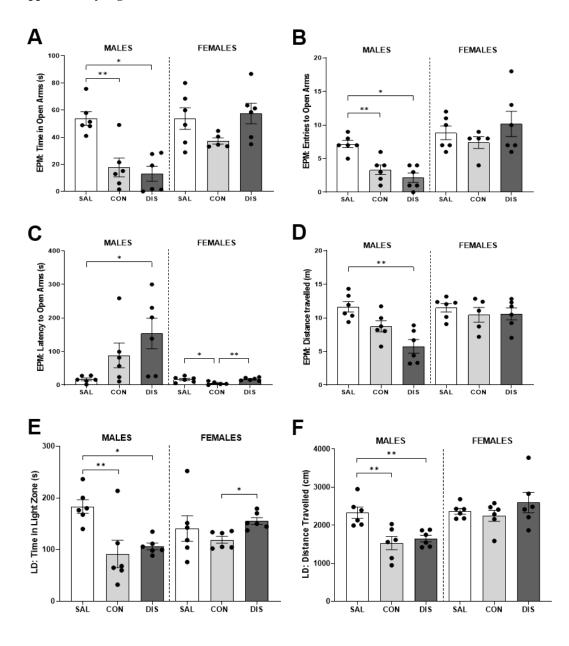
### **Supplementary information**

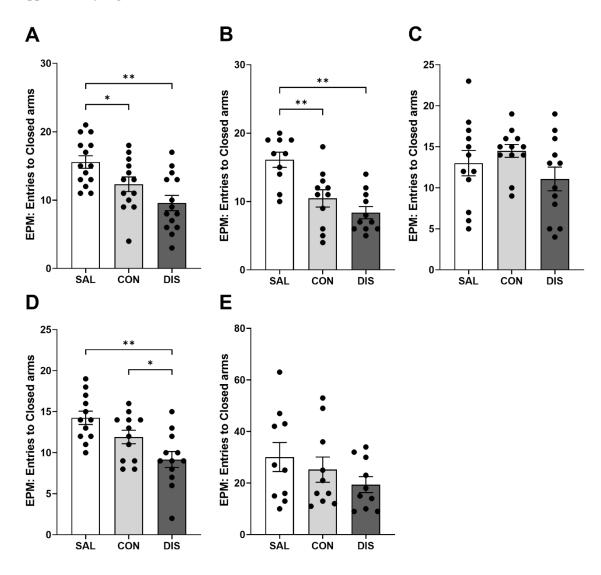
### **Supplementary Figure 1**



Effect of discontinuation from 12 days of once-daily paroxetine treatment in male and female mice on the elevated plus maze (EPM; 300 s) and the light/dark box (LDB; 300 s). Bars represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM values for time spent in open arms (males: p=0.0309 SAL vs CON, p=0.0030 SAL vs DIS) (A), entries to open arms (males: p=0.0285 SAL vs CON, p=0.0009 SAL vs DIS) (B), latency to enter the open arms (males: p=0.0157 SAL vs DIS; females: p=0.0355 SAL vs CON, p=0.0189 CON vs DIS) (C) and distance travelled (males: p=0.0001 SAL vs DIS) (D) on the EPM, and time spent in the light zone (males: p=0.0058 SAL vs CON, p=0.0231 SAL vs DIS; females: p=0.00110 CON vs DIS) (F) and distance travelled (males: p=0.0069 SAL vs CON, p=0.0049 SAL vs

DIS) (G) on the LDB. SAL, Saline (males n=6, females n=6); CON, Continuation (males n=6, females n=5, one female mouse excluded due to technical issues during testing); DIS, Discontinuation (males n=6, females n=6). Individual values are indicated by dots. Kruskal-Wallis followed by post-hoc Fisher's LSD, \* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01.

