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Enhancing Proteasome Activity by NMDAR Antagonists Explains Their Therapeutic Effect in Neurodegenerative and Mental Diseases

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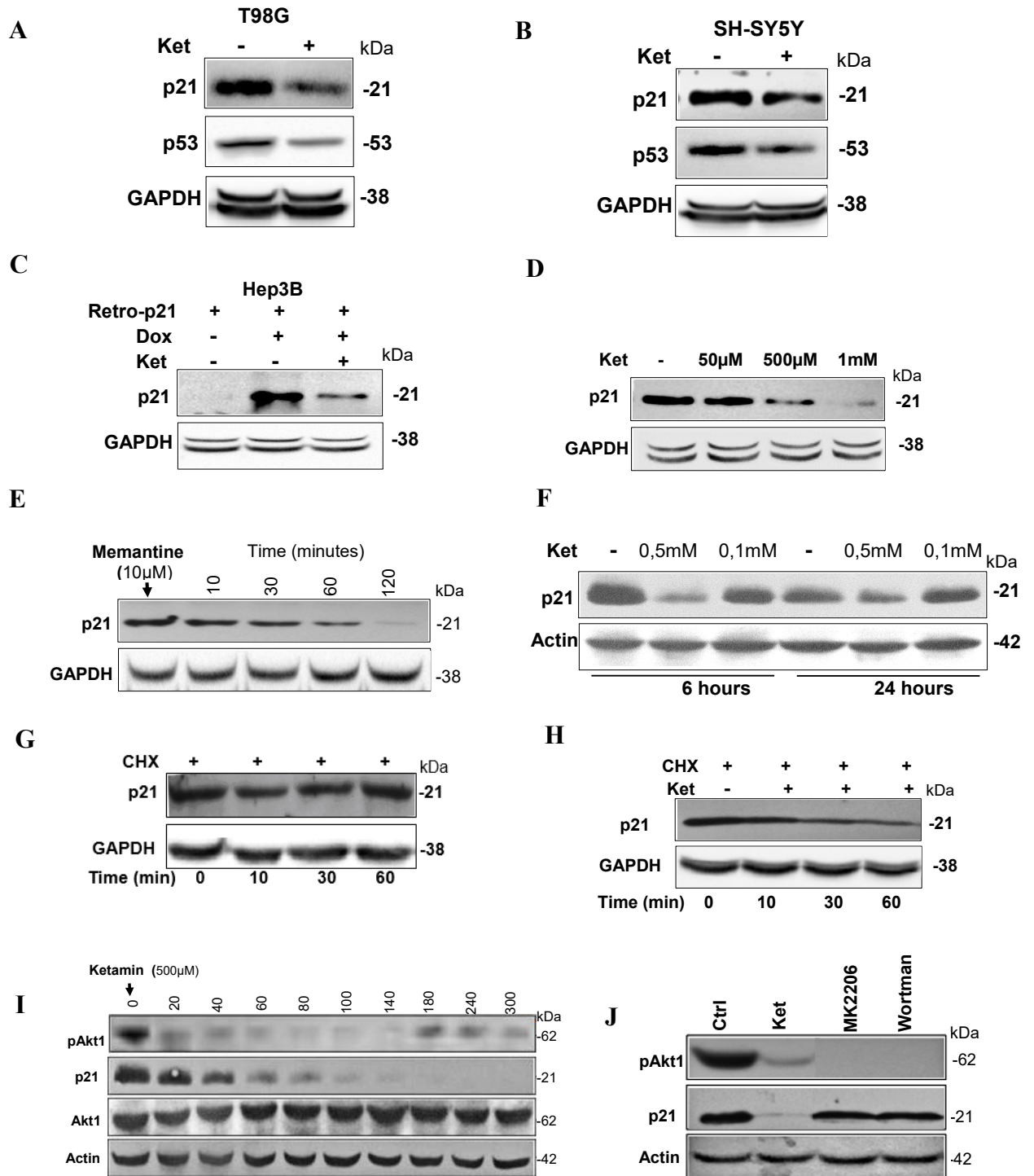
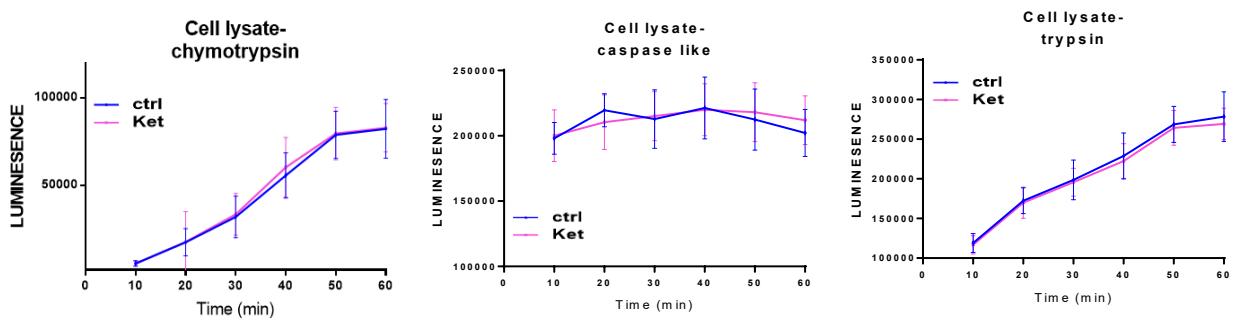


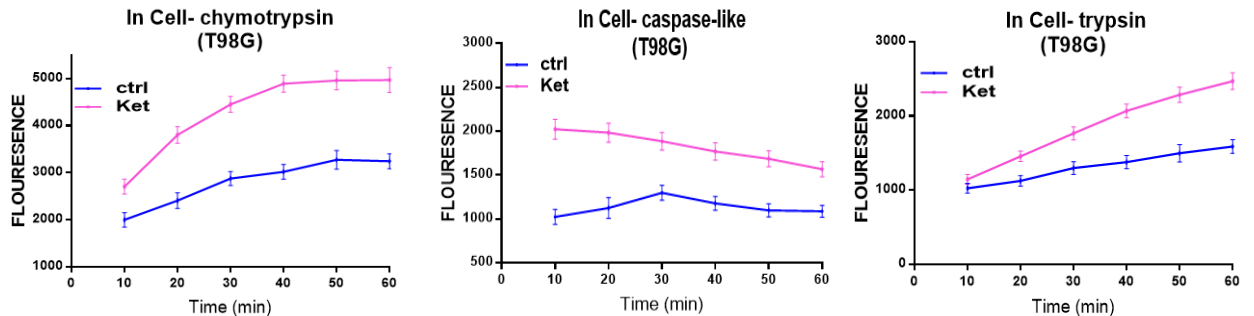
Fig. S1 Rapid reduction of IDP-characteristic proteins by NMDAR antagonists across cell lines.

(A-C) Demonstrated decrease in p21 protein levels by ketamine treatment in various cell lines. Hep3B, lacking detectable p21, was supplemented with ectopically expressed p21 via the dox inducible RetroPur vector system. This reduction is (D) dose-dependent, (E, F) time-dependent, and (G, H) not prevented by cycloheximide, suggesting direct degradation rather than inhibited synthesis. (I) ketamine decrease phosphorylated Akt1 (J) MK-2206, an Akt1 phosphorylation inhibitor at serine 473, and wortmannin, a specific PI3K inhibitor (an upstream kinase of Akt1) reduced phosphorylated Akt1 levels, they did not diminish p21 levels as substantially as the NMDAR antagonists. All unprocessed and uncropped gel and blot images are available in the supplementary file titled “Unprocessed Gel Blots”.

