Null effects of levodopa on reward- and error-based motor adaptation, savings, and anterograde interference

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Abstract

Dopamine signaling is thought to mediate reward-based learning. We tested for a role of dopamine in motor adaptation by administering the dopamine precursor levodopa to healthy participants in two experiments involving reaching movements. Levodopa has been shown to impair reward-based learning in cognitive tasks. Thus, we hypothesized that levodopa would selectively impair aspects of motor adaptation that depend on reinforcement of rewarding actions.

In the first experiment, participants performed two separate tasks in which adaptation was driven either by visual error-based feedback of the hand position or binary reward feedback. We used EEG to measure event-related potentials evoked by task feedback. We hypothesized that levodopa would specifically diminish adaptation and the neural responses to feedback in the reward learning task. However, levodopa did not affect motor adaptation in either task nor did it diminish event-related potentials elicited by reward outcomes.

In the second experiment, participants learned to compensate for mechanical force field perturbations applied to the hand during reaching. Previous exposure to a particular force field can result in savings during subsequent adaptation to the same force field or interference during adaptation to an opposite force field. We hypothesized that levodopa would diminish savings and anterograde interference, as previous work suggests that these phenomena result from a reinforcement learning process. However, we found no reliable effects of levodopa.

These results suggest that reward-based motor adaptation, savings, and interference may not depend on the same dopaminergic mechanisms that have been shown to be disrupted by levodopa during various cognitive tasks.

New and Noteworthy

Motor adaptation relies on multiple processes including reinforcement of successful actions. Cognitive reinforcement learning is impaired by levodopa-induced disruption of dopamine function. We administered levodopa to healthy adults who participated in multiple motor adaptation tasks. We found no effects of levodopa on any component of motor adaptation. This suggests that motor adaptation may not depend on the same dopaminergic mechanisms as cognitive forms or reinforcement learning that have been shown to be impaired by levodopa.

Introduction

Human motor control is adaptive to changes of the environment and the body through multiple mechanisms including reinforcement of successful actions and recalibration of internal mappings between motor commands and sensory outcomes (Huang et al., 2011; Izawa & Shadmehr, 2011; J. A. Taylor et al., 2014; Wolpert et al., 1995). Two prominent experimental models of motor adaptation are force field adaptation and visuomotor rotation (VMR) tasks. In studies of force field adaptation, a robot applies velocity-dependent forces to the hand during reaches to targets. In visuomotor rotation tasks, a cursor on a digital display represents the position of the hand, and the mapping between the actual reach angle and the position of the cursor is rotated. In both tasks participants quickly adapt their movements to compensate for the experimentally induced perturbations. Learning involves the cerebellum, and parietal, sensory, and motor cortical areas (Diedrichsen et al., 2005; Ito, 2000; Krakauer et al., 2004; Smith & Shadmehr, 2005; Tanaka et al., 2009; Jordan A. Taylor et al., 2010; Wong et al., 2019). It is thought that these neural circuits predict the sensory consequences of motor commands, and that adaptation occurs in response to sensory prediction error when sensory afference violates these predictions (Adams et al., 2013; Bhanpuri et al., 2013; Izawa & Shadmehr, 2011; R. Chris Miall et al., 2007; Shadmehr et al., 2010; Synofzik et al., 2008; Therrien & Bastian, 2015; Tseng et al., 2007; Wolpert et al., 1995).

While sensory error-based learning mechanisms are dominant in typical motor adaptation paradigms, influences of reinforcement learning processes are increasingly recognized (Bernardi et al., 2015; Cashaback et al., 2019; Izawa & Shadmehr, 2011; Kim et al., 2019; Kooij et al., 2018; McDougle et al., 2016; Mehler et al., 2017; Nikooyan & Ahmed, 2014; Palidis et al., 2019; Sidarta et al., 2016, 2018; van der Kooij & Smeets, 2019). Reward and task success can modulate sensory error-based learning (Galea et al., 2015; Kim et al., 2019; Kooij et al., 2018; Kuling et al., 2019; Leow et al., 2018, 2020; Shmuelof et al., 2012). Reinforcement learning and sensory error-based learning can also contribute to adaptation as separable processes. Adaptation to sensory error has been shown to occur automatically even when it interferes with task success (Mazzoni & Krakauer, 2006). Reward-based adaptation can be isolated experimentally by providing only binary reinforcement feedback indicating success or failure (Izawa & Shadmehr, 2011; Shmuelof et al., 2012). When sensory error-based learning cannot occur due to impoverished sensory feedback or cerebellar damage, reward-based learning can produce comparable behavioral adaptation (Cashaback et al., 2017; Izawa & Shadmehr, 2011; Therrien et al., 2016).

It is thought that reward prediction error drives biological reinforcement learning when an action results in an outcome that is better or worse than expected (Daw & Tobler, 2014; Sambrook & Goslin, 2015; Walsh & Anderson, 2012). Phasic changes in the firing rate of midbrain dopamine neurons match reward prediction error signals predicted by computational models of reinforcement learning (Bayer & Glimcher, 2005; García-García et al., 2017; Jocham & Ullsperger, 2009; Schultz et al., 1997; Watabe-Uchida et al., 2017). These dopaminergic signals are thought to mediate synaptic plasticity in the striatum and

121 frontal cortex underlying reward-based learning (Otani et al., 2003; Reynolds &
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Levodopa is a dopamine precursor commonly used to treat motor symptoms in patients
with Parkinson's disease. Levodopa has been shown to impair reward-based learning in
both patients and healthy participants (Cools et al., 2001, 2007; Feigin et al., 2003;
Frank et al., 2004; Graef et al., 2010; Hiebert et al., 2014; Jahanshahi et al., 2010; Kwak
et al., 2010; MacDonald et al., 2011; Swainson et al., 2000; Torta et al., 2009; Vo et al.,
2016, 2018). According to the "dopamine overdose" hypothesis, dopamine levels affect
performance in tasks that depend on the striatum according to an inverted-u function
(Cools et al., 2007). In early-stage Parkinson's disease, the dorsal striatum is
significantly depleted of dopamine whereas the ventral striatum is comparatively spared.
Dopaminergic therapy is predicted to ameliorate deficits caused by dopamine-depletion
in the dorsal striatum but to worsen functions ascribed to the ventral striatum. In line
with this view, reward-based learning is thought to rely on dopamine signaling in ventral
striatum and is impaired by levodopa.
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Although dopamine is widely implicated in reward-based learning, it is not clear whether
this role extends to reward-based motor adaptation. We administered levodopa to
healthy young participants to test for effects on motor adaptation. In our first experiment,
participants received levodopa and placebo in separate sessions using a repeated
measures design. Both sessions included a reward-based learning task and a sensory
error-based VMR task. In the reward-based learning task, adaptation was induced
through binary reinforcement feedback at the end of each movement. We measured
changes in the mean reach angle due to reinforcement as well as modulations in trial-
by-trial variability of reach angle as a response to reward outcomes. Previous research
has shown that motor variability increases following unrewarded outcomes compared to
rewarded outcomes (Dhawale et al., 2019; Holland et al., 2018; Mastrigt et al., 2020;
Pekny et al., 2015; van der Kooij & Smeets, 2019). This could indicate reinforcement of
rewarded actions as well as exploration in response to unrewarded outcomes
(Cashaback et al., 2019; Dhawale et al., 2019). This variance modulation is impaired in
individuals with Parkinson's disease who are medicated, but it remains unclear whether
this deficit is caused by the disease process itself or side-effects of dopaminergic
medication (Pekny et al., 2015). We predicted that levodopa would impair reward-based
motor adaptation and modulation of trial-by-trial variability in accordance with the
"dopamine overdose hypothesis".
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In the sensory error-based learning task, participants adapted to visuomotor rotation
perturbations designed to produce sensory prediction error while minimizing reward
prediction error. Investigations as to whether VMR learning depends on dopamine have
shown inconsistent results (Bédard & Sanes, 2011; Marinelli et al., 2009; Mongeon et al.,
2013; Noohi et al., 2014). Sensory error-based learning may be mediated by non-
dopaminergic mechanisms depending primarily on the cerebellum, whereas dopamine
affects VMR learning through additional or modulatory contributions of a reinforcement
learning process (Singh et al., 2019). We hypothesized that sensory error-based

