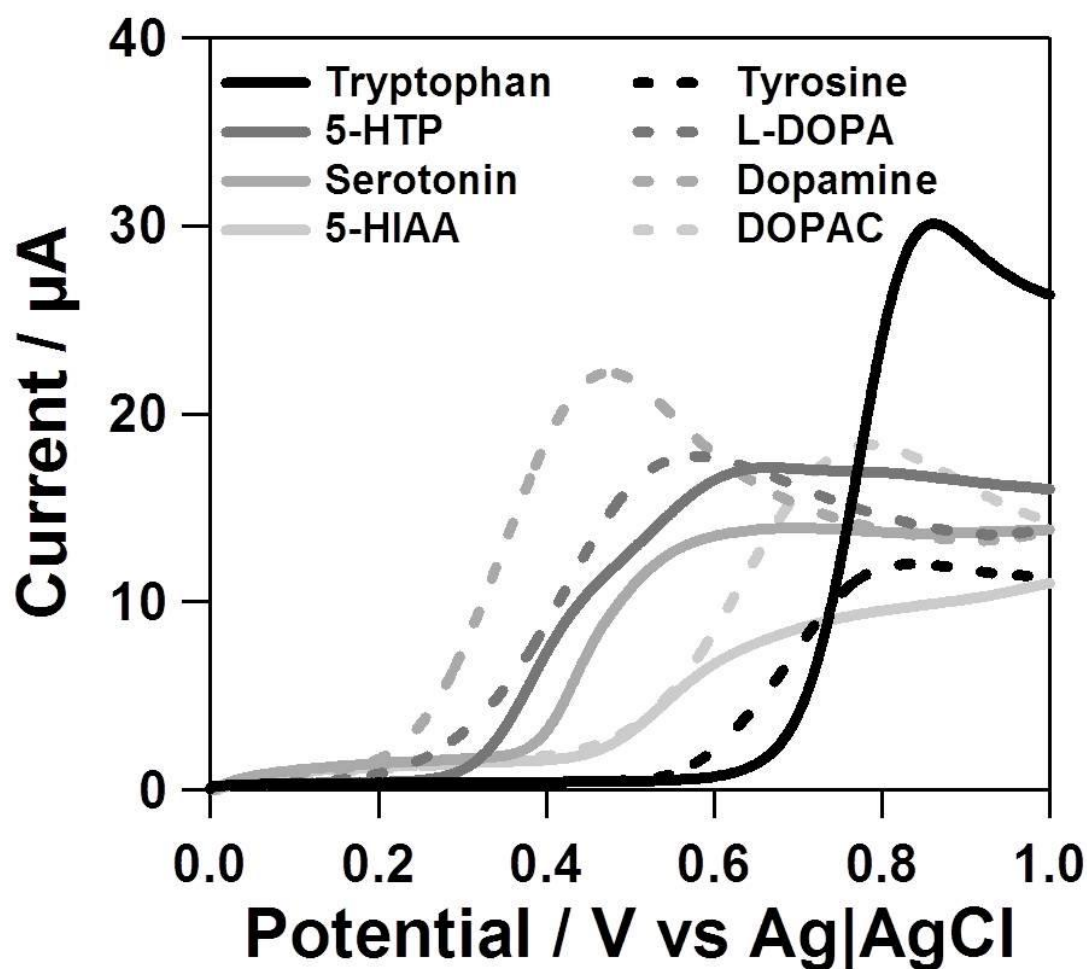
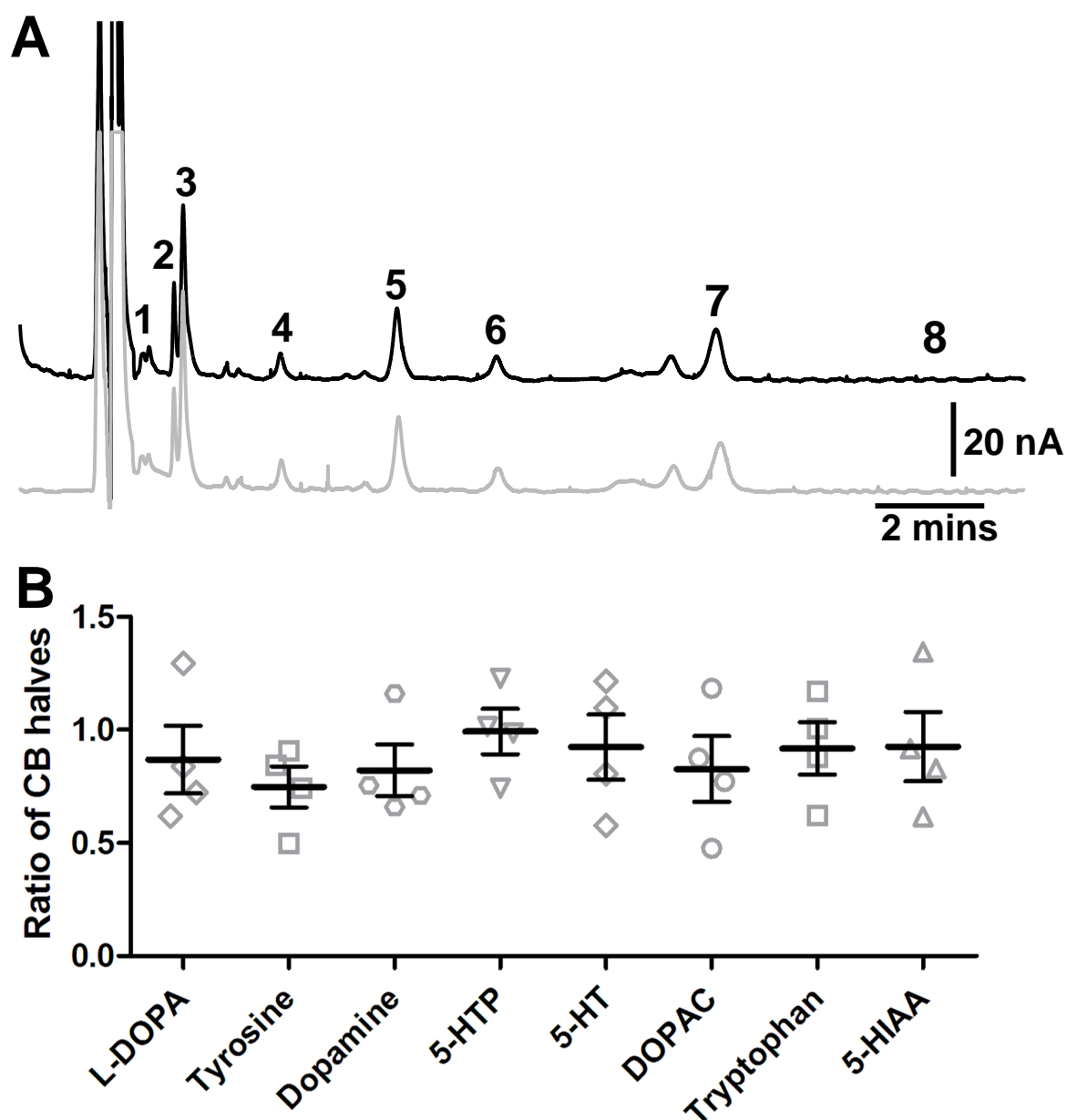


**SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 1.** Figure 1 shows a quasi-steady state hydrodynamic voltammogram ( $100 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  scan rate) of all the neurochemicals of interest ( $50 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ) within the assay within a potential range of 0 to  $+1.0 \text{ V}$ , obtained using a glassy carbon electrode and a flow rate of  $1 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$ . For the majority of the neurochemicals, oxidation at diffusion-limiting rates occurs at a potential around  $+700 \text{ mV}$ , however DOPAC, tyrosine and tryptophan require a greater potential to achieve steady-state current responses. For this reason, a potential of  $+850 \text{ mV vs. Ag|AgCl}$  reference electrode was chosen as the detection potential for the chromatographic assay. Of the analytes assessed, tryptophan had the greatest oxidation current.



**SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 2.** Effect of sample splitting on the levels of neurochemicals. (A) Chromatographic response of a sample split into two and in (B), the ratio of the two sample splits are shown (n=4). No significant difference was observed in the levels of all neurochemicals between the sample splits. Responses shown as median values with error bars indicative of 25 – 75 % ranges. All conditions are similar to those in Figure 1C. **Solutes:** 1 – L-DOPA; 2 – tyrosine; 3 – DA; 4 – 5-HTP; 5 – 5-HT; 6 – DOPAC; 7 – tryptophan and 8 – 5-HIAA.



**SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 1.** Supplementary Table 1 shows the calibration range of the analyte of choice, the limit of detection (LOD, based on the 3 standard deviations of the y intercept using least-squares regression) and the correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ). All conditions are similar to those in Figure 2C.

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Calibration range (<math>\mu\text{M}</math>)</b>	<b><math>R^2</math></b>	<b>Limit of detection (nM)</b>
L-DOPA	0.01 – 5	0.992	24
Tyrosine	1 – 100	0.996	1120
DA	0.1 – 5	0.993	67
5-HTP	0.01 – 5	0.991	20
5-HT	0.1 – 5	0.992	98
DOPAC	0.01 – 5	0.990	35
Tryptophan	1 – 100	0.993	1240
5-HIAA	0.01 – 5	0.989	29