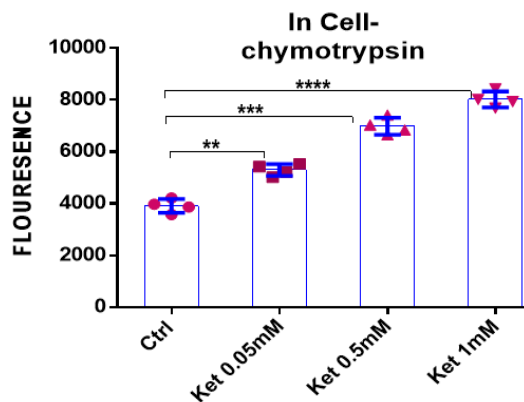
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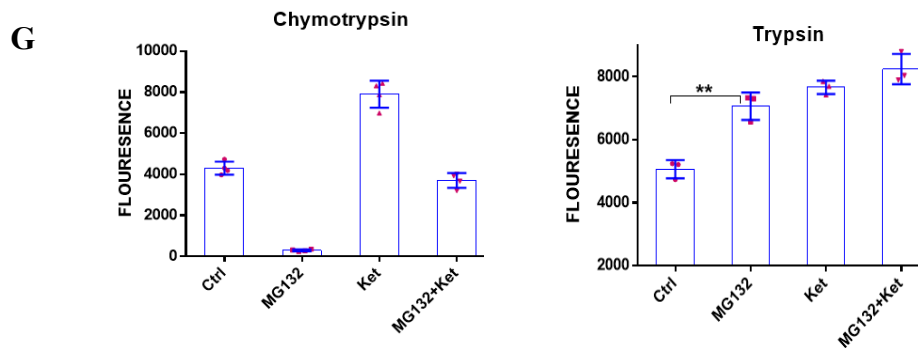
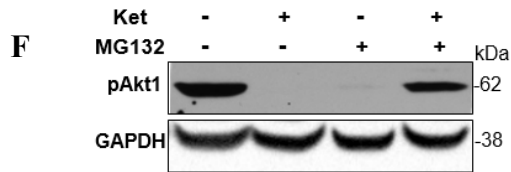
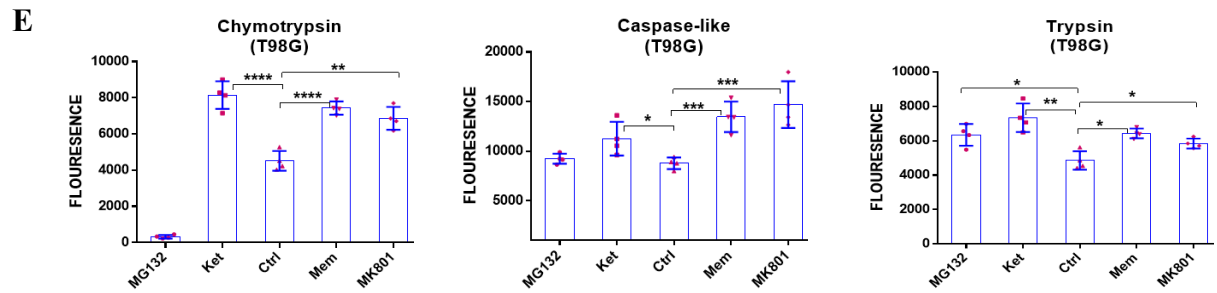
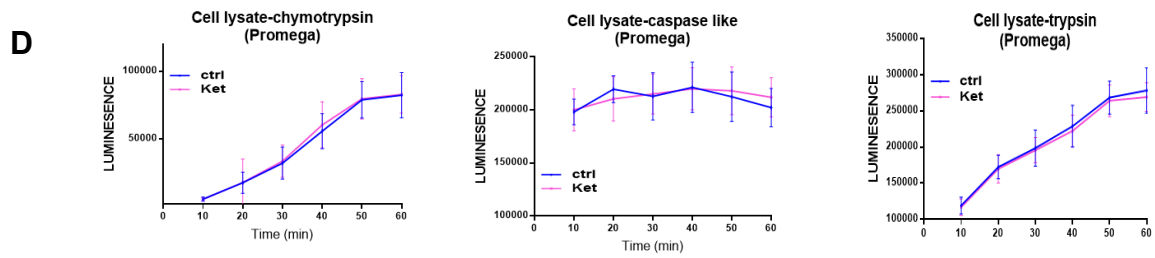


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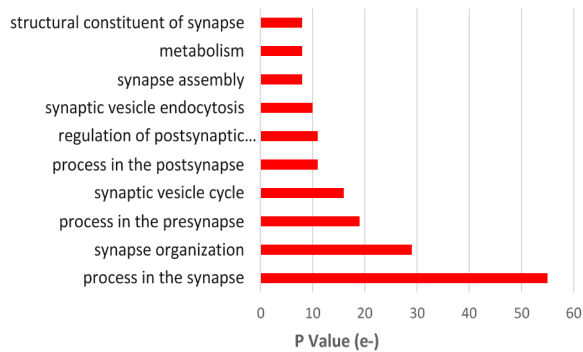
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Enrichment of 145 increased proteins with SynGO-Biological process terms



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Enrichment of 372 decreased proteins with SynGO-Biological process terms

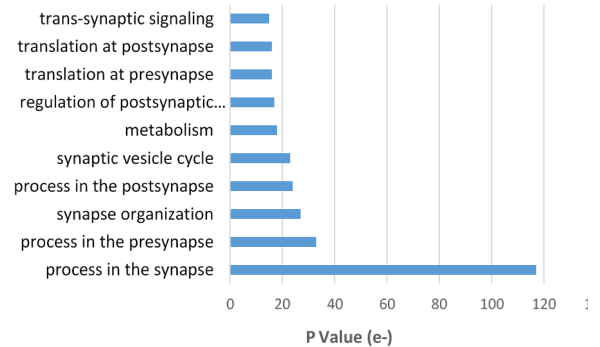


Fig. S2 NMDAR antagonist-induced proteasome activity changes and synaptic protein alterations:

(A) Applying fluorogenic substrates to cell lysates of HepG2, Hep3B, T98G, and SH-SY5Y as conventional methods demonstrated that ketamine did not alter the chymotrypsin, trypsin, or caspase-like activities of the proteasome. (B) Using the "In-Cell Fluorogenic Proteasome Assay," NMDAR antagonists were found to increase chymotrypsin-like, caspase-like, and trypsin-like proteasome activities in T98G cells. (C) dose-dependent enhancement of chymotrypsin-like activity by ketamine. (D) The chymotrypsin, caspase-like, and trypsin activities in cell lysate of HepG2 cell were assessed using the "Cell-Based Proteasome Luciferase Systems" (Promega). (E) varied effects on proteasome activities by different NMDAR antagonists and proteasome inhibitor MG132 in T98G cells. (F) The proteasome inhibitor MG132 has no effect on the decrease of pAkt1 in the presence of ketamine (G) Selective inhibition of chymotrypsin-like activity by MG132, without affecting trypsin or caspase-like activities. (H, I) SynGO biological terms analysis of proteins with decreased (372) and increased (145) abundance. Results are presented as mean $\pm$ SEM. * denotes $p < 0.05$, ** denotes $p < 0.01$, and *** denotes $p < 0.001$ for comparisons between drugs results against controls. P values were calculated using a two-tailed unpaired t-test to compare the control group with the individual chemical effect. Western blot analyses were performed on independent biological samples with the entire procedure replicated at least twice to confirm consistency of the results. All unprocessed and uncropped gel and blot images are available in the supplementary file titled "Unprocessed Gel Blots".