learning would be unaffected by levodopa. As such, we designed our sensory error-
based learning task to preclude effects of reinforcement.
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In experiment 1, we recorded EEG to measure neural event-related potentials (ERPs).
Previously, we found that a medial frontal ERP component called the feedback related
negativity, or alternatively the reward positivity (FRN/RP), was modulated by reward
feedback but not sensory error feedback during motor adaptation (Palidis et al., 2019).
This is consistent with a prominent theory stating that the FRN/RP reflects reward
prediction error signals driven by dopamine release (Becker et al., 2014; Carlson et al.,
2011; Emeric et al., 2008; Foti et al., 2011; Gehring & Willoughby, 2002; Hauser et al.,
2014; Holroyd et al., 2008; Holroyd & Coles, 2002; Mathewson et al., 2008; Miltner et
al., 1997; Sambrook & Goslin, 2015, 2016; Vezoli & Procyk, 2009; Walsh & Anderson,
2012; Warren et al., 2015). However, direct evidence for a link between dopamine and
the FRN/RP is fairly limited, and no studies have investigated this link in the context of
motor adaptation (Enge et al., 2017; Forster et al., 2017; Marco-Pallarés et al., 2009; Mueller
et al., 2014; Santesso et al., 2009; Schutte et al., 2020). We hypothesized that levodopa
would diminish the magnitude of the FRN/RP along with behavioral expression of
reward-based learning in accordance with the "dopamine overdose" hypothesis.
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In experiment 2, participants ingested either levodopa or placebo prior to performing a
force field adaptation task. We tested for effects of levodopa on savings, in which
adaptation is facilitated when a particular perturbation is encountered a second time
after washout of initial learning. We also tested for effects of levodopa on anterograde
interference, in which adaptation to a force field in a particular direction causes
interference with subsequent adaptation to an opposite-direction force field (Bock et al.,
2001; Huang et al., 2011; Leow et al., 2012, 2013; R. Christopher Miall et al., 2004;
Sing & Smith, 2010). While force field adaptation is thought to rely primarily on sensory
error-based learning mechanisms, savings and anterograde interference can be
accounted for by additional influences of a reinforcement learning process (Huang et al.,
2011). Individuals with Parkinson's disease show reduced savings and interference
despite intact initial adaptation (Bédard & Sanes, 2011; Leow et al., 2012, 2013). While
these results suggest a role of dopamine in savings and interference, they typically don't
distinguish between effects of Parkinson's disease and side-effects of medication. We
used pharmacological manipulation in healthy participants to provide a more specific
and controlled test for a role of dopamine in savings and interference. We predicted that
levodopa would impair savings and interference while leaving initial adaptation
unaffected.
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We tested for effects of levodopa using a comprehensive battery of motor adaptation
tasks. This allowed us to test the hypotheses that dopaminergic mechanisms
specifically underlie adaptive motor responses to reward outcomes as well as the
formation of motor memories that produce savings and interference effects. We also
measured the FRN/RP, a common neural correlate of reward prediction error. This
allowed us to test the hypothesis that dopaminergic signaling of reward prediction error
in the medial frontal cortex drives reward-based motor adaptation.
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Methods

Experiment 1

Participants

A total of *n=21* [12 female, Age: 20.99 years (SD 3.26)] healthy, right-handed participants were included in experiment 1. All participants were screened for neurological and psychiatric illness, history of drug or alcohol abuse, and contraindications for levodopa. Two participants were excluded due to malfunction of the robot that prevented the experiment from being completed, and two participants were excluded who did not return for the second testing session. Participants provided written informed consent to experimental procedures approved by the Research Ethics Board at Western University.

Experimental design

Drug administration: All participants underwent two experimental sessions, with levodopa and placebo being administered in separate sessions using a randomized, double-blind, crossover design. The two sessions were separated by a washout period of at least one week. In one session, a capsule was ingested that contained 100 mg of levodopa (L-3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine) and 25 mg of carbidopa. Levodopa is a dopamine precursor, and carbidopa is a decarboxylase inhibitor given to reduce conversion of levodopa to dopamine in the periphery. This dose has been shown to produce various behavioral effects in healthy young adults (Flöel et al., 2005; Knecht et al., 2004; Onur et al., 2011; Vo et al., 2016, 2017, 2018). In the other session, an equal volume of placebo was administered in an identical capsule. The order of administration was counterbalanced. After administration of the capsule, the robot was calibrated, the EEG cap was placed on the participant's head, and participants performed a practice block of the behavioral task (see below). Subsequently, the experimental tasks began 45 minutes after ingestion of the capsule to coincide with peak plasma levels of levodopa (Olanow et al., 2000). We measured heart rate, blood pressure, and subjective alertness immediately prior to ingestion of placebo or levodopa and again at the end of each session. Alertness was assessed using the Bond-Lader visual analog scale (Bond & Lader, 1974).

Overview of behavioral tasks: Each participant underwent the same experimental tasks in both sessions. Participants made reaching movements toward a visual target and received visual feedback pertaining to reach angle only at movement end point (figure 1). Neural responses to feedback were recorded using EEG. Participants were instructed that each reach terminating within the target would be rewarded with a small monetary bonus. Participants first performed a block of 50 practice trials. The subsequent behavioral procedure consisted of two blocks of a reward learning task and two blocks of a visuomotor rotation (VMR) task. The order of the blocks alternated between the two task types but was otherwise randomized. Participants took self-paced rests between blocks.

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In the VMR task, a cursor appeared at movement end point to represent the position of
the hand (Figure 1d). In unperturbed trials, the cursor was displayed directly over the
occluded robot handle. In randomly selected trials, the cursor's position was decoupled
from the robot handle position such that the cursor indicated a reach endpoint position
that was rotated (about the start position) relative to the actual reach endpoint position.
This was intended to produce sensory prediction error and trial-by-trial compensatory
changes in reach angle opposite the direction of the rotations. The rotations were small
relative to the size of the target, such that participants nearly always landed in the
target, fulfilling the goal of the task and earning a monetary reward (the cursor feedback
was within the target on 95.5% of trials, SD: 2%). Thus, reward and task error were
constant between perturbed and unperturbed feedback, and by comparing the two
conditions we could isolate the neural correlates of sensory error processing.
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In the reward learning task, no cursor appeared to indicate the position of the hand.
Instead, binary feedback represented whether or not participants succeeded in hitting
the target (Figure 1c). This allowed us to assess reward-based learning in isolation from
sensory error processing, as visual information revealing the position of the hand was
not provided. In separate blocks, reward feedback was tailored to produce adaptation
towards increasingly clockwise and counterclockwise reach angles. Reward was
delivered when the difference between the current reach angle and the median of the
previous 10 reach angles was in the direction of intended learning. We compared the
neural responses to reward and non-reward feedback to assess the neural correlates of
reward processing during adaptation.
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283 ***Apparatus/Behavioral Task***
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Participants produced reaching movements with their right arm while holding the handle
of a robotic arm (InMotion2; Interactive Motion Technologies; figure 1). Position of the
robot handle was sampled at 600 Hz. A semi-silvered mirror obscured vision of the arm
and displayed visual information related to the task. An air sled supported each
participant's right arm. Participants reached towards a white circular target 14 cm away
from a circular start position in front of their chest. The start position turned from red to
green to cue the onset of each reach once the handle had remained inside it
continuously for 750 ms. Participants were instructed that they must wait for the cue to
begin each reach but that it was not necessary to react quickly upon seeing the cue.
Participants were instructed to make forward reaches and to stop their hand within the
target. An arc-shaped cursor indicated reach extent throughout each movement without
revealing reach angle. In only the first five baseline trials of each block, an additional
circular cursor continuously indicated the position of the hand throughout the reach. A
viscous force field assisted participants in braking their hand when the reach extent was
14 cm. The robot ended each movement by fixing the handle position when the hand
velocity decreased below 0.03 m/s. The hand was fixed in place for 700 ms, during
which time visual feedback of reach angle was provided. Feedback indicated either
reach end point position, a binary reward outcome, or feedback of movement speed
(see below). Visual feedback was then removed, and the robot guided the hand back to

the start position. Reach end point was defined as the position at which the reach path
intersected the perimeter of a circle (14-cm radius) centered at the start position. Reach
angle was calculated as the angle between vectors defined by reach end point and the
center of the target, each relative to the start position, such that reaching straight ahead
corresponds to 0° and counterclockwise reach angles are positive.

Feedback about reach angle was provided either in the form of end-point position
feedback or binary reward feedback. The type of feedback, as well as various feedback
manipulations, varied according to the assigned experimental block type (see Reward
Learning Task and Visuomotor Rotation Task). Participants were told that they would
earn additional monetary compensation for reaches that ended within the target, up to a
maximum of $10 CAD. Movement duration was defined as the time elapsed between
the hand leaving the start position and the moment hand velocity dropped below 0.03
m/s. If movement duration was >700 ms or <450 ms, no feedback pertaining to
movement angle was provided. Instead, a gray arc behind the target turned blue or
yellow to indicate that the reach was too slow or too fast, respectively. Participants were
informed that movements with an incorrect speed would be repeated but would not
otherwise affect the experiment. To minimize the impact of eyeblink-related EEG
artifacts, participants were asked to fixate their gaze on a black circular target in the
center of the reach target and to refrain from blinking throughout each arm movement
and subsequent presentation of feedback.

Practice block: Each participant first completed a block of practice trials that continued
until they achieved 50 movements within the desired range of movement duration.
Continuous position feedback was provided during the first 5 trials, and only end-point
position feedback was provided for the following 10 trials. Subsequently, no position
feedback was provided outside the start position.

Reward Learning task: Binary reward feedback was provided to induce adaptation of
reach angle (figure 1c). Each session included two blocks in the reward learning
condition. The direction of intended learning was clockwise in one block and
counterclockwise in the other. Each block continued until the participant completed 125
reaches with acceptable movement duration. Participants reached toward a circular
target 1.2 cm in diameter. The first 11 reaches were baseline trials during which
continuous position feedback was provided during the first 5 trials, followed by 6 trials
with only end-point cursor feedback. After these baseline trials no cursor feedback was
provided, and binary reward feedback was instead provided at the end of the
movement. Target hits and misses were indicated by the target turning green and red,
respectively. Unbeknownst to participants, reward feedback did not necessarily
correspond to the visual target. Instead, reward was delivered if the difference between
the current reach angle and the median angle of the previous 10 reaches was in the
direction of intended learning. When the running median was at least 6° away from zero
in the direction of intended learning, reward was delivered at a fixed probability of 50%.
This was intended to minimize conscious awareness of the manipulation by limiting
adaptation to 6°. Reward was never delivered when the absolute value of the reach

