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List of abbreviations

ACTH:	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ADX:	Adrenalectomy
Amy (BLA/CE):	Amygdala (basolateral, central nuclei)
ANOVA:	Analysis of variance
ANS:	Autonomic sympathetic nervous system
AVP:	Arginine vasopressin
BNST:	Bed nucleus of the stria terminalis
CNS:	Central nervous system
COC:	Cocaine
COMT:	Catechol-O-methyl transferase
CORT:	Corticosterone
(r/c) CP (Lat, DM, VM):	(rostral/caudal) Caudate putamen (lateral, dorso-medial, ventromedial regions)
CRH:	Corticotrophin releasing hormone
DA:	Dopamine
DAT:	Dopamine transporter
DOPA:	Dihydroxyphenylalanine
DOPAC:	Dihydroxyphenylacetic acid
EPI:	Epinephrine
GABA:	Gamma-aminobutyric acid
GR:	Glucocorticoid receptor
GRE:	Glucocorticoid response element
HPA-axis:	Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis
HVA:	Homovanillic acid
i.p. / i.v.:	Intraperitoneal / intravenous
LC:	Locus coeruleus
MAO:	Monoamine oxidase
MR:	Mineralocorticoid receptor
NAC:	Nucleus accumbens
NET:	Noradrenaline transporter
NTS:	Nucleus of the solitary tract
(v/m/d) PFC (MO, PrI, IL):	(ventral/medial/dorsal) Prefrontal cortex (medial orbital, prelimbic, infralimbic subdivisions)

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POMC:	Pro-opiomelanocortin
PTSD:	Post-traumatic stress disorder
PVN:	Paraventricular nucleus of the hypothalamus
QTL:	Quantitative trait locus
RIA:	Radio-immuno-assay
RU:	Mifepristone, RU38486
SAL:	Saline
SERT:	Serotonin transporter
SHAM:	Sham surgery
SNr / SNC:	Substantia nigra pars reticulata / compacta
TH:	Tyrosine hydroxylase
VEH:	Vehicle
VP:	Ventral pallidum
VTA:	Ventral tegmental area

Curriculum Vitae

Inge Elisabeth Maria de Jong werd op 31 maart 1978 geboren te Leidschendam. Zij behaalde in 1996 haar VWO diploma aan het Veursch College te Leidschendam. Aansluitend begon zij aan de studie Biomedische Wetenschappen aan de Universiteit van Leiden. Als onderdeel van deze studie werden drie wetenschappelijke onderzoeksstages voltooid waarin zij zich specialiseerde in de neurobiologie. Bij de vakgroep Medische Farmacologie (LACDR/LUMC) van de Universiteit Leiden werd onder begeleiding van dr. Roel H. de Rijk, dr. Paul J. Lucassen, dr. Nicole A. Datson en prof. dr. E. Ronald de Kloet onderzoek verricht naar expressie van de α en β splicevarianten van de glucocorticoid receptor in humane lymfocyten en hippocampus. De tweede doctoraalstage werd uitgevoerd bij TNO preventie en gezondheid te Leiden onder begeleiding van dr. Jeffrey J. Bajramović en dr. Hans M. van Noort en betrof onderzoek naar de expressie van het heat-shock eiwit α -B crystalline in humane lymfocyten en astrocyten. De laatste onderzoeksstage vond plaats aan het Mental Health Research Institute of Victoria te Melbourne, Australië onder begeleiding van dr. Maarten van den Buuse en prof. dr. E. Ronald de Kloet en betrof onderzoek naar de rol van dopamine in de prefrontale cortex in diersmodellen voor schizofrenie. In januari 2001 werd het doctoraalexamen Biomedische Wetenschappen *cum laude* afgelegd. Aansluitend werd begonnen met het in dit proefschrift beschreven promotieonderzoek bij de vakgroep Medische Farmacologie (Universiteit Leiden). Dit onderzoek werd uitgevoerd onder begeleiding van prof. dr. E. Ronald de Kloet en prof. dr. Melly S. Oitzl. Sinds 1 februari 2007 is de auteur van dit proefschrift werkzaam als post-doc bij de afdeling Psychopharmacology van H. Lundbeck A/S te Valby in Denemarken waar zij werkt aan de ontwikkeling van diersmodellen voor de negatieve symptomen van schizofrenie.

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**Have no fear of perfection,
you will never reach it.**

Salvador Dali (1904-1989)