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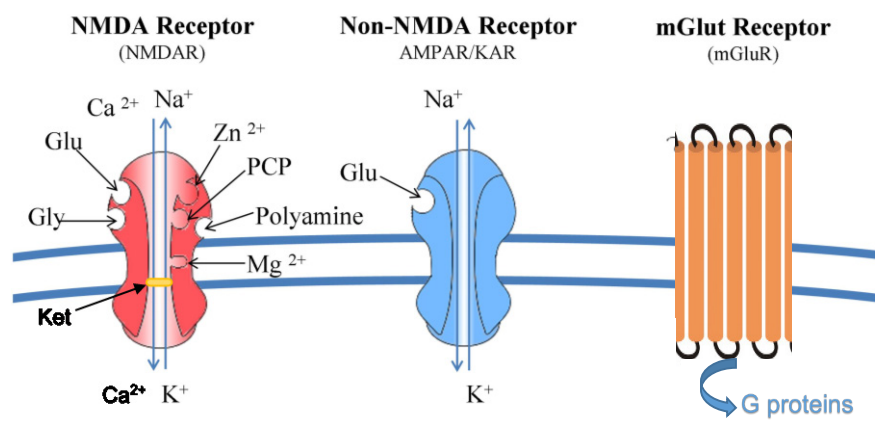


Fig. S3. Mapping of glutamate receptors and their respective binding sites.

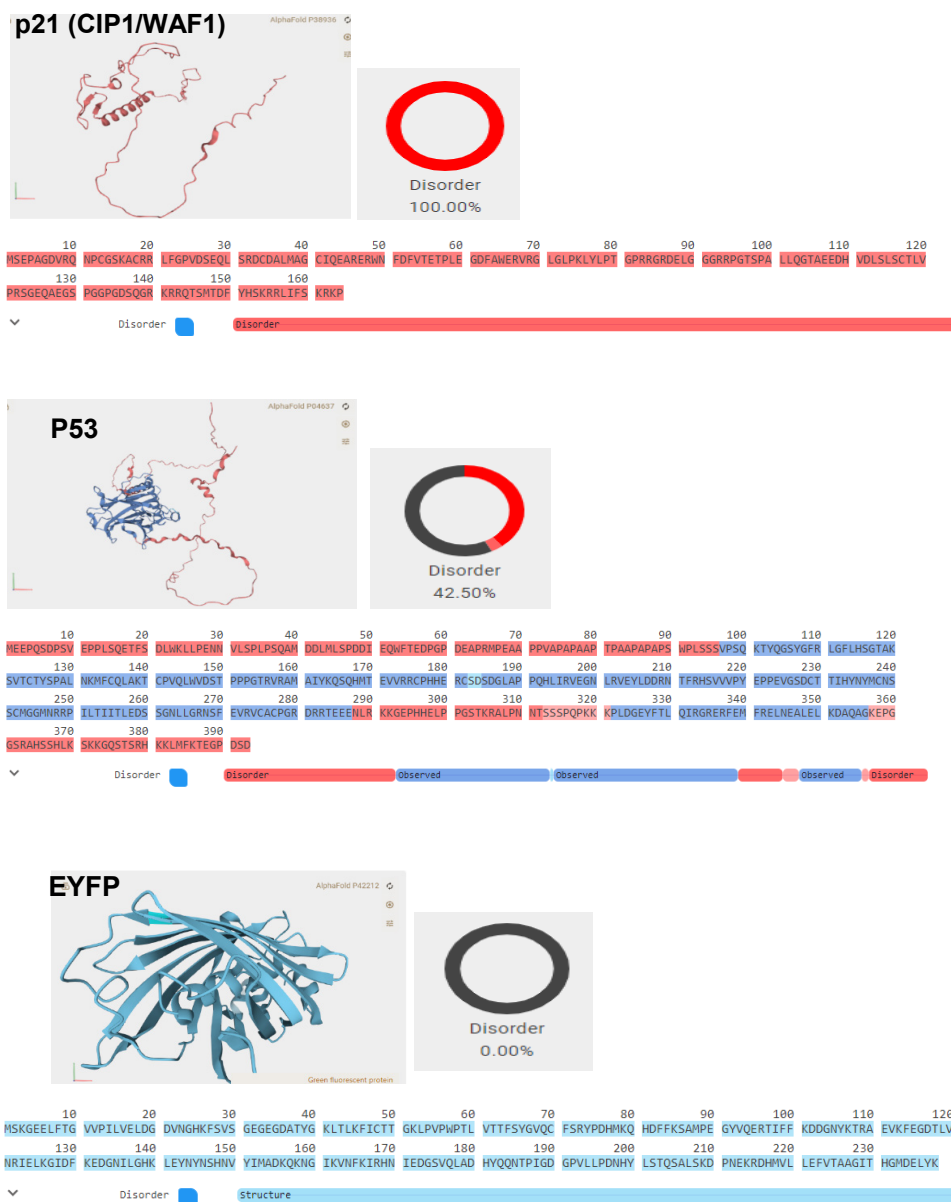


Fig. S4. The amounts of intrinsically disordered regions in p21, p53, and EYFP proteins are presented (AlphaFold-disorder (<https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/>)).

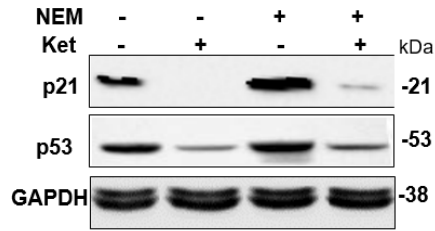
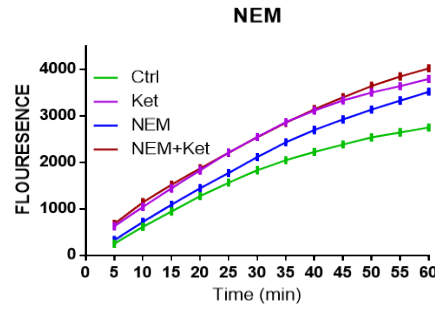
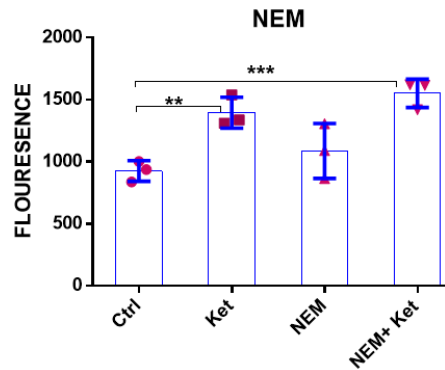
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Fig. S5. Exploration of the DUB enzymes USP14 and UCHL5 regarding NMDAR antagonist impact. (A) Analysis of p21 protein response to the USP14 and UCHL5 inhibitor N-Ethylmaleimide (NEM) (10 μ M-6h incubation) and to ketamine in NEM's presence. (B, C) Investigation of NEM effects on chymotrypsin-like activity and ketamine's impact on this activity when co-treated with NEM. Results are presented as the mean $\pm$ SEM, based on 3 technical replicates from each of n = 3 independent experiment. *Asterisks denote significance levels: *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001. P values were calculated using a two-tailed unpaired t-test to compare the control group with the individual chemical effect. All unprocessed and uncropped gel and blot images are available in the supplementary file titled "Unprocessed Gel Blots".