angle was greater than 10°, for the same reason. We employed this adaptive, closed-
loop reward schedule so that the overall frequency of reward was controlled.
Visuomotor rotation task: End-point feedback was rotated relative to the actual reach
angle to induce sensory error-based adaptation (figure 1d). Each session included two
blocks in the VMR condition. Each block continued until participants completed 124
reaches within acceptable movement duration limits. Participants reached toward a
circular target 3.5 cm in diameter. Participants first performed baseline reaches during
which cursor feedback reflected veridical reach angle continuously for the first 5 trials
and only at movement end point for the subsequent 5 trials. After the baseline reaches
the adaptation portion of each block began, unannounced to participants. During the
adaptation trials, end-point position feedback was provided indicating a reach angle that
was rotated relative to the true reach angle. There were 114 total adaptation trials (38
with 0° rotation, and 19 each with ±2° and ±4° rotations). Participants were instructed
that end-point feedback within the target would earn them bonus compensation, but no
explicit reward feedback was provided.
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365 **EEG data acquisition**
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EEG data were acquired from 16 cap-mounted electrodes with an active electrode
system (g.GAMMA; g.tec Medical Engineering) and amplifier (g.USBamp; g.tec Medical
Engineering). We recorded from electrodes placed according to the 10-20 System at
sites Fp1, Fp2, F3, F4, F7, F8, FT9, FT10, FCz, Cz, C3, C4, CPz, CP3, CP4, and Pz
referenced to an electrode placed on participants' left earlobe. Impedances were
maintained below 5 kΩ. Data were sampled at 4,800 Hz and filtered online with band-
pass (0.1–1,000 Hz) and notch (60 Hz) filters. A photodiode attached to the display
monitor was used to synchronize recordings to stimulus onset.
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376 **Behavioral data analysis**
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Reward learning task. As in our previous work using a similar task, we computed
learning scores in each drug condition by subtracting the average reach angle in the
clockwise condition from the average reach angle in the counterclockwise condition
(Palidis et al., 2019). As such, positive scores indicate learning. We excluded baseline
trials and trials that did not meet the movement duration criteria, as no feedback related
to reach angle was provided on these trials. Each block continued until 114 trials after
the baseline period met the movement duration criteria, so equal numbers of trials were
analyzed for each participant. We tested for the presence of learning by submitting
learning scores to 1-sample T-Tests against zero, and we compared learning scores in
the placebo and levodopa conditions using paired T-Tests.
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389 We also analyzed trial-by-trial variability in reach angle in response to reinforcement
390 feedback using an approach similar to Pekny et al. (2015). First, we calculated trial-by-
391 trial changes in reach angle as in *Eq. 1:*
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$\Delta\theta_i = \theta_{i+1} - \theta_i$ (1)

We then multiplied $\Delta\theta_i$ by -1 for trials in the clockwise learning condition, so that positive
values for $\Delta\theta_i$ corresponded to changes in reach angle in the direction of intended
learning, and any biases in $\Delta\theta$ related to the direction of intended learning would have
the same sign in the CW and CCW learning conditions. Next, we conditioned $\Delta\theta_i$ on the
reinforcement outcome of trial i and the drug condition to obtain trial-by-trial changes in
reach angle following reward and non-reward after both placebo and levodopa
administration. Next, we quantified trial by trial variability in each condition as the natural
logarithm of the sample variance of $\Delta\theta_i$. Our dependent variable is an estimate of
variance. This estimate of variance itself has variance due to sampling. For a normal
distribution, the variance of a sample variance is proportional to the square of the true
population variance. A log transformation is appropriate for linear modeling when the
variance of the dependent measure is proportional to the square of its expectation
(Montgomery et al., 2021).

We then performed 2x2 repeated measures ANOVA on Log(var($\Delta\theta_i$)). The factors were
drug (levels: placebo, levodopa), and reward outcome on trial i (levels: non-reward,
reward).

Visuomotor rotation task. To quantify trial-by-trial learning we first calculated the change
in reach angle between successive trials, as in *Eq. 1.* We then performed a linear
regression on $\Delta\theta_i$ with the rotation imposed on trial i as the predictor variable. The
rotation was 0°, ±2°, or ±4°. This regression was performed on an individual participant
basis, separately for placebo and levodopa conditions. We excluded trials that did not
meet the duration criteria as no visual feedback was provided on these trials. We took
the resulting slope estimates multiplied by -1 as a metric of learning rate, as it reflects
the portion of visual errors that participants corrected with a trial-by-trial adaptive
process. We tested for the presence of adaptation in each condition by submitting
learning rates to 1-sample t-tests against zero. We tested for an effect of levodopa vs
placebo on learning rates using a paired t-test.

EEG preprocessing

EEG data were resampled to 480 Hz and filtered off-line between 0.1 and 35 Hz with a
second-order Butterworth filter. Continuous data were segmented into 2-s epochs time-
locked to feedback stimulus onset at 0 ms (time range: -500 to +1,500 ms). Epochs
flagged for containing artifacts as well as any channels with bad recordings were
removed after visual inspection. One participant was excluded entirely from the EEG
analysis due to excessive muscle artifacts. Subsequently, extended infomax
independent component analysis was performed on each participant's data (Delorme &
Makeig, 2004). Components reflecting eye movements and blink artifacts were
identified by visual inspection and subtracted by projection of the remaining components
back to the voltage time series.

EEG data analysis

After artifact removal, we computed ERPs by trial averaging EEG time series epochs for
various feedback conditions described in the sections below. ERPs were computed on
an individual participant basis separately for recordings from channels FCz and Pz. We
selected FCz and Pz a priori because these electrodes typically correspond to the
peaks of the scalp distributions for the feedback related negativity/reward positivity and
the P300 ERP components, respectively. We found this to be true in a previous
experiment using a very similar paradigm (Palidis et al., 2019). All ERPs were baseline
corrected by subtracting the average voltage in the 75-ms period immediately following
stimulus onset. We used a baseline period following stimulus onset because stimuli
were presented immediately upon movement termination and the period before stimulus
presentation was more likely to be affected by movement related artifacts. Trials in
which reaches did not meet the movement duration criteria were excluded, as feedback
relevant to reach adaptation was not provided on these trials. Finally, ERPs were low-
pass filtered with a cutoff frequency of 30 Hz.

We computed ERPs separately following administration of placebo and levodopa. In the
reward learning task, we computed ERPs separately for feedback indicating non-reward
(placebo: 107.2 ±9.7 trials, levodopa: 104.0 ±8.3 trials) and feedback indicating reward
(placebo: 118.4 ±9.6 trials, levodopa: 118.0 ±8.1 trials). In the visuomotor rotation task,
we computed ERPs separately for veridical endpoint feedback (placebo: 72.6 ± 3.5
trials, levodopa: 72.9 ± 3.1 trials), ±2° rotated feedback (placebo: 70.8 ± 5.2 trials,
levodopa: 72.1 ± 3.8 trials), and ±4° rotated feedback (placebo: 64.5 ± 4.7 trials,
levodopa: 66.3 ± 4.1 trials). We excluded trials in which the cursor did not land within
the target.

We selected time windows of interest for ERP analysis using independent data from a
previous experiment with very similar procedures (Palidis et al., 2019). We analyzed the
amplitudes of FRN/RP and P300 components within 50 ms time windows centered
around the latencies of the FRN/RP and P300 peaks observed in our previous study.
The FNR/RP peak was taken as the maximum value of the difference between ERPs
elicited by reward and non-reward feedback recorded from electrode FCz (latency:
292ms). For completeness, we used the same time window to test for FRN/RP effects
in the visuomotor rotation task of the current study although we did not observe an
FRN/RP component in our previous visuomotor rotation task. The P300 peak latencies
were determined separately for reward and non-reward feedback as the times of
maximal amplitude of ERPs recorded from electrode Pz (reward: 319ms, non-reward:
371ms). The peak latencies selected for the FRN/RP and P300 components in the
reward learning task corresponded very closely to the peaks observed in the current
data. However, the P300 peak in the visuomotor rotation task of the current study was
earlier than that in our previous experiment. This difference in latency may be due to
changes in the nature of the feedback. Thus, we determined the latency of the P300
peak in the visuomotor rotation task of the current study using a data-driven method that
does not bias comparisons between conditions (Brooks et al., 2017). We aggregated all
trials across conditions and participants and computed a trial averaged ERP using

recordings from electrode Pz. The P300 peak was determined as the maximal amplitude of this averaged waveform (latency: 317ms). This method is only suitable for comparing waveforms of different amplitude but similar morphology across conditions, and thus could not be applied to the ERPs in the reward learning task (Brooks et al., 2017).

We tested for effects of feedback manipulations on FRN/RP components using the average amplitude of ERPs recorded from electrode FCz within the FRN/RP time window. We tested for effects on P300 ERP components using average amplitude of ERPs recorded from electrode Pz within the P300 time window corresponding to a given condition. For the reward learning task, we used 2x2 repeated measures ANOVAs with factors drug (levels: placebo, levodopa) and reinforcement outcome (levels: reward, non-reward). For the visuomotor rotation task, we used 2x3 repeated measures ANOVAs with factors drug (levels: placebo, Levodopa), and rotation (levels: 0°, ±2°, ±4°).

Experiment 2

Participants

A total of 38 participants were included in experiment 2 (Table 2). All participants were screened for neurological and psychiatric illness, history of drug or alcohol abuse, and contraindications for levodopa. Participants provided written informed consent to experimental procedures approved by the Research Ethics Board at Western University.

Procedure

Drug administration: Participants were administered either levodopa or placebo in a randomized double-blind design. A capsule was ingested that contained 100 mg of levodopa (L-3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine) and 25 mg of carbidopa or an equal volume of placebo. The experimental tasks began 45 minutes after ingestion of the capsule to coincide with peak plasma levels of levodopa. We measured subjective alertness using the Bond-Lader visual analog scale (Bond & Lader, 1974) as well as heart rate and blood pressure immediately prior to ingesting the capsule and again at the end of each session.

Force field adaptation task: Participants produced reaching movements with their right arm while holding the handle of a robotic arm (InMotion2; Interactive Motion Technologies). The position of the robot handle was sampled at 600 Hz. A semi-silvered mirror obscured vision of the arm and displayed visual information related to the task. An air sled supported each participant's right arm.

