 mm wide square beam in seconds. Mean + SEM; n = 10 per group; Mann Whitney test; \*\*\*p<0.001.

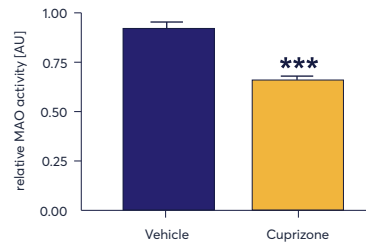
**Figure 2:**  
MAO activity in brain lysates of C57Bl/6 mice after 4 weeks of cuprizone treatment. Mean + SEM; n = 10 per group; t-test; \*\*\*p<0.001.

**Figure 3:**  
Quantification of astrocytes in the hippocampus of cuprizone treated C57Bl/6 mice. Immunoreactive area in percent and object density. Unpaired t-test or non-parametric Mann-Whitney U-test. n = 10 per group; Mean + SEM. \*\*\*p<0.001.

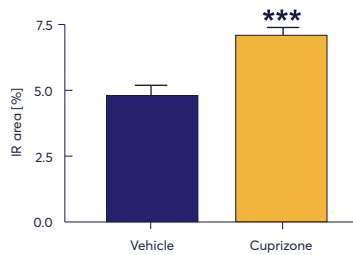
**Figure 1**  
Beam Walk



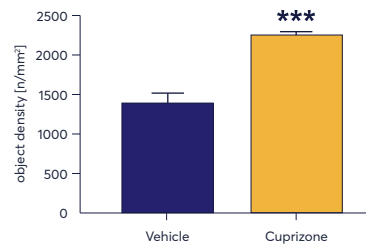
**Figure 2**  
MAO Activity in the Brain



**Figure 3**  
Hippocampus



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