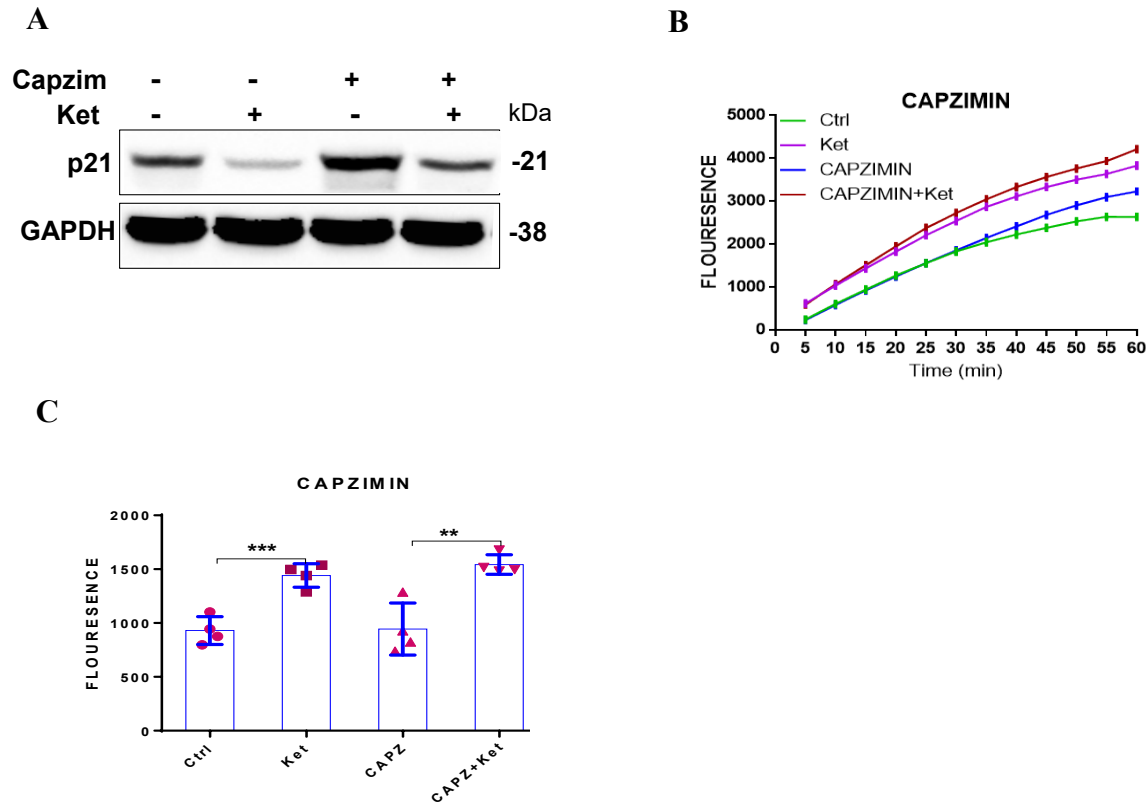


Fig. S6. Evaluation of the DUB enzyme RPN11 (PSMD14) regarding NMDAR antagonist effects. (A) Assessment of p21 protein levels following treatment with the PSMD14 inhibitor capzimin (10 μ M, 6h incubation) and subsequent ketamine exposure in the presence of capzimin. (B, C) Investigation into the impact of capzimin on chymotrypsin-like proteasome activity and its alteration in the context of ketamine treatment when combined with capzimin. Results are presented as the mean $\pm$ SEM, based on 4 technical replicates from each of $n = 3$ independent experiment. *Asterisks denote significance levels: * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. P values were calculated using a two-tailed unpaired t-test to compare the control group with the individual chemical effect. All unprocessed and uncropped gel and blot images are available in the supplementary file titled “Unprocessed Gel Blots”.

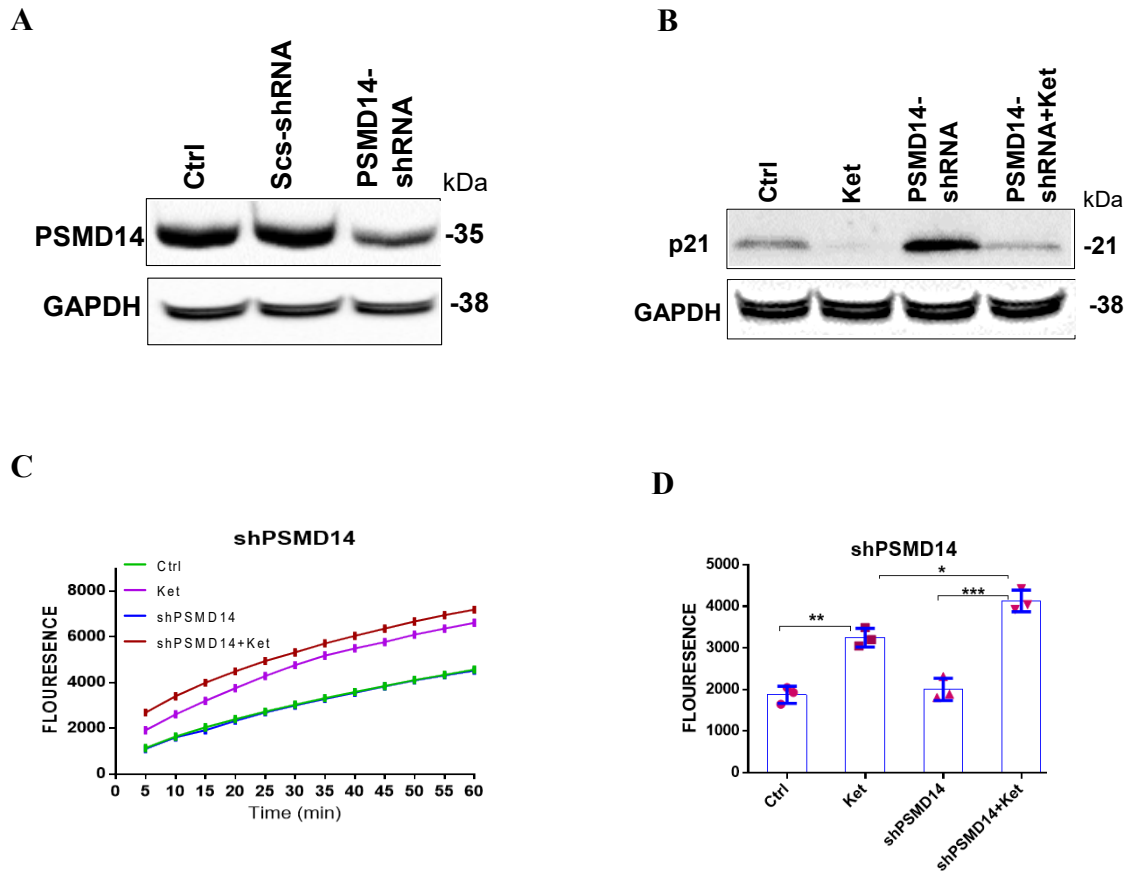


Fig. S7. Analysis of RPN11 (PSMD14) silencing on proteasome activity in NMDAR antagonist contexts in HepG2 and T98G cell lines. (A) PSMD14 knockdown in HepG2 cells. (B) Ketamine influence on p21 protein levels in PSMD14-silenced versus control cells. (C, D) Assessment of ketamine's impact on chymotrypsin-like activity in PSMD14-knockdown compared to control cells. Results are presented as the mean $\pm$ SEM, based on 3 technical replicates from each of $n = 3$ independent experiment. *Asterisks denote significance levels: * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. P values were calculated using a two-tailed unpaired t-test to compare the control group with the PSMD14 knockdown cells. All unprocessed and uncropped gel and blot images are available in the supplementary file titled "Unprocessed Gel Blots".