On each trial, participants reached from a central home position (blue circle 20 mm in diameter) to one of 8 circular targets (24 mm in diameter) arranged around the home position at a distance of 10 cm. The target angles were 0°, 45°, 90°, 135°, 180°, 225°,

533 270°, and 315°. A 5-mm pink circular cursor represented the position of the robot
534 handle. When the cursor reached the target on each trial, the target either turned blue to
535 indicate that the movement duration was satisfactory (375 ± 100 ms), green to indicate
536 that the movement was too slow, or red to indicate that the movement was too fast. The
537 subject moved the robot handle back to the home position at the end of each reach.
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539 In null field blocks, the robot motors did not apply any external forces to the hand. In
540 force field blocks, the robot applied forces to the hand that were perpendicular to the
541 direction of movement and proportional to the velocity of the hand (*eq. 2)*. The direction
542 of the force field was either clockwise or counterclockwise, in separate blocks.
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544 $$\begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \end{bmatrix} = b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & d \\ -d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

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546 x and y correspond to the lateral and sagittal directions. F_x and F_y describe the forces
547 applied to the hand, v_x and v_y describe the velocity of the hand, b is the field constant,
548 and d corresponds to the direction (d = 1 for a clockwise force field (CWFF), -1 for a
549 counterclockwise force field (CCWFF) or 0 for a null field (NF)).
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All participants completed five blocks of 96 trials. Each block consisted of 12 reaches to
each of the 8 targets presented in random order. The five blocks occurred in the
following order: NFa (null field), FF1a (CWFF), NFb (null field), FF1b (CWFF), FF2
(CCWFF). Trials 6, 24, 35, 50, 71, and 91 of each block were "catch trials", during which
reaches occurred in a null field. When the force field is suddenly removed in catch trials,
errors occur in the opposite direction of the force field. A reduction in reach error during
force field trials may reflect either adaptation to the force field, stiffening of the arm, or
changes in feedback corrections. The magnitude of errors opposite the force field in
catch trials is thought to better capture adaptation of feedforward control. Similar to
catch trials, we expected after-effects at the beginning of NFa in the form of
counterclockwise reach errors after the sudden removal of the clockwise force field in
FF1a.
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564 ***Data analysis***
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Robot handle positional data were low-pass filtered with a 40 Hz cutoff frequency and
differentiated to yield instantaneous velocity and acceleration. On each trial, movement
onset and end of movement were defined according to a velocity threshold set at 5% of
the maximum tangential velocity of the robot endpoint. Our behavioral measure of
interest was the lateral deviation of the hand at the time of peak tangential velocity.
Perpendicular deviation (PD) was calculated relative to a line drawn from the position of
movement onset in the direction of the target angle (either 0°, 45°, 90°, 135°, 180°,
225°, 270°, or 315°). PD was calculated for each trial as the perpendicular distance
between the position of the hand at peak velocity and this line, with positive PD
corresponding to clockwise deviations. For non-catch trials, PD was averaged across
trials within 12 bins of 8 trials each. We analyzed effects related to adaptation

separately for an early and late period of each block. The early period consisted of the
first 5 bins (trials 1-40, catch trials: 6,24,35) and the late period consisted of the
remaining 7 bins (trials 41-96, catch trials: 50,71,91). Baseline PD was computed as the
average PD in the late period of NFa. We computed metrics for adaptation, savings,
after-effects, and learning with interference separately for the early and late periods,
and separately for catch trials and non-catch trials. All metrics were computed so that
positive values corresponded to the effects of interest, and values of zero correspond to
no effect. We tested for adaptation, savings, after-effects, and learning with interference
using 1-sample t-tests against zero. We tested for differences between the placebo and
levodopa groups using paired t-tests.

Non-catch trials: Adaptation metrics were computed to capture reductions in error
during FF1a relative to the initial errors caused by the onset of the force field. Our
measure of early adaptation was the average PD in the first bin of FF1a minus the
average PD across subsequent bins within the early period of FF1a (bins 2-5). Our
measure of late adaptation was the average PD in the first bin of FF1a minus the
average PD across bins in the late period of FF1a (bins 6-12). Savings metrics were
computed to measure reductions in errors during the second exposure to FF1
compared to the first. Savings was measured as the difference in PD between FF1a
and FF1b (FF1a – FF1b), separately for PD averaged across bins within the early and
late periods. Adaptation to FF1a caused after-effects in the form of errors upon its
sudden removal at the onset of NFb. After-effects were measured as the difference
between baseline PD and the PD in NFb (baseline – NFb), separately for PD averaged
across bins in the early and late periods of NFb. We expected large initial errors at the
onset of FF2 due to a combination of after-effects from the removal of FF1b and the
introduction of a novel force field. Previous adaptation to FF1b was also expected to
cause anterograde interference during adaptation to FF2 as the force fields were
opposite. Metrics for adaptation with interference were computed to capture reductions
in errors during FF2 relative to the initial errors caused by the onset of the force field.
Early adaptation with interference was measured by subtracting the average PD from
the first bin of FF2 from the average PD across subsequent bins within the early period
of FF2 (bins 2-5). Late adaptation with interference was measured by subtracting the
average PD in the first bin of FF2 from the average PD across subsequent bins in the
late period of FF2 (bins 6-12).

Catch trials: When a force field is suddenly removed during catch trials, adaptation to
the force field is reflected in errors opposite the direction of the force field. Adaptation
effects were computed as the baseline PD minus the PD in FF1a averaged across
catch trials, separately for catch trials in the early and late period. Improved adaptation
due to savings was expected to cause larger errors in catch trial during FF1b compared
to FF1a. Savings was computed as the PD in FF1a minus the PD in FF1b, averaged
across catch trials separately for the early and late periods. Learning effects with
interference were computed using data from FF2. There was no suitable baseline PD to
analyze learning in this block. Instead, the PD of the first catch trial was subtracted from
the PD of each of the later catch trials, separately for catch trials in the early and late
periods. This captures changes in catch trial PD opposite the direction of FF2 due to
adaptation.

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Statistics

Statistical tests were implemented using JASP v0.14.1. We compared sample means
using 1 sample T-Tests, paired sample T-Tests, or independent sample T-Tests. These
comparisons allowed us to compute one-tailed Bayes factors representing
$p(data|H_+) / p(data|H_0)$, where H_0 represents the null hypothesis corresponding to the
standard *t*-distribution for an effect size of 0, and H_+ represents the alternative
hypothesis corresponding to a *t*-distribution constructed using a one-tailed prior
distribution of effect sizes. The use of 1-tailed priors is recommended in the case of
directional hypotheses to provide "a fairer balance between the ability to provide
evidence for *H*0 and *H*1" (Keysers et al., 2020). We used the default effect size priors
implemented in JASP (Cauchy scale 0.707). These priors are generally appropriate for
effect sizes typical of neuroscience research, and the use of default priors is
recommended for standardized and objective analysis (Keysers et al., 2020; Rouder et
al., 2012; Wetzels et al., 2011). Bayesian estimates of effect size are reported as
median posterior Cohen's δ with 95% credibility interval using 2-tailed priors for H1 to
avoid biasing the estimate in the expected direction. We also report T-statistics, p-
values, and 95% confidence intervals generated using 2-tailed frequentist T-Tests. For
factorial analyses, we conducted frequentist and Bayesian repeated measures ANOVAs
using JASP with default priors. Bayes factors were computed for the inclusion of each
effect as the ratio of the data likelihood under the model containing that effect vs
equivalent models stripped of that effect. Bayes factors >3 and >10 were taken as
moderate and strong evidence in favor of the alternative hypothesis, respectively. Bayes
factors <1/3 and <1/10 were taken as moderate and strong evidence in favor of the null
hypothesis, respectively. Bayes factors between 1/3 and 3 were taken as inconclusive
evidence (Keysers et al., 2020).

Directional priors used for alternative hypotheses specified our predictions that learning
metrics would be greater than zero (Reward learning score, VMR learning rate, force
field adaptation, savings, after-effects, and adaptation with interference). In comparing
placebo and levodopa conditions, our alternative hypotheses specified that learning
metrics would be lower in levodopa conditions than placebo conditions, in accordance
with the "dopamine overdose" hypothesis. The only exception was that we predicted
adaptation with interference would be increased by levodopa. If anterograde
interference is caused by dopaminergic reinforcement learning, then the "dopamine
overdose" effect should reduce interference and facilitate adaptation. All other Bayes
factors are computed with 2-tailed priors, as they were conducted without directional a
priori hypotheses (control measures, etc.).

Results

Experiment 1

Control measures: Participants' judgments at the end of the second session as to
whether they received placebo or drug were correct at near chance level (47.62%).

