

# 2003 Fiscal Year Final Research Report Summary

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Fundamental Study on objective diagnosis and therapy effect decision of the dementia by the molecular imaging.

Research Project

## Project/Area Number

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## Research Category

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Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C)

## Allocation Type

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## Section

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## Research Field

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Radiation science

## Research Institution

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## Research Abstract

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Parkinsonian rats were stereotaxically infused 6-OHDA into the unilateral mesostriatal dopamine pathway and measured apomorphine-induced rotational behavior. Controls were infused saline instead of neurotoxin. Animals were divided into transplantation (TP) and sham-operated (S) groups. Ipsilateral vagal nodosal ganglion was surgically removed from the neck and stereotaxically transplanted as nerve fragments into the ipsilateral striatum 2 weeks after neurotoxin infusion. Sequential brain sections underwent autoradiography of dopaminergic system 2 weeks after operation. Densities of dopamine D1, D2 receptors and dopamine transporter (DAT) were assessed by in-vitro autoradiography using [<sup>3</sup>H]SCH23390, [<sup>3</sup>H]YM-09151-2 and [<sup>3</sup>H]GBR12935. Significant DAT decrease in striatum was shown in the model animals compared with controls ( $P < 0.0001$ ). D<sub>2</sub> receptor in the ipsilateral striatum increased significantly in transplanted animals compared with sham-operated animals (S/R-,  $0.97 \pm 0.08$ ; TP/R-,  $1.08 \pm 0.08$ ;  $p = 0.039$  and S/R+,  $1.06 \pm 0.06$ ; TP/R+,  $1.19 \pm 0.16$ ;  $p = 0.023$ ), whereas DAT and D<sub>1</sub> receptor showed no significant changes. Our results suggest that vagal autotransplantation induces upregulation of D<sub>2</sub> receptor in the ipsilateral striatum. Autotransplantation showed no significant effect on DAT, although DAT imaging is a sensitive test for dopaminergic damage. We need further study on dopaminergic system imaging after neural transplantation. We evaluated the potencies of radioiodinated (-)-o-iodovesamicol [(-)-oIV] as a selective vesicular acetylcholine transporter (VACHT) mapping agent. (-)-[<sup>125</sup>I] oIV exhibited significant accumulation in rat brain. The regional brain distribution of radioactivity was similar for both (-)-[<sup>125</sup>I] oIV and [<sup>3</sup>H]vesamicol. The accumulation of (-)-[<sup>125</sup>I] oIV in the brain was significantly reduced by post-administration of unlabeled vesamicol ( $0.5 \mu\text{mol/kg}$ ) and (-)-[<sup>125</sup>I] oIV ( $\mu\text{mol/kg}$ ) in the other hand, the post-administration of sigma ligands hardly affected the accumulation of (-)-[<sup>125</sup>I] oIV in the brain. These studies showed that (-)-[<sup>125</sup>I] oIV, as well as [<sup>3</sup>H]vesamicol, bound to VACHT with high affinity in the rat brain. Furthermore, (-)-[<sup>125</sup>I] oIV binding in the ipsilateral cortex to the lesion was significantly reduced by 17.0%, compared with that in the contralateral cortex in a unilateral NBM-lesioned rat. These results suggested that radioiodinated (-)-[<sup>125</sup>I] oIV may potentially be useful for the diagnosis of cholinergic neurodegenerative disorders. ▲ Less

## Research Products (4 results)

All Other

All Publications (4 results)

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