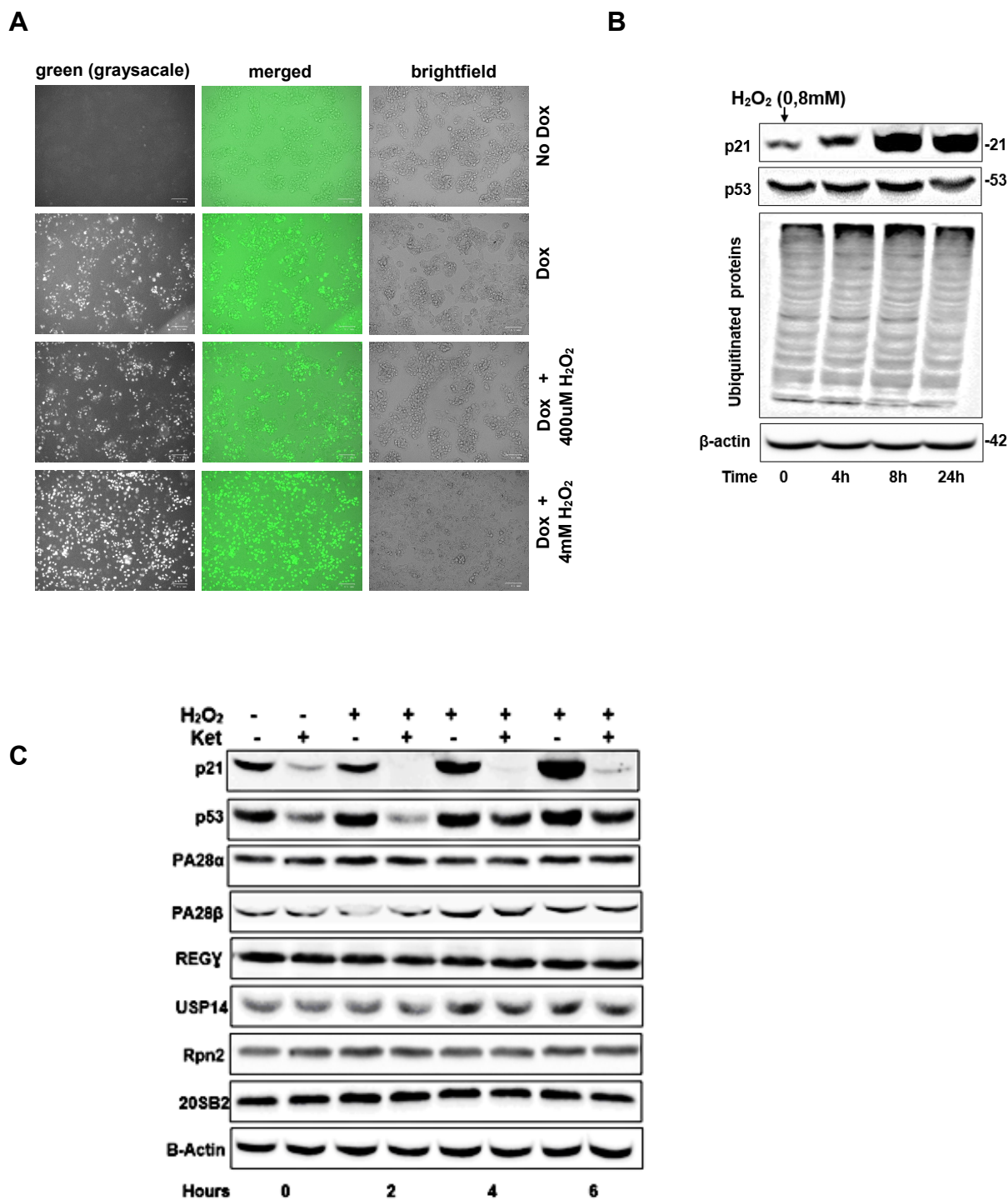


Fig. S8. Evaluation of H₂O₂ and ketamine effects on cell cycle and proteasome regulatory proteins. (A) Analysis of p21-GFP protein levels under different H₂O₂ concentrations. (B) Time-course study of p21, p53, and total ubiquitin levels in response to 800 μM H₂O₂ concentrations over 24 hours. (C) Investigation of ketamine's influence on the cell cycle proteins p21, p53, and proteasome regulatory proteins (28α, 28β, 28γ, 20S core protein 20Sb2, USP14, Rpn2) during 800 μM H₂O₂ treatment. All unprocessed and uncropped gel and blot images are available in the supplementary file titled "Unprocessed Gel Blots".

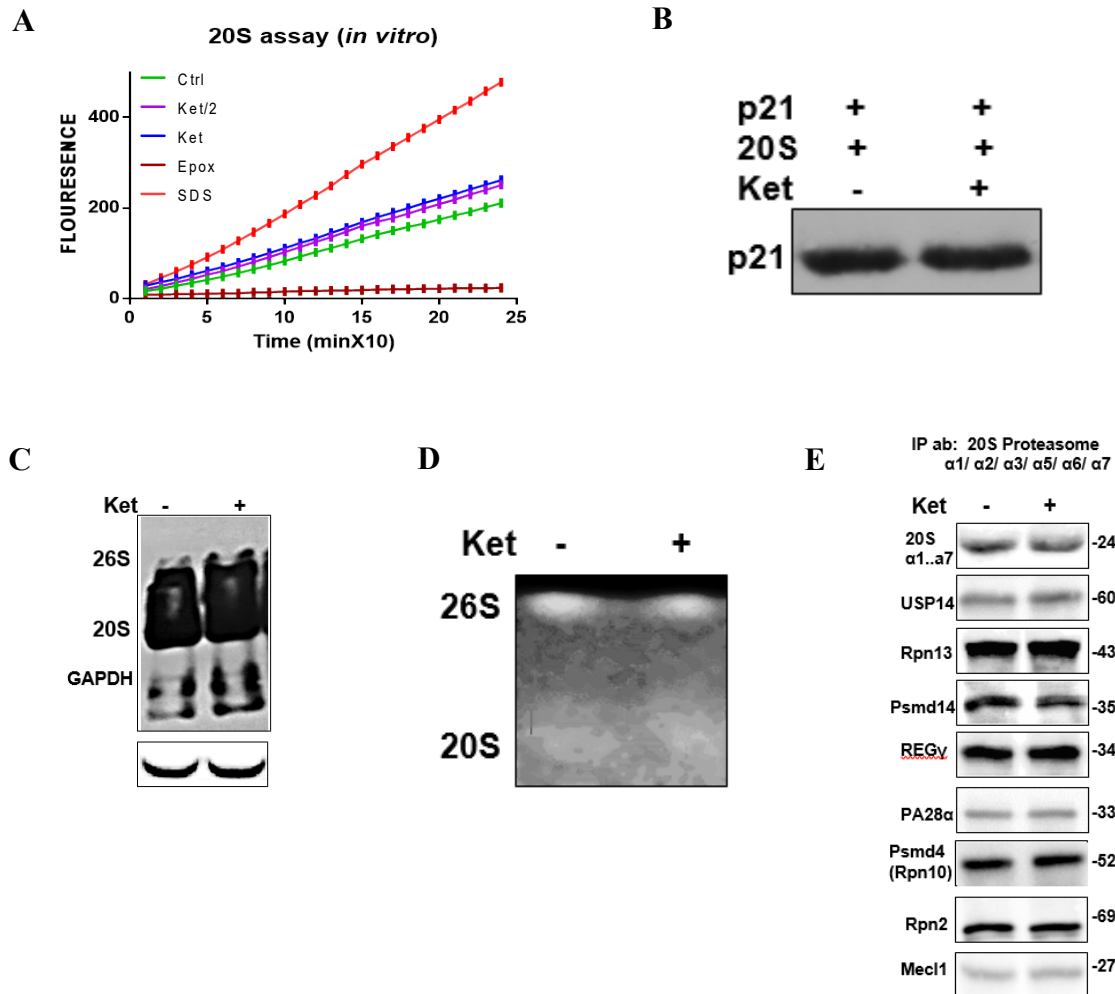
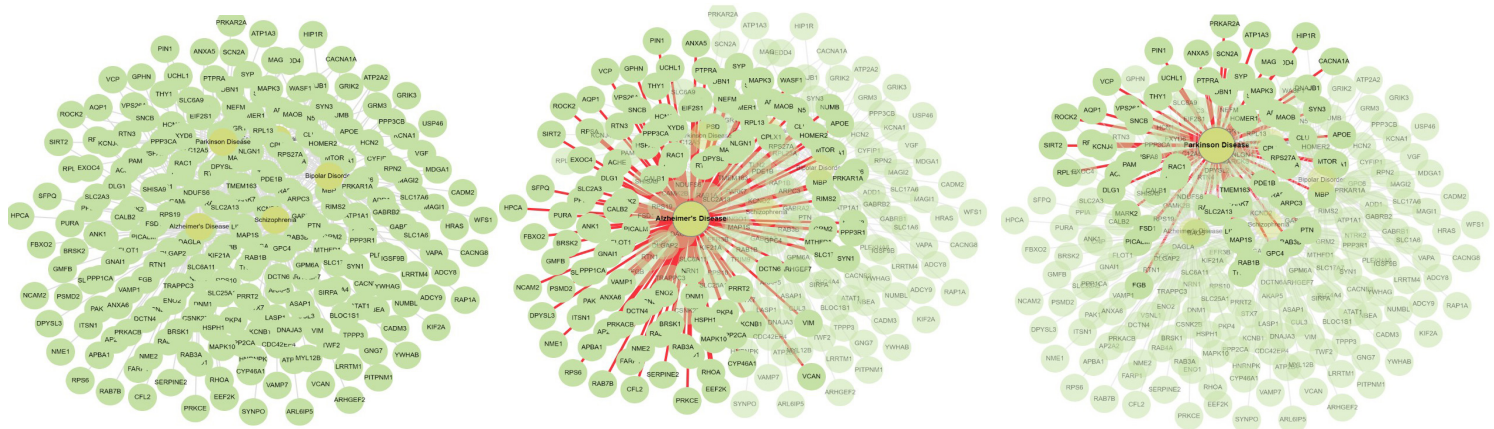