Table 1 shows the values for heart rate, blood pressure, and alertness recorded at the
beginning and end of each experimental session for both the placebo and levodopa
conditions. We computed the percent change in heart rate and blood pressure recorded
at the beginning and end of each session. There were no reliable differences between
the levodopa and placebo conditions in the percent change of heart rate (t(18) = 0.70,
p=0.49, 95%CI for difference = [-0.03 0.07], BF = 0.30, posterior δ: median = 0.139,
95%CI = [-0.278 0.565]), systolic blood pressure (t(18) = -0.39, p=0.70, 95%CI for
difference = [-0.06 0.04], BF = 0.25, posterior δ: median = -0.077, 95%CI = [-0.498
0.338]), or diastolic blood pressure (t(18) = -0.88, p=0.39, 95%CI for difference = [-0.07
0.03], BF = 0.33, posterior δ: median = -0.173, 95%CI = [-0.603 0.245]). We did observe
a significant difference between levodopa and placebo in the percent change of
alertness (t(20) = 2.46, p=0.023, 95%CI for difference = [0.02 0.19], BF = 2.53, posterior
δ: median = 0.477, 95%CI = [0.044 0.930]). However, this effect was likely due to
chance as alertness was only different between the two drug conditions at the time point
pre-administration of the capsule (t(20) = 2.18, p=0.042), but not post-administration
(t(20) = -0.068, p=0.95). We also tested for effects of levodopa on the median response
time (the latency between the go cue and the robot handle leaving the home position),
and the median movement time (table 1). We observed no reliable differences in
response time between the placebo and levodopa conditions in either the reward
learning task (t(20)=0.72, p=0.48, 95%CI for difference = [-37.49 77.34], BF = 0.29,
posterior δ: median = 0.137, 95%CI = [-0.261 0.545]), or the VMR task (t(20)=0.62,
p=0.54, 95%CI for difference = [-33.91 62.56], BF = 0.27, posterior δ: median = 0.118,
95%CI = [-0.280 0.523]). We also observed no reliable difference in movement time
between the placebo and levodopa conditions in either the reward learning task (t(20)=-
0.11, p=0.91, 95%CI for difference = [-20.75 18.69], BF = 0.23, posterior δ: median = -
0.021, 95%CI = [-0.420 0.377]), or the VMR task (t(20)=-0.21, p=0.84, 95%CI for
difference = [-16.21 13.27], BF = 0.23, posterior δ: median = -0.039, 95%CI = [-0.44
0.358]).
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697 **_Behavioral results_**
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Reward learning task. Behavioral data from the reward learning task are shown in
Figure 2. Learning scores were reliably greater than zero in both the placebo condition
(mean = 6.03, SD = 3.58, t(20) = 7.72, p = 2.02e-7, 95%CI = [4.40 7.66], BF = 1.56e5,
posterior δ: median = 1.58 95%CI = [0.92 2.28]), and the levodopa condition (mean =
6.93, SD = 3.86, t(20) = 8.23, p = 7.49e-8, 95%CI = [5.17 8.69], BF = 3.9e5, posterior δ:
median = 1.69, 95%CI = [1.00 2.41]) conditions. Learning scores were slightly higher in
the levodopa condition, though this difference was not statistically reliable. This result
provided strong evidence against our hypothesis of reduced learning in the levodopa
group (t(20) = -1.58, p = 0.13, 95%CI for difference = [-2.09 0.29], BF = 0.10, posterior
δ: median = -0.30, 95%CI = [-0.73 0.11]). We observed similar evidence against the
hypothesized effect of levodopa when learning scores were computed using only the
final 20 trials in each block (t(20) = -1.60, p = 0.13, 95%CI for difference = [-3.05 0.40],
BF = 0.10, posterior δ: median = -0.31, 95%CI = [-0.73 0.10]).
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The variability of trial-by-trial changes in reach angle following reward and non-reward
outcomes is shown in Figure 3. We found a reliable main effect of reinforcement
outcome on the log transformed variance of trial-by-trial changes in reach angle (F(1,20)
= 74.84 , p = 3.41e-8, η_p^2= 0.79, BF = 3.02e14). This indicates an increase in trial-by-trial
variance of reach angle following non-reward outcomes relative to reward. We found
moderate evidence against effects of drug condition (F(1,20) = 0.0072 , p = 0.93, η_p^2=
3.86e-4, BF = 0.22) and reward by drug interaction (F(1,20) = 0.0478 , p =
0.829,η_p^2=2.38e-3, BF = 0.30).
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Visuomotor rotation task. Mean trial-by-trial changes in reach angle after the different
feedback rotations are shown in Figure 4. Learning rates were reliably greater than zero
following administration of both placebo (mean: 0.313, SD: 0.133, t(20) = 10.77, p =
8.93e-10, 95%CI = [0.25 0.37], BF = 2.4e7, posterior δ: median = 2.22, 95%CI = [1.40
3.10])) and levodopa (mean: 0.294, SD: 0.102, t(20) = 13.18, p = 2.54e-11, 95%CI =
[0.25 0.34], BF = 6.75e8). Learning rates were not reliably different in the two
conditions (t(20) = 0.703, p=0.491, 95%CI for difference = [-0.04 0.07], BF = 0.42,
posterior δ: median = 0.134, 95%CI = [-0.265 0.540])).
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732 **Event-related potential results**
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734 *Reward learning task.*
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Feedback-related negativity/Reward positivity: Event-related potentials (ERPs) elicited
by reinforcement feedback at electrode FCz are shown in Figure 5a. We analyzed the
FRN/RP by submitting the average ERP amplitude at electrode FCz between 267-
317ms to frequentist and bayesian repeated measures ANOVAs (figure 5b). We found a
reliable main effect of reward outcome on FRN/RP amplitude (F(1,19) = 42.25 , p =
3.16e-6, η_p^2=0.69, BF = 8.89e8). We observed moderate evidence both against an effect
of drug (F(1,19) = 0.13 , p = 0.73, η_p^2=6.56e-3, BF = 0.24) and a reward by drug
interaction (F(1,19) = 0.2 , p = 0.66, η_p^2=0.01, BF = 0.30) on FRN/RP amplitude.
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P300: ERPs elicited by reinforcement feedback at electrode Pz are shown in Figure 5c.
We analyzed the P300 by submitting the average ERP amplitudes at electrode Pz
during the P300 time windows (Reward: 294-344ms, Non-reward: 346-396ms) to
frequentist and bayesian repeated measures ANOVAs (figure 5d). We found a reliable
main effect of reward outcome on P300 amplitude (F(1,19) = 35.83 , p = 9.26e-6,
η_p^2=0.65, BF = 3.5e5). We observed moderate evidence both against an effect of drug
(F(1,19) = 0.20 , p = 0.66, η_p^2=0.01, BF = 0.26) and against a reward by drug interaction
(F(1,19) = 0.13 , p = 0.73, η_p^2= 6.56e-3, BF = 0.29) on P300 amplitudes.
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754 *Visuomotor rotation task.*
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756 Feedback-related negativity/Reward positivity: ERPs elicited by endpoint cursor
757 feedback at electrode FCz are shown in Figure 6a. We analyzed the FRN/RP by

submitting the average ERP amplitude at electrode FCz between 267-317ms to repeated measures ANOVAs (figure 6b). We did not find reliable main effects of drug (F(1,19) = 1.37, p = 0.26, η_p^2=0.07), or feedback rotation (F(2,38) = 0.1, p = 0.86 (Greenhouse-Geisser corrected), η_p^2 = 5.12e-3). We did observe a reliable drug by rotation interaction effect (F(2,38) = 4.75, p = 0.02 (Greenhouse-Geisser corrected), η_p^2= 0.2). Simple main effects did not show reliable main effects of rotation in either the placebo (F(2,38) = 2.17, p=0.13) or levodopa (F(2,38) = 2.06, p=0.14) conditions on FRN/RP amplitudes.

P300: ERPs elicited by endpoint cursor feedback at electrode Pz are shown in Figure 6c. We analyzed the P300 by submitting the average ERP amplitude at electrode Pz between 292-342 ms to repeated measures ANOVAs (figure 6d). We did not find reliable main effects of drug (F(1,19) = 0.43, p = 0.52, η_p^2=0.02), or feedback rotation (F(2,38) = 1.31, p = 0.28 (Greenhouse-Geisser corrected), η_p^2= 0.06). We did observe a reliable drug*rotation interaction effect (F(2,38) = 7.46, p = 2.24e-3 (Greenhouse-Geisser corrected), η_p^2= 0.28). Simple main effects revealed a reliable main effect of rotation in the placebo (F(2,38) = 5.72, p=6.72e-3) but not the levodopa (F(2,38) = 0.51, p=0.60) condition on P300 amplitude.

Experiment 2

Control measures: Participants' judgments as to whether they received placebo or drug was near chance level (52.63%) and only 13.16% of participants responded that they thought they had received the drug. The values for heart rate, blood pressure, and alertness are reported in Table 2 for both the placebo and levodopa groups at the beginning and end of each experimental session. There were no reliable differences between the levodopa and placebo conditions in the percent change of heart rate (t(36) = -1.09, p=0.282, 95%CI for difference = [-0.10 0.03], BF = 0.5, posterior δ: median = -0.273, 95%CI = [-0.875 0.284]), diastolic blood pressure (t(36) = 1.37, p=0.18, 95%CI for difference = [-0.02 0.11], BF = 0.65, posterior δ: median = 0.346, 95%CI = [-0.218 0.960]), systolic blood pressure (t(36) = 1.37, p=0.18, 95%CI for difference = [-.02 0.09], BF = 0.65, posterior δ: median = 0.346, 95%CI = [-0.218 0.960]), or alertness (t(36) = -0.88, p=0.39, 95%CI for difference = [-0.95 0.38], BF = 0.43, posterior δ: median = -0.218, 95%CI = [-0.810 0.337]). There was also no reliable difference between peak movement velocity between the levodopa and placebo groups (t(36) = -0.09, p=0.93, 95%CI for difference = [-0.01 9.94e-3], BF = 0.32, posterior δ: median = -0.021, 95%CI = [-0.585 0.539]).

