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Research Abstract

The aim of this study is to establish a model to investigate the unknown mechanism of retrograde neuronal cell death in the facial nucleus after axotomy at various lesions. In addition, the neuroprotective effects of autografted peripheral nerve tissues, and alteration of MMPs expression are investigated. The models include brainstem injury model ; the genu of the facial nerve tract in the brainstem is stereotactically transected, control injury model ; the brainstem near the facial nucleus is injured without transection of the facial nerve tract, distal injury model ; the facial nerve is cut at the stylomastoid foramen, proximal injury model ; the facial nerve is avuked at the stylomastoid foramen resulting in more proximal transection than the distal injury model, and transplanted model ; PNS autograft is transplanted to the injury site of the brainstem injury model. On day 7, compared with the contralateral side, the survival ratio of motoneurons of the facial nuclei is $105.