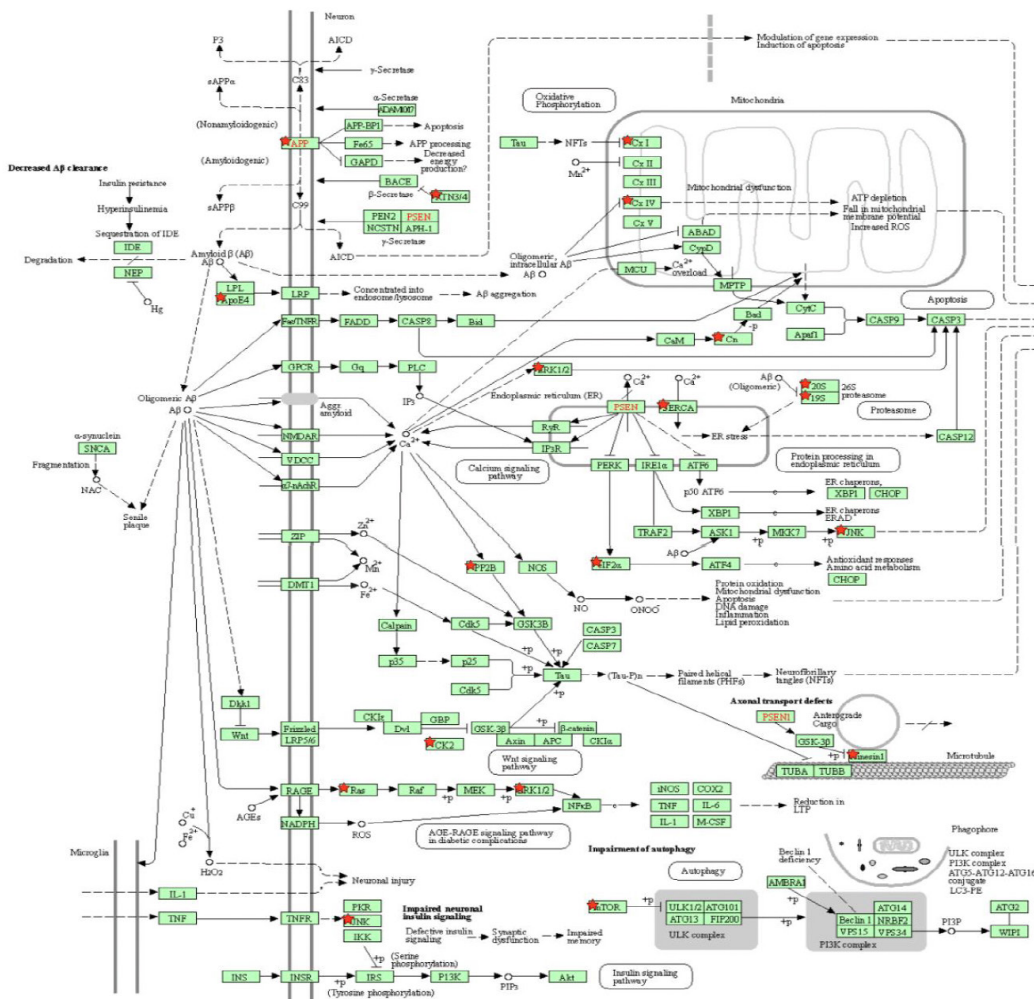
Fig. S9. Analysis of ketamine's effects on proteasome structures and functions. (A) Measurement of 20S proteasome activity in response to ketamine using the Enzo Life Sciences 20S Proteasome Assay Kit, with SDS activation and Epoxomicin inhibition according to kit protocols. (B) Assessment of ketamine's influence on the 20S proteasome-mediated degradation of His-tagged p21 protein using the purified 20S proteasome from the assay kit. (C, D) Characterization of structural changes in 26S and 20S complexes induced by ketamine via native gel electrophoresis and Wb with $\alpha 1$ – $\alpha 7$ antibodies. (E) Evaluation of interactions between 20S core subunit proteins ($\alpha 1$ – $\alpha 7$) and 19S/20S regulatory proteins (USP14, Rpn13, Psm14, Psm4, Rpn2, Reg γ , PA28 α , Lmp2, Mec11) through co-immunoprecipitation in ketamine-treated and untreated cells. All unprocessed and uncropped gel and blot images are available in the supplementary file titled “Unprocessed Gel Blots”.

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE KEGG PATHWAY



★	Alzheimer's Disease-related proteins changed in the study	Short name
APP	amyloid beta (A4) precursor protein	APP
RTN3/4	reticulon 3 and 4	RTN
CX I	NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase core subunit S6	Ndufs6
CX V-	NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase subunit A7	Ndufa7
Apoe4	apolipoprotein E	Apoe
Cn	protein phosphatase 3, catalytic subunit, alpha isoform	Ppp3ca
Cn	protein phosphatase 3, catalytic subunit, beta isoform	Ppp3cb
Cn	protein phosphatase 3, regulatory subunit B, alpha isoform (calcineurin B, type I)	Ppp3r1
ERK1/2	mitogen-activated protein kinase 3	Mapk3
ERK1/2	mitogen-activated protein kinase 10	Mapk10
20S	proteasome (prosome, macropain) subunit, beta type 4	Psmb4
26S	proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, non-ATPase, 2	Psm2
26S	proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, non-ATPase, 2	Psm7
26S	proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, non-ATPase, 2	Psm12
SERCA	ATPase, Ca++ transporting, cardiac muscle, fast twitch 1	Atp2a2
PP2B	protein phosphatase 3, catalytic subunit, alpha isoform	Ppp3ca
PP2B	protein phosphatase 3, catalytic subunit, beta isoform	Ppp3cb
PP2B	protein phosphatase 3, regulatory subunit B, alpha isoform (calcineurin B, type I)	Ppp3r1
eIF2A	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2, subunit 1 alpha	Eif2s1
JNK	mitogen-activated protein kinase 10	Mapk10
CK2	casein kinase 2, beta polypeptide	Csnk2b
Kinesin1	kinesin family member 5B	Kif5b

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PARKINSON'S DISEASE KEGG PATHWAY