Force field adaptation results

In each trial, we measured the perpendicular deviation (PD) of the reach trajectory at peak tangential velocity. PD data from throughout each force field and null field block, excluding catch trials, are shown in Figure 7. PD data from catch trials are shown in Figure 8. We computed contrasts to test for adaptation, savings, after-effects, and learning with interference in both the early (bins 1-5) and late (bins 6-12) periods following perturbation onset (Figure 9). We tested whether these effects are different

804 from zero using 1-sample T-Tests for both the levodopa and placebo groups. We tested
805 for differences between the levodopa and placebo groups using independent sample T-
806 Tests. Detailed statistical results are shown in Table 3.
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808 ***Adaptation:***
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810 *Non-catch trials:* Early adaptation was greater than zero in both the placebo (p=3.62e-9,
811 BF=6.36e+6) and levodopa conditions (p=6.61e-8, BF=432848). We also observed
812 reliable late adaptation for both the placebo (p=2.48e-10, BF=7.72e+7) and levodopa
813 (p=4.71e-9, BF=4.99e+6) conditions. We did not observe a reliable difference between
814 drug conditions for either early (p=0.83, BF=0.37) or late (p=0.57, BF=0.22) adaptation.
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816 *Catch trials:* Early adaptation was greater than zero in both the placebo (p=4.82e-8,
817 BF=574167) and levodopa (p=3.62e-8, BF=755029) conditions. We observed reliable
818 late adaptation in both the placebo (p=2.92e-7, BF=110522) and levodopa (p=2.54e-11,
819 BF=6.48e +8) conditions. There was no reliable difference between drug conditions for
820 either early (p=0.61, BF=0.47), or late (p=0.90, BF=0.29) adaptation.
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822 **Savings:**
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Non-catch trials: Our analyses yielded inconclusive evidence in favor of the
hypothesized effect of savings for early adaptation for both the placebo (p=0.14,
BF=1.23) and levodopa (p=0.11, BF=1.43) conditions. In the late period of adaptation,
Non-catch trials provided inconclusive evidence against the hypothesized effect of
savings following placebo (p=0.50, BF=0.44), and moderate evidence against the
hypothesized effect of savings following levodopa (p=0.70, BF=0.18). There was
moderate evidence against the hypothesis that savings would be reduced by levodopa
in early adaptation (p=0.87, BF=0.28), and inconclusive evidence that savings would be
reduced in late adaptation (p=0.45, BF=0.59).
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Catch trials: There was moderate evidence against the hypothesized effects of savings
for early adaptation following both placebo (p=0.72, BF=0.33) and levodopa (p=0.75,
BF=0.19). Evidence for savings in late adaptation was inconclusive following both
placebo (p=0.14, BF=1.20) and levodopa (p=0.33, BF=0.60). There was inconclusive
evidence against the hypothesis that levodopa would reduce savings for both early
(p=0.63, BF=0.47) and late (p=0.39, BF=0.66) adaptation.
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841 ***After-Effects:***
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Non-catch trials: We observed reliable after-effects in the early portion of NFb following
adaptation in both the placebo (p=4.00e-8, BF=688519.55) and levodopa (p=2.56e-9,
BF=8.79e+6) conditions. We also observed reliable after-effects extending to the later
period of NFb after both placebo (p=1.37e-3, BF=56.24) and levodopa (p=9.66e -4,
BF=76.15). We observed no reliable evidence that levodopa impaired after-effects in
either the early (p=0.99, BF=0.32) or late (p=0.78, BF=0.39) periods.
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850 ***Adaptation with interference:***
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Non-catch trials: Early adaptation following exposure to an opposing force field was
reliably greater than zero in both the placebo (p=1.06e-9, BF=2.00e+7) and levodopa
(p=3.42e -6, BF=11657.42) conditions. We also observed reliable late adaptation in both
the placebo (p=5.98e -12, BF=2.51e +9) and levodopa (p=1.70e -9, BF=1.28e +7)
conditions. We observed moderate evidence against the hypothesized effect that
levodopa would result in improved adaptation with interference in both the early
(p=0.23, BF=0.16) and late (p=0.18, BF=0.15) periods.
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Catch trials: Early adaptation following exposure to an opposing force field was reliably
greater than zero in both the placebo (p=6.37e-5, BF=837.09) and levodopa (p=4.84e-6,
BF=8524.02) conditions. We also observed reliable late adaptation in both the placebo
(p=4.33e-7, BF=77010.30) and levodopa (p=4.20e-8, BF=657919.38) conditions. We
observed inconclusive evidence against the hypothesis that levodopa would result in
improved adaptation with interference in the early period (p=0.65, BF = 0.45), and
moderate evidence in the late period (p = 0.77, BF = 0.26).
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868 ## Discussion
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We tested for effects of levodopa, a dopamine precursor, in three different motor
adaptation tasks across two experiments. In the first experiment we recorded EEG
during a reward-based motor adaptation task and a sensory error-based visuomotor
rotation (VMR) adaptation task. In the second experiment, we used a force field
adaptation paradigm to test for effects of levodopa on initial adaptation, savings, and
anterograde interference. We hypothesized that levodopa would selectively impair
neural and behavioral responses to reinforcement feedback in the reward-based
learning task as well as savings and interference. However, the only reliable influence of
levodopa was in modulating the effect of visuomotor rotation on the P300 event-related
potential component.
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Visuomotor rotation task: During the VMR task included in experiment 1, a cursor
appeared at the endpoint of each reach to represent the position of the hand, and this
feedback was perturbed through random rotations. We observed robust trial-by-trial
adaptation to these perturbations. We did not find evidence that adaptation was affected
by levodopa. This was expected, as trial-by-trial error correction induced by relatively
small visuomotor rotations is thought to be driven primarily by sensory error-based
learning mechanisms as opposed to dopaminergic reinforcement learning circuits
(Diedrichsen et al., 2005; Ito, 2000; Krakauer et al., 2004; Tanaka et al., 2009; Jordan
A. Taylor et al., 2010; Wong et al., 2019).
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It has previously been shown that visuomotor rotation increases the amplitude of the
P300 ERP component, a centro-parietal ERP deflection peaking approximately 300-
400ms following feedback presentation (Aziz et al., 2020; MacLean et al., 2015; Palidis
et al., 2019). In the present study, we observed an interaction effect between feedback
rotation and drug condition on the P300 amplitude. P300 amplitude increased in

response to visuomotor rotations in the placebo condition but not in the levodopa
condition. This result replicates previous findings that visuomotor rotations increase the
amplitude of P300 responses to feedback, and additionally suggests that this effect is
dependent on dopaminergic signaling. The modulation of P300 amplitude by sensory
error is clearly not essential for adaptation, as disruption of this effect by levodopa did
not correspond with any behavioral changes. Previous findings have also suggested a
relationship between dopamine function and the P300 response, however the neural
mechanisms and functional significance of the P300 in relation to motor adaptation
remain unclear (Chu et al., 2018; Hansenne et al., 1995; Mulert et al., 2006; Noble et
al., 1994; Sohn et al., 1998; Stanzione et al., 1990, 1991; Takeshita & Ogura, 1994).
Variants of the P300 are elicited by many types of task-relevant stimuli, and have been
localized to diffuse cortical areas including parietal, frontal, and motor regions, which
have been implicated in processing prediction error (Bledowski et al., 2004; Calhoun et
al., 2006; Johnson et al., 2019; Li et al., 2009; Mantini et al., 2009; Polich, 2007;
Ragazzoni et al., 2019; Sabeti et al., 2016; Soltani & Knight, 2000). We observed a
similar interaction effect between rotation and drug condition in recordings from
electrode FCz during the FRN/RP time window. This appeared to be largely attributable
to the P300 effect described above, as the time windows were mostly overlapping and
the P300 was clearly measured at FCz as well.
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Reward learning task: Participants adapted reliably to manipulations of binary
reinforcement feedback intended to produce either progressively clockwise or
counterclockwise reach angles. However, we found no effects of levodopa on
adaptation. One explanation of our findings is that the behavioral and neural processes
measured in the current study do not depend on dopaminergic reward learning
mechanisms. Another possibility is that the drug manipulation was not sufficiently
powerful to disrupt these processes. The former interpretation depends on previous
findings that levodopa impairs cognitive forms of reward learning using the same drug
administration protocols in similar populations. However, the current study is limited by
the lack of a positive control task demonstrating known behavioral effects of levodopa.
Quattrocchi et al. (2018) found no effect of levodopa or a dopamine antagonist
haloperidol on modulation of sensory error-based learning by additional reinforcement
feedback. Holland et al. (2019) found no association between dopamine-related gene
polymorphisms on adaptation through binary reinforcement feedback in a task similar to
that used in the current study. Together, these findings suggest that reward-based
motor adaptation may not rely on dopamine function, or at least that additional
mechanisms may compensate for differences in dopamine function.
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The "dopamine overdose" hypothesis states that dopaminergic medications such as
levodopa might disrupt learning processes mediated by the ventral striatum by
overstimulating dopamine signaling in this brain region. The ventral striatum may
specifically mediate stimulus-based reinforcement learning, while action-based
reinforcement learning in the current study may be subserved by the dorsal striatum
(Rothenhoefer et al., 2017). Furthermore, levodopa may specifically impair learning
from unfavorable outcomes as opposed to rewarding outcomes (Cools et al., 2006,
2007; Frank et al., 2004; Vo et al., 2018). Non-reward outcomes in the current task may

