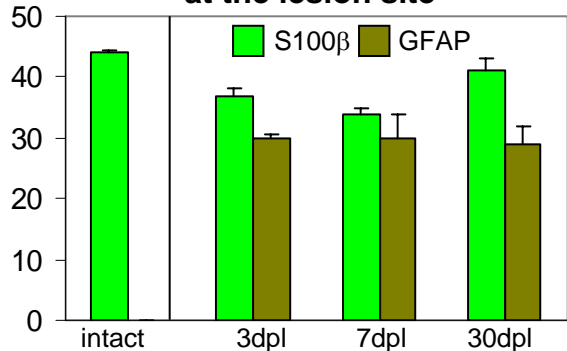
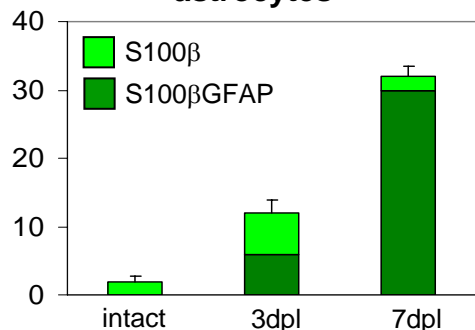


**A** % of  $\beta$ -gal+ cells amongst all astrocytes in the intact cortex and at the lesion site



**B** % of BrdU+/ $\beta$ -gal-negative astrocytes



**C** % increase of  $\beta$ -gal+ cells upon injury