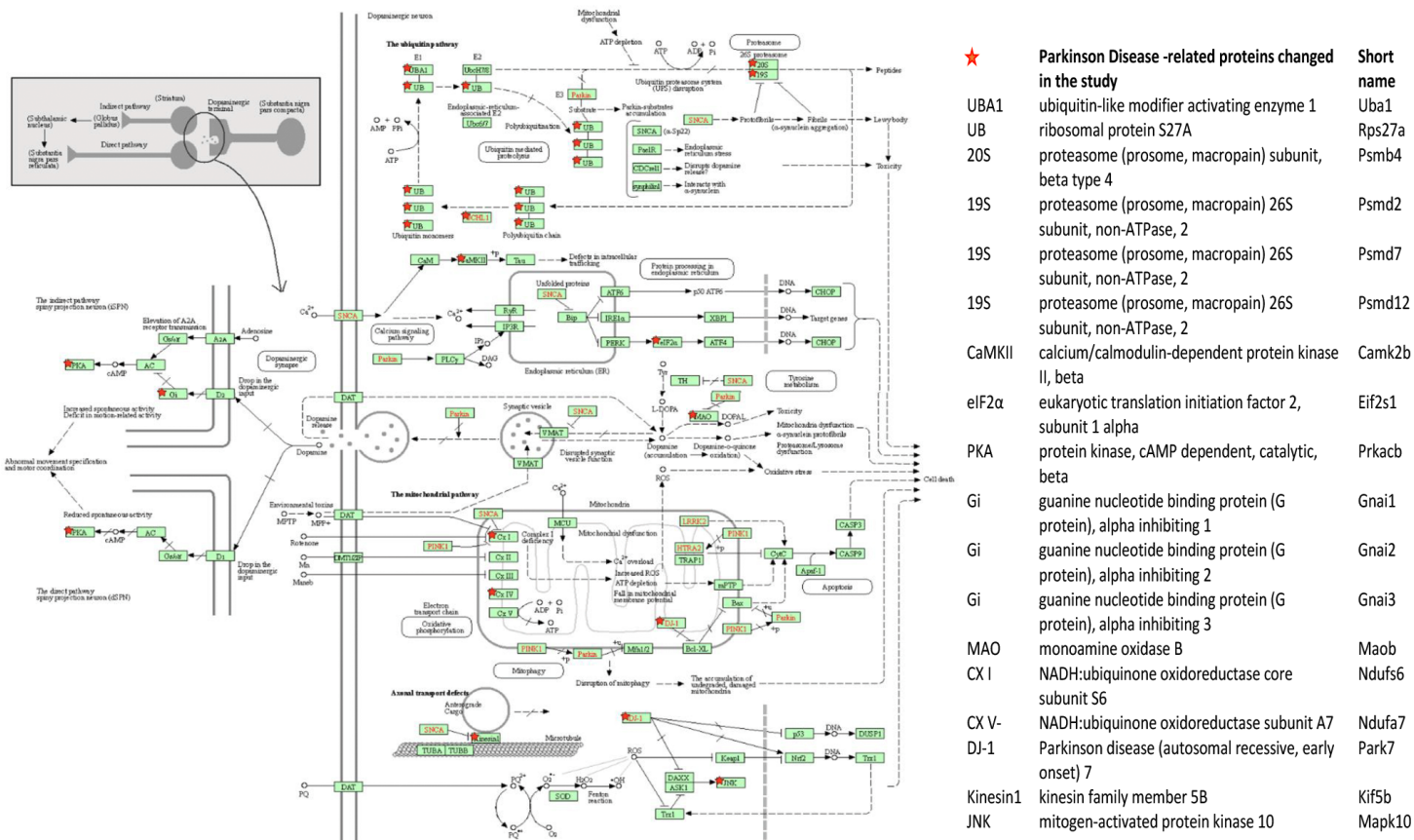
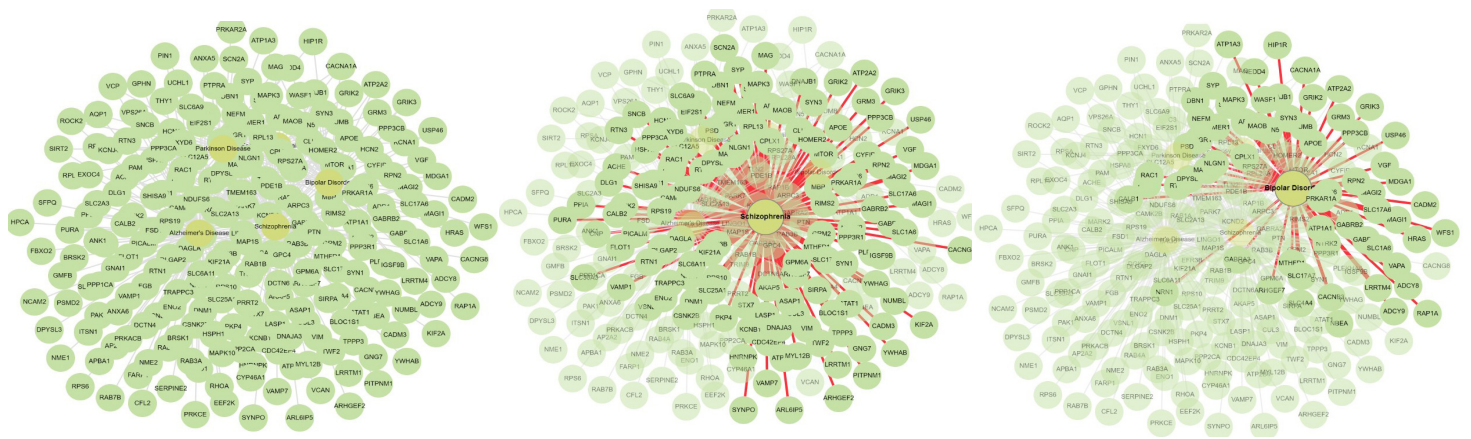
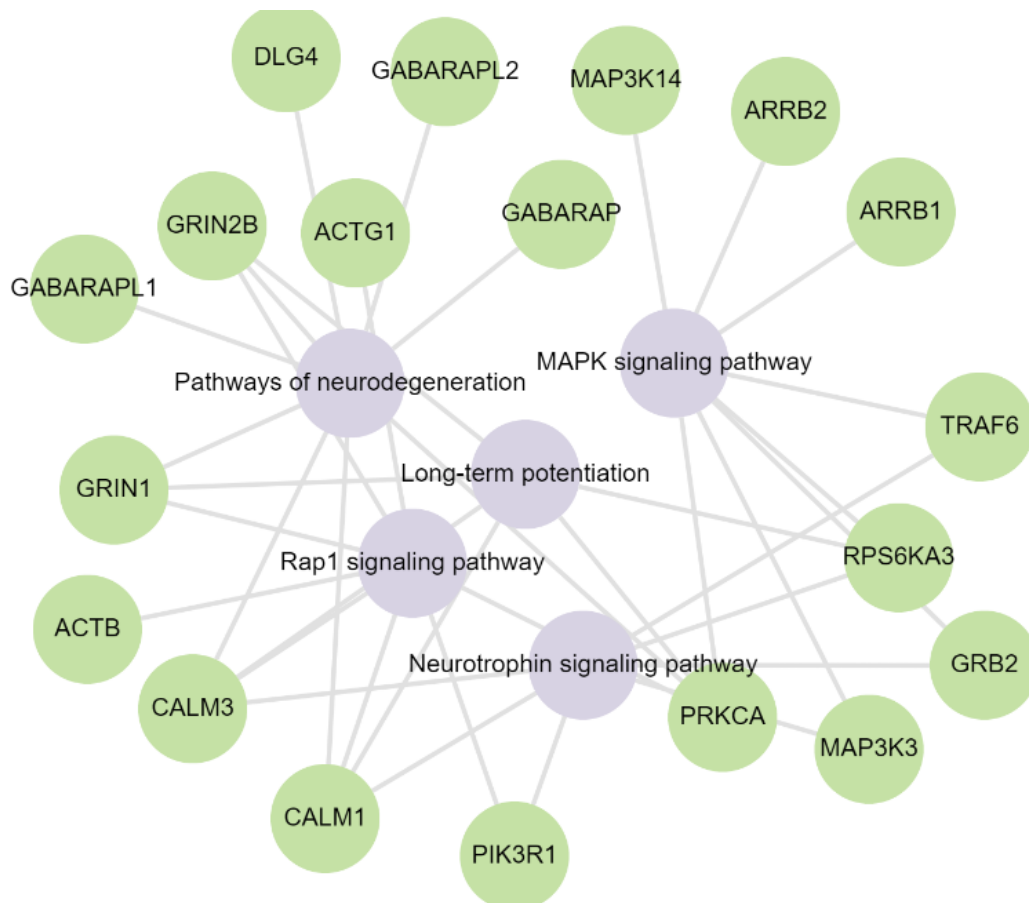