not contribute significantly to learning as they do not instruct the correct response,
unlike in binary response tasks.
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Another important distinction is between model-free and model-based reinforcement
learning processes (Babayan et al., 2018; Daw et al., 2011; Deserno et al., 2015; Dolan
& Dayan, 2013; Doll et al., 2016; Gardner et al., 2018; Gläscher et al., 2010; Russek et
al., 2017; Sambrook et al., 2018; Shahar et al., 2019; Sharp et al., 2016). Model-free
reinforcement learning is characterized by reinforcement of simple stimulus-response
associations that facilitate habitual, reflexive responding. Model-based learning allows
for flexible planning according to a mental representation of the task, and can be limited
by working memory processes. Levodopa has been shown to impair reward-based
learning in healthy controls and people with Parkinson's disease, but to improve model-
based learning and related cognitive functions such as working memory, cognitive
flexibility, and attention (Beato et al., 2008; R. Cools et al., 2001; Roshan Cools et al.,
2003; Cooper et al., 1992; Costa et al., 2003; Kulisevsky, 2000; Lange et al., 1992;
Lewis et al., 2005; Marini et al., 2003; Moustafa et al., 2008; Sharp et al., 2016; Torta et
al., 2009; Wunderlich et al., 2012). It is possible that "dopamine overdose" by levodopa
selectively impairs model-free learning. It may be that reward-based motor adaptation in
the current study relies on processes other than model-free learning that are not
affected by levodopa. Reward-based motor adaptation tasks similar to that in the
current study have been shown to primarily involve strategic aiming that can be
influenced by explicit instructions and cognitive load, characteristics that are
inconsistent with model-free learning (Codol et al., 2018; Holland et al., 2018).
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We also analyzed the variability of trial-by-trial changes in reach angle as a function of
reward outcomes. Reward related modulation of motor variability has been shown to be
impaired in medicated Parkinson's disease in a very similar task (Pekny et al., 2015).
We hypothesized that this effect may be due to side-effects of dopaminergic medication,
and that we would observe similar impairments in healthy participants after levodopa
administration. However, we observed no effect of levodopa on reward-related
modulation of motor variability. Reward-based modulation of exploratory variance may
therefore not depend on the ventral striatum, which is relatively spared in early stage
Parkinson's disease and therefore vulnerable to "dopamine overdose" in patients and
healthy controls alike. Instead, it may depend on the dorsal striatum, which is more
closely related to movement planning and is primarily impacted by early stage
Parkinson's disease.
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Reinforcement feedback elicited a very reliable FRN/RP ERP component. Meta
analyses have shown that the FRN/RP encodes a quantitative reward prediction error
across multiple different tasks (Sambrook & Goslin, 2015; Walsh & Anderson, 2012).
Reports have linked the FRN/RP signal to behavioral adjustments in response to
feedback (Arbel et al., 2013; Frank et al., 2005; Holroyd & Krigolson, 2007; van der
Helden et al., 2010). These findings support a prominent theory purporting that the
FRN/RP is a reflection of reinforcement learning processes in the anterior cingulate
cortex driven by phasic dopamine reward prediction error signals (Holroyd & Coles,
2002; Walsh & Anderson, 2012). Contrary to our hypothesis, we observed no effects of

levodopa on the FRN/RP in response to reinforcement feedback. Previous studies have supported a link between dopamine and the FRN/RP, although results have been mixed. FRN/RP amplitude has been shown to be impaired in Parkinson's disease patients with apathy (Martínez-Horta et al., 2014). Brown et al. (2020) found that the reward positivity was impaired in Parkinson's disease patients relative to controls ON levodopa but not OFF levodopa, consistent with the dopamine overdose hypothesis. In healthy participants, the dopamine antagonist haloperidol has shown mixed results in reducing the amplitude of the reward positivity (Forster et al., 2017; Schutte et al., 2020). Mueller et al. (2014) found that the D2 receptor dopamine antagonist sulpiride had opposite effects on FRN/RP amplitude depending on a genotype variant that regulates prefrontal dopamine levels. They suggested a u-shaped relationship between dopamine release in the prefrontal cortex and FRN/RP amplitude mediated by the balance between D1 and D2 receptor activation. Because the effect of dopamine manipulation on the FRN/RP seems to depend on genetic differences in baseline dopamine release, one possibility is that levodopa in the current study had inconsistent effects on different subgroups of participants that cancelled each other in the group average.

Force field adaptation task: Participants reliably adapted to the clockwise force field imposed in blocks FF1a and FF1b, and we found no evidence that adaptation was affected by levodopa. This was expected as force field adaptation is thought to rely primarily on sensory error-based learning mechanisms involving the cerebellum. Savings and interference effects have been accounted for by an additional process involving operant reinforcement of adapted motor commands upon repetition of successful reaches (Huang et al., 2011). These distinctions are supported by findings that cerebellar degeneration impairs force field adaptation while Parkinson's disease patients are spared in initial adaptation but display deficient savings and interference (Bédard & Sanes, 2011; Leow et al., 2012, 2013; Maschke et al., 2004; Jordan A. Taylor et al., 2010). Thus, we hypothesized that dopaminergic perturbation by levodopa would impair savings and interference while leaving initial adaptation intact. We found no effect of levodopa on savings or interference. Impaired savings may therefore be a specific effect of Parkinson's disease as opposed to a side-effect of levodopa. This is consistent with the findings of Marinelli et al. (2009), who observed a lack of savings effects in drug-naive and off-medication PD patients. An important limitation is that our experimental protocol was likely insufficient to produce savings or interference even in the control group, as we observed unreliable evidence of savings overall. Savings and interference have been shown to depend on sufficient repetition of the adapted movements to produce reinforcement of the adapted movements (Huang et al., 2011; Orban de Xivry & Lefèvre, 2015). Because the current study involved reaches to 8 different targets, repetition and each individual target was limited relative to single target experiments.

Conclusions: As we expected, sensory error-based motor adaptation induced by visuomotor rotations and force field perturbations was not vulnerable to disruption of dopamine signaling by levodopa. This supports the notion that sensory error-based learning is driven by circuits involving cerebellar and sensorimotor cortex distinct from

dopaminergic reinforcement learning mechanisms. Contrary to our hypotheses, we did
not observe effects of levodopa on reward-based motor learning or the FRN/RP ERP
component, which have both been theorized to depend on dopaminergic signaling of
reward prediction error. The dopamine overdose hypothesis suggests that levodopa
impairs stimulus-response reinforcement learning processes in the ventral striatum.
Reward-based motor adaptation may instead depend on distinct reinforcement learning
circuits that are not disrupted by levodopa such as cortical reward learning mechanisms
or dopaminergic projections to the dorsal striatum.

Tables

Measure	Placebo	Levodopa
Heart Rate	Pre: 76.24 (SD: 11.29) Post: 69.60 (SD: 7.27)	Pre: 77.55 (SD: 8.41) Post: 71.53 (SD: 6.92)
Systolic	Pre: 104.43 (SD: 9.01) Post: 104.20 (SD: 6.47)	Pre: 103.95 (SD: 8.34) Post: 102.79 (SD: 8.70)
Diastolic	Pre: 72.14 (SD: 5.14) Post: 73.20 (SD: 4.55)	Pre: 70.55 (SD: 6.81) Post: 69.74 (SD: 6.04)
Alertness	Pre: 64.58 (SD: 8.38) Post: 47.99 (SD: 15.43)	Pre: 58.20 (SD: 11.79) Post: 48.16 (SD: 15.33)
Response Time	RL: 464.09 (SD: 140.05) VMR: 445.91 (SD: 120.96)	RL: 484.01 (SD: 149.00) VMR: 460.24 (SD: 133.04)
Movement Time	RL: 548.17 (SD: 37.04) VMR: 547.90 (SD:34.92)	RL: 547.14 (SD: 35.28) VMR: 546.43 (SD: 40.52)

Table 1: Control measurements from experiment 1. Heart rate (bpm). Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg). Diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg). Alertness, Bond-Lader visual analog scale alertness measure. Response Time, latency between go cue and hand exiting the start position (ms). Movement Time, duration of movement (ms). RL, reward learning task. VMR, visuomotor rotation task.

Measure	Placebo	Levodopa
n	19	19
n female	9	10
Age	21.2 (SD: 2.5)	22.2 (SD: 3.4 years)
Heart Rate	Pre: 75.1 (SD: 9.5) Post: 66.2 (SD: 10.2)	Pre: 71.6842 (SD: 12.8) Post: 65.7 (SD: 11.3)
Systolic	Pre: 109.2 (SD: 15.4) Post: 104.8 (SD: 14.5)	Pre: 108.4 (SD: 11.4) Post: 99.7 (SD: 10.1)
Diastolic	Pre: 72.0 (SD: 10.2) Post: 70.1 (SD: 10.2)	Pre: 73.2 (SD: 15.5) Post: 67.0 (SD: 8.2)
Alertness	Pre: 31.3 (SD: 15.3) Post: 39.4 (SD: 17.0)	Pre: 27.1 (SD: 11.0) Post: 43.4 (SD: 12.7)
Peak Velocity	0.43 (SD = 0.01)	0.43 (SD = 0.02)

Table 2: Control measurements from Experiment 2. Heart rate (bpm). Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg). Diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg). Alertness, Bond-Lader visual analog scale alertness measure. Peak Velocity, maximum tangential velocity of the hand averaged across trials (m/s).

