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Input-output specific orchestration of aversive valence in lateral habenula during stress dynamics

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Innovation points

In this review, we attempt to describe a framework in which LHb orchestrates aversive valence via the input-output specific neuronal architecture.

Part 1 | Neuronal hyperactivity and burst firing in the LHb as common biomarkers of depression-like state.

Part 2 | Input-specific integration of aversive valence in LHb subregions.

Part 3 | A physiological form of Hebbian plasticity at LH-LHb synapses encodes chronic stress and triggers depression-like state.

Part 4 | Output-specific assignment of aversive valence from LHb subregions to the midbrain.

Part 5 | Feedback loops from the midbrain encode heterogeneous emotional valences.