Fig. S10. Characterization of protein alterations and their relation to neurodegenerative disease pathways. (A) Utilization of the Enrichr-KG database for the 517 altered proteins identifies associations with diseases like AD and PD. (B) KEGG pathway enrichment for Alzheimer's Disease evidences various implicated etiologies linked to the altered proteins ^{45,46}. (C) Enrichment in the Parkinson's Disease KEGG pathway highlights connections to multiple PD etiologies involving the 517 altered proteins. Proteins denoted by red stars are detailed in the accompanying table ^{45,46}.

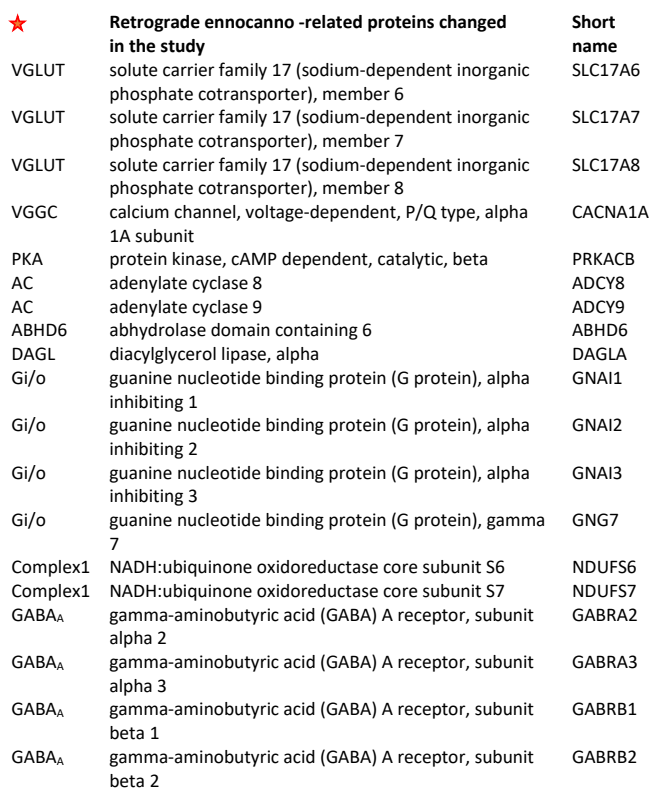
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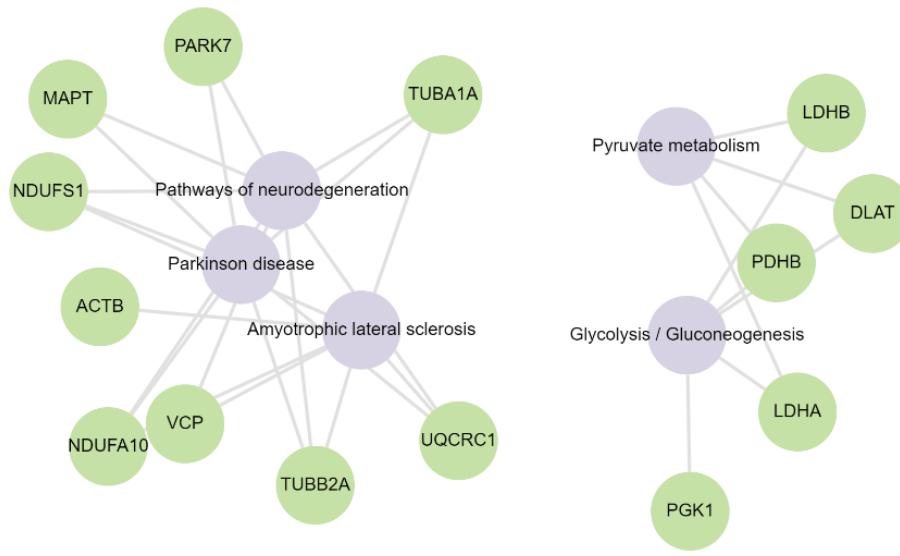
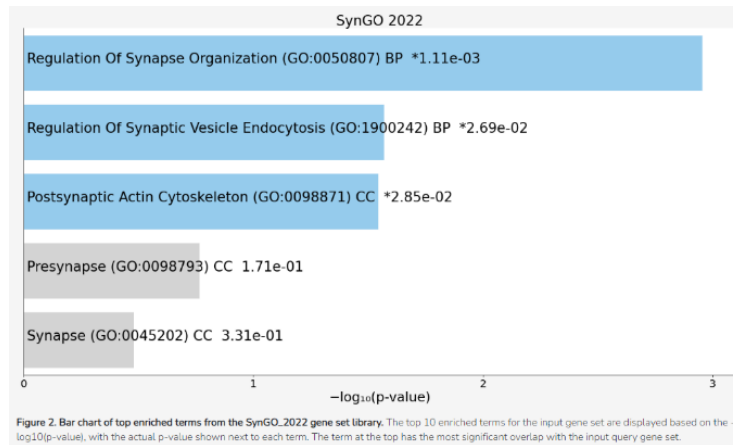
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Fig. S11. Analysis of protein alterations following ketamine injection with connections to synaptic changes related to mental diseases. (A) Utilization of the Enrichr DisGeNET library to reveal associations with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder among the 231 altered proteins from a total pool of 517. (B) Construction of a Protein-Protein Interaction (PPI) network with the top 20 hub proteins from all 517 altered proteins using tools available within the Enrichr database. (C) Inspection of the altered proteins participating in the retrograde endocannabinoid signaling pathway according to the KEGG pathway database ^{45,46}. (D) Enrichment analysis via Enrichr-KG for proteins related to Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) within the disease category. (E) SynGO analysis identifying the cellular localization of proteins relevant to ECT.

The legends of the excel Supplementary Tables

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[excel Supplementary Table S2](#): The table presents the cellular component information of the altered proteins, encompassing both increased and decreased proteins following ketamine injection.

[excel Supplementary Table S3](#): The table includes Biological Process ontology terms associated with the altered proteins, covering both increased and decreased proteins following ketamine injection.

[excel Supplementary Table S4](#): The table includes records from the UP_SEQ_FEATUREs chart, a subcategory of the Functional Annotation Chart from DAVID informatics sources, for altered proteins. This encompasses both increased and decreased proteins following ketamine injection, as well as randomly chosen proteins unaffected by the ketamine injection.

[excel Supplementary Table S5](#): The table highlights disease enrichment among all 517 altered proteins using the DisGeNET library.

[excel Supplementary Table S6](#): The table displays the Functional Annotation Chart of all 517 altered proteins obtained from the DAVID informatics sources.

[excel Supplementary Table S7](#): The table presents the HUB proteins identified using the ZS Revelen-PPI tool.

[excel Supplementary Table S8](#): The table unveils 231 proteins associated with diseases out of the 517 altered proteins. Furthermore, it specifies the proteins linked to schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and bipolar disorder within the subset of 231 disease-associated proteins.

[excel Supplementary Table S9](#): The table presents the HUB proteins identified from the enrichr tool.

[excel Supplementary Table S10](#): The table displays plasticity-related terms associated with all 517 altered proteins, obtained from various categories within the DAVID informatics sources.