One Sample T-Tests

Placebo Non-Catch Trials	t	df	p	BF	Sample Mean	95% CI for Sample Mean	
						Lower	Upper
early adaptation	10.60	18	3.62e -9	6.36e +6	0.47	0.38	0.56
late adaptation	12.54	18	2.48e -10	7.72e +7	0.62	0.52	0.73
early savings	1.56	18	0.14	1.23	0.05	-0.02	0.13
late savings	0.70	18	0.50	0.44	0.02	-0.04	0.08
early after-effects	9.06	18	4.00e -8	688519.55	0.31	0.24	0.38
late after-effects	3.78	18	1.37e -3	56.24	0.09	0.04	0.14
early adaptation (interference)	11.46	18	1.06e -9	2.00e +7	0.76	0.62	0.89
late adaptation (interference)	15.70	18	5.98e -12	2.51e +9	1.18	1.02	1.34

Levodopa Non-Catch Trials	t	df	p	BF	Sample Mean	Lower	Upper
early adaptation	8.76	18	6.61e -8	432847.50	0.46	0.35	0.57
late adaptation	10.42	18	4.71e -9	4.99e +6	0.67	0.53	0.80
early savings	1.67	18	0.11	1.43	0.06	-0.02	0.14
late savings	-0.40	18	0.70	0.18	-0.01	-0.07	0.05
early after-effects	10.84	18	2.56e -9	8.79e +6	0.31	0.25	0.37
late after-effects	3.94	18	9.66e -4	76.15	0.08	0.04	0.12
early adaptation (interference)	6.59	18	3.42e -6	11657.42	0.61	0.42	0.81
late adaptation (interference)	11.12	18	1.70e -9	1.28e +7	1.02	0.83	1.21

Placebo Catch Trials	t	df	p	BF	Sample Mean	Lower	Upper
early adaptation	9.25	17	4.82e -8	574167.17	0.73	0.57	0.90
late adaptation	7.90	18	2.92e -7	110521.90	0.94	0.69	1.19
early savings	0.36	17	0.72	0.33	0.04	-0.20	0.28
late savings	1.54	18	0.14	1.20	0.27	-0.10	0.63
early adaptation (interference)	5.17	18	6.37e -5	837.09	0.82	0.49	1.15
late adaptation (interference)	7.68	18	4.33e -7	77010.30	1.36	0.99	1.74

Levodopa Catch Trials	t	df	p	BF	Sample Mean	Lower	Upper
early adaptation	9.12	18	3.62e -8	755029.63	0.68	0.52	0.83
late adaptation	14.40	18	2.54e -11	6.48e +8	0.96	0.82	1.10
early savings	-0.33	18	0.75	0.19	-0.03	-0.21	0.15
late savings	0.99	18	0.33	0.60	0.09	-0.11	0.29
early adaptation (interference)	6.42	18	4.84e -6	8524.02	0.92	0.62	1.22
late adaptation (interference)	9.03	18	4.20e -8	657919.38	1.30	1.00	1.60

Independent Samples T-Tests

Placebo vs Levodopa Non-Catch Trials	t	df	p	BF	Mean Diff.	95% CI for Mean Difference	
						Lower	Upper
early adaptation	0.22	36	0.83	0.37	0.01	-0.12	0.15
late adaptation	-0.57	36	0.57	0.22	-0.05	-0.21	0.12
early savings	-0.16	36	0.87	0.28	-7.98e -3	-0.11	0.09
late savings	0.77	36	0.45	0.59	0.03	-0.05	0.11
early after-effects	0.02	36	0.99	0.32	8.12e -4	-0.09	0.09
late after-effects	0.28	36	0.78	0.39	8.67e -3	-0.05	0.07
early adaptation (interference)	1.23	36	0.23	0.16	0.14	-0.09	0.37
late adaptation (interference)	1.38	36	0.18	0.15	0.16	-0.08	0.40

Placebo vs Levodopa Catch Trials	t	df	p	BF	Mean Diff.	Lower	Upper
early adaptation	0.51	35	0.61	0.47	0.06	-0.16	0.28
late adaptation	-0.12	36	0.90	0.29	-0.02	-0.29	0.26
early savings	0.49	35	0.63	0.47	0.07	-0.22	0.36
late savings	0.87	36	0.39	0.66	0.17	-0.23	0.57
early adaptation (interference)	-0.46	36	0.65	0.45	-0.10	-0.53	0.33
late adaptation (interference)	0.29	36	0.77	0.26	0.07	-0.40	0.53

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1093 *Table 2:* Statistical results for experiment 2. In one-sample T-Tests, the null hypothesis was that
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1095 in favor of the alternative hypothesis. 95% CI, frequentist confidence interval. Mean differences
1096 are computed as placebo-levodopa. Bayes factors were computed using one-tailed default

priors for the alternative hypothesis. In all one-sample T-Tests, the alternative hypothesis was that the population mean is greater than zero. For independent T-Tests, the alternative hypothesis stated that adaptation with interference would be greater in the levodopa group than the placebo group. For all other independent T-tests, the alternative hypothesis stated that the measure of interest would be smaller in the levodopa group than the placebo group.

Figures

Figure 1. Experimental setup. Top: Apparatus used in both experiments. Participants reached to visual targets while holding the handle of a robotic arm. Vision of the arm was obscured by a screen that displayed visual information related to the task. Bottom: Illustrations of visual display in experiment 1. **A,** Participants made outward reaching movements from a start position at body midline to a visual target. **B,** During reaches, hand position was hidden but an arc-shaped cursor indicated the extent of the reach without revealing reach angle. Feedback was provided at reach end point. **C,** In the reward learning task, binary feedback represented whether reaches were successful or unsuccessful in hitting the target by turning green or red, respectively. Reach adaptation was induced by providing reward for movements that did not necessarily correspond to

1152   the visual target. **D,** In the visuomotor rotation task, cursor feedback represented the
1153   end-point position of the hand. Adaptation was induced by shifting feedback relative to
1154   the actual reach angle by rotating it about the start position.

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Figure 2. Reward-based motor adaptation (n=21). The time series show group average
reach angles in the reward learning task across trials (Shaded region: ± SEM). After
both placebo and levodopa administration, participants completed a block in each
direction of intended learning condition [clockwise (CW) and counterclockwise (CCW)].
Trials 1-11 were baseline trials without reinforcement feedback, and are not shown.
Individual data points on the right show the average reach angles across trials in each
condition for each participant (CCW: solid markers, CW: open markers, black: placebo,
red: L-Dopa). Box plots summarize the distributions of individual data using circular
markers to indicate the medians, thick lines to indicate interquartile ranges, and thin
lines to indicate full ranges.

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1169   ***Figure 3.*** Reward induced modulation of trial-by-trial variability of reach angle (n=21).
1170   The log transformed variance of trial-by-trial changes in reach angle (deg) following
1171   reward and non-reward are plotted for each participant following administration of
1172   levodopa (**A**) and placebo (**B**).

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Figure 4. Sensory error-based motor adaptation (n=21). The average change in reach angle between subsequent pairs of trials is plotted for each size and direction of rotation imposed on the preceding trial. The average change in reach angle is in all cases opposite to the rotation, indicating that participants adapted their reaches to counteract the perturbations. Individual data points show average changes in reach angle across trials for each participant. Lines show average change in reach angle across participants (Error bars: ± SEM).

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Figure 5. Event-related potentials elicited by reinforcement feedback (n=20). **A,** Grand averaged ERPs recorded from electrode FCz. ERPs are aligned to reinforcement feedback presentation (0 ms: vertical grey line). Horizontal grey bar indicates time window for FRN/RP analysis (267-317ms). Trials were selected by reinforcement outcome (reward or non-reward) and drug condition (levodopa or placebo) for ERP averaging. **B,** ERP amplitude during the FRN/RP time window. Individual participants' data show amplitude following reward, non-reward, and the difference [(reward) - (non-reward)]. Boxplots indicate the median (circular markers), the interquartile range (thick bars) and the range (thin lines). **C,** Trial averaged ERPs recorded from electrode Pz. Horizontal grey bars indicate time windows for P300 analysis (Reward: 294-344ms, Non-reward: 346-396ms). **D,** ERP amplitudes during the P300 time windows, as in B.

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Figure 6. Event-related potentials elicited by endpoint cursor feedback (n=20). **A,** Grand
averaged ERPs recorded from electrode FCz. ERPs are aligned to endpoint cursor
feedback presentation (0 ms: vertical gray line). Horizontal grey bar indicates time
window for FRN/RP analysis (267-317ms). Trials were selected for feedback rotation
(0°, ±2°, or ±4°) and drug condition (levodopa or placebo) for ERP averaging. **B,** ERP
amplitude during the FRN/RP time window. Individual participants' data show amplitude
following unrotated feedback as well as feedback rotated by ±2°, and ±4°. Differences in
ERP amplitude between rotated and unrotated feedback are also shown for each
participant. Boxplots indicate the median (circular markers), the interquartile range (thick
bars) and the range (thin lines). **C,** Trial averaged ERPs recorded from electrode Pz.
Horizontal grey bars indicate time window for P300 analysis (292-342 ms). **D,** ERP
amplitudes during the P300 time windows, as in B.

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Figure 7. Perpendicular deviation of reach trajectory during non-catch trial reaches.
Average perpendicular deviation of the hand trajectory within bins consisting of 8 trials
each is shown in cm (Shaded region: ± SEM). The placebo condition is shown in black
(n=19), and the levodopa condition is shown in red (n=19). Perpendicular deviation was
measured on each trial at peak tangential velocity. Trials 6, 24, 35, 50, 71, and 91 of
each block were catch trials, and were excluded from the corresponding bins. In *null*
field A and *null field B,* the robot did not apply external forces to the hand during
reaches. In *force field 1A* and *force field 1B,* participants made reaches in a clockwise
force field. In *force field 2* participants made reaches in a counterclockwise force field.

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Figure 8. Perpendicular deviation of reach trajectory during catch trials. Perpendicular
deviation of the hand trajectory, measured at peak tangential velocity, is shown in cm
(Error bars: ± SEM). The placebo condition is shown in black (n=19), and the levodopa
condition is shown in red (n=19). Catch trials occurred on trials 6, 24, 35, 50, 71, and 91
of each block. In *null field A* and *null field B,* the robot did not apply external forces to
the hand during reaches. In *force field 1A* and *force field 1B,* participants made reaches
in a clockwise force field. In *force field 2* participants made reaches in a
counterclockwise force field.

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Figure 9. Adaptation effects in non-catch trials **A**, and catch trials **B**. Data points show effects for individual participants, box plots show the median, interquartile range, and full range. Effects are contrasts computed using perpendicular deviation (PD) of reach trajectory (cm), such that zero corresponds to no effect. Adaptation: change in PD during FF1a. Savings: difference in PD between FF1a and FF1b. After-effects: difference in PD between NFb and baseline from NFa. Adaptation w/ interference: change in PD during FF2.

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