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Highlights

- The nervous system is one of the most affected systems during aging
- We evaluated the impact of senescence on the mesolimbic pathway of the rat
- There was a decrease in tyrosine hydroxylase reactivity across nucleus *accumbens*
- Aged animals presented a loss of dopaminergic neurons in the ventral tegmental area
- Aging impacts the mesolimbic pathway across its rostrocaudal axis