#### **Supplementary Figure 2**



Effect of discontinuation from paroxetine or citalopram treatment in male mice on the closes arm entries on the elevated plus maze (EPM; 300 s). Bars represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM values for number of entries to the closed arms following discontinuation from 12-days once-daily paroxetine (p=0.0336 SAL vs CON, p=0.0002 SAL vs DIS) (A), 28-days of once-daily paroxetine (p=0.0012 SAL vs CON, p<0.0001 SAL vs DIS) (B), 7-days once-daily paroxetine (C), 12-days twice-daily paroxetine (p=0.0002 SAL vs DIS, p=0.0331 CON vs DIS) (D) and 12-days twice-daily citalopram (E). SAL, Saline (n=10-14); CON, Continuation (n=10-14); DIS, Discontinuation (n=10-14). Individual values are indicated by dots. One-way ANOVA followed by post-hoc Fisher's LSD, \* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01.

Effect of Saline (SAL), Continuation (CON) or Discontinuation (DIS) treatments with 12-days once-daily paroxetine in male and female mice. LMA, locomotor activity (60 min); AOF, aversive open field (600 s). Each value is a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M.

	MALES (n=6/group)				FEMALES (n=6/group)			
	Kruskal	l Group (mean		SEM)	Kruskal	Group (mean ± SEM)		SEM)
Parameter	Wallis	SAL	CON	DIS	Wallis	SAL	CON	DIS
LMA								
Total beam	H(2)=1.906	$2325 \pm$	$1974 \pm$	$1857 \pm$	H(2)=4.433	2677	$2314 \pm$	$3274 \pm$
breaks	p=0.408	239	163	147	p=0.108	$\pm 140$	181	461
Total	H(2)=2.854	$175 \pm$	$165 \pm 10$	$191\pm5$	H(2)=1.556	$162 \pm$	$179\pm14$	$196\pm13$
rearings	p=0.251	17			p=0.484	19		
AOF								
Time in	H(2)=0.737	$13.7 \pm$	$24.2\pm9.3$	$11.2 \pm 3.0$	H(2)=0.924	11.1 ±	$14.9\pm4.6$	$22.3\pm7.5$
centre (s)	p=0.715	2.5			p=0.652	1.5		
Distance	H(2)=3.591	$50.1 \pm$	$40.3\pm5.1$	$45.5\pm3.7$	H(2)=0.947	$58.8 \pm$	$54.0\pm6.6$	$74.5 \pm$
travelled (m)	p=0.170	4.5			p=0.640	3.7		16.2

Effect of Saline (SAL), Continuation (CON) or Discontinuation (DIS) treatments with 28-day once-daily paroxetine in male mice. LMA, locomotor activity (60 min); AOF, aversive open field (600 s); LDB, light/dark box (600 s). 1 mouse excluded from the LMA onwards due to receiving the wrong injection the night before; 1 mouse excluded from the LMA due to issues with the photobeam box during testing. Each value is a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M., and the statistical outcomes of pairwise comparisons were: SAL vs DIS \*p<0.05; SAL vs CON †p<0.05, ††p<0.01.

	Paroxetine (n=12/group)				
	ANOVA/				
	Kruskal Wallis	SAL	CON	DIS	
LMA					
Total beam breaks	F <sub>(2,31)</sub> =3.872 p=0.032	$2522 \pm 154$	$2061\pm148~^\dagger$	2044 ± 110 *	
Total rearings	F <sub>(2,31)</sub> =0.336 p=0.717	$167.2\pm14.5$	$181.5\pm8.7$	$169.3 \pm 15.5$	
AOF					
Time in centre (s)	F <sub>(2,32)</sub> =2.327 p=0.114	$11.9\pm1.0$	$8.5\pm1.6$	$7.8 \pm 1.7$	
Distance travelled	F <sub>(2,32)</sub> =10.01 p<0.001	$64.6\pm4.7$	$40.1 \pm 3.0$ <sup>††</sup>	$49.8 \pm 4.0 *$	
(m)	-				

Effect of Saline (SAL), Continuation (CON) or Discontinuation (DIS) treatments with 12-days twice-daily paroxetine in male mice. LMA, locomotor activity (60 min); AOF, aversive open field (600 s); FC, fear conditioning; CS, conditioned stimulus. 1 SAL and 1 CON mouse excluded due to technological issues on training day. Each value is a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M., and the statistical outcomes of pairwise comparisons were: SAL vs DIS \*p<0.01; SAL vs CON †p<0.05.

