

Supplementary Information:

ES cell derived neural progenitors improves visual functions in retinal ganglion cells - depleted mouse models

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Figure S1. Degeneration of RGC layer after 40 days post NMDA injection. NMDA effectively reduced the thickness of retinal layers with significant loss of RGCs in NMDA treated group (B) than compared to controls (A). Graph represents the percentage of time spent by the animals in the light chamber (C). NMDA injected animals spent more time in the light chamber than the controls as obtained from light avoidance behavioral experiments. Data are expressed as Mean \pm SD from triplicates of three different experiments. Number of animals used, Control = 6, NMDA injected = 6. Scale = 50 μ m.

Figure S2: GFP-expressing ES cell line (CE3 ES cells, ATCC SCRC-1039) and its differentiation into RGC lineage. Stable GFP-expressing ES cells (A) and ES-NPs generated from those ES cells (B). GFP-expressing ES-NPs differentiated into RGC-like cells as evidenced by the co-expression of RGC markers Brn3a, Calretinin and SMI-31 with GFP (C-N). Scale = 50 μ m.

Fig. S1

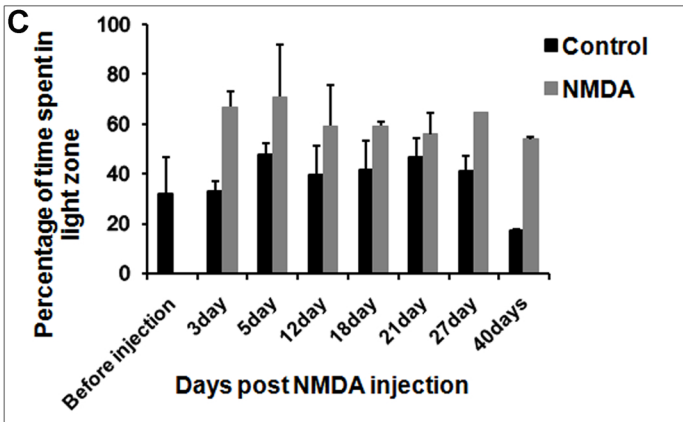
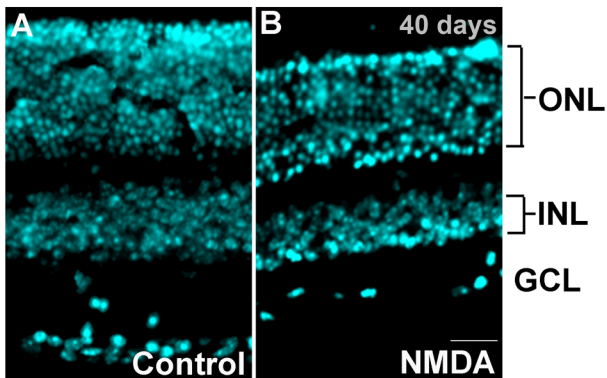


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