

Figure S1. (**A**) Plotting ethanol drinking exactly as for alcohol drinking (Figure 2A) reveals an identical statistical pattern on a reduced y-axis scale. In support, ANOVA for ethanol drinking with lesion (Control vs. BLAx) and session (9-24) as factors, found a significant lesion x session interaction identical to that obtained for alcohol drinking ($F_{15,330} = 2.05$, p = 0.01). The relationship between pre-surgery and post-surgery ethanol drinking across all individuals for was identical to that obtained for alcohol drinking for (**B**) Controls (compare to Figure 3A) and (**C**) BLAx (compare to Figure 3C). Pre-surgery alcohol drinking (x-axis) and pre-surgery ethanol drinking (y-axis) were perfectly correlated for (**D**) Controls and (**E**) BLAx. Perfect correlations were also obtained for post-surgery drinking in (**F**) Controls and (**G**) BLAx.