	Paroxetine (n=11-12/group)					
	ANOVA/	(	Group (mean ± SEM)			
	Kruskal Wallis	SAL	CON	DIS		
LMA						
Total beam breaks	(2,55)		$1906.8 \pm 137.4$	$1839.5 \pm 134.3$		
Total rearings	$F_{(2,33)}$ =1.293, p=0.288	$190.4 \pm 10.4$ $170 \pm 10.4$		$173.1 \pm 6.3$		
AOF						
Time in centre (s)	F <sub>(2,32)</sub> =2.167, p=0.1306	$6.6\pm0.9$	$3.8 \pm 1.0$	$5.7 \pm 1.0$		
Distance travelled (m)	F <sub>(2,33)</sub> =5.560, p=0.0083	$28.3 \pm 1.8$	$21.6\pm1.7~^\dagger$	21.4 ± 1.5 *		
FC						
Training day						
$\Delta$ Freezing (%)	$F_{(2,31)}=2.549, p=0.0944$	$5.6\pm1.8$	$-0.6 \pm 1.8$	$2.4 \pm 2.1$		
Test day		$19.2 \pm 6.6$				
Pre-CS freezing (%)	Pre-CS freezing F <sub>(2,31)</sub> =0.2451, p=0.7842 (%)		$25.6 \pm 8.1$	$22.4 \pm 4.0$		
Post-CS freezing (%)	(2,31)		$38.2\pm8.9$	$43.1\pm5.6$		
$\Delta$ Freezing (%)	F <sub>(2.31)</sub> =0.3106, p=0.7353	$19.9\pm5.9$	$14.6 \pm 4.5$	$19.03 \pm 4.6$		

Effect of Saline (SAL), Continuation (CON) or Discontinuation (DIS) treatments with 12-days twice-daily citalopram in male mice. LMA, locomotor activity (60 min); AOF, aversive open field (600 s); FC, fear conditioning. Each value is a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M.

	Citalopram (n=10/group)					
	ANOVA/		Group (mean ± SEM)			
	Kruskal Wallis	SAL	CON	DIS		
LMA						
Total beam	F(2,27)=0.7999, p=0.4598	$2491.0\pm131.1$	$2190.0\pm261.5$	$2298.0\pm260.4$		
breaks						
Total rearings	l rearings $F_{(2,27)}=1.6710, p=0.0276$		$156.1\pm16.2$	$171.4 \pm 10.0$		
AOF						
Time in centre (s)	F <sub>(2,27)</sub> =0.4738, p=0.6279	$9.1 \pm 1.2$	$9.3 \pm 1.0$	$8.9 \pm 1.0$		
Distance	$F_{(2,27)}=0.6227, p=0.5440$	$37.4 \pm 3.0$	$32.3\pm2.3$	$32.3 \pm 3.1$		
travelled (m)						
FC						
Training day						
$\Delta$ Freezing (%)	F(2,27)=0.9676, p=0.3928	$6.8 \pm 2.4$	$12.8\pm3.1$	$8.0 \pm 4.0$		
Test day						
Pre-CS freezing	F <sub>(2,27)</sub> =2.247, p=0.1073	$17.0\pm5.2$	$43.5\pm9.0$	$26.3\pm9.9$		
(%)						
Post-CS	F <sub>(2,27)</sub> =2.932, p=0.0704	$60.5\pm6.0$	$75.8\pm5.3$	$53.3\pm26.6$		
freezing (%)						
$\Delta$ Freezing (%)	F <sub>(2,27)</sub> =1.215, p=0.3124	$43.5\pm6.5$	$33.3\pm7.1$	$27.0\pm8.9$		