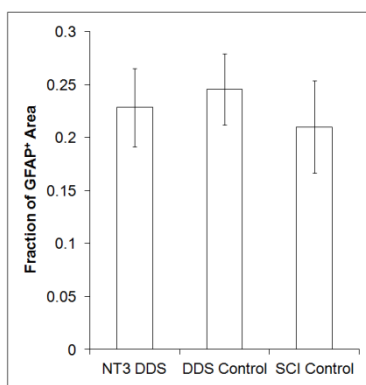


ESI Fig. 1. Axon counts in the area surrounding the lesion. An increase in the number of NF200+ axons was found for NT-3-treated animals in comparison with DDS-treated and untreated controls ( $p=0.072$ ,  $n=11$  for NT-3 DDS,  $n=6$  for DDS control,  $n=5$  for SCI control, mean  $\pm$  standard deviation plotted).



ESI Fig. 2. GFAP density in the area surrounding the lesion. No differences in the density of GFAP staining were found among the groups ( $n=11$  for NT-3 DDS,  $n=7$  for DDS control,  $n=6$  for SCI control, mean  $\pm$  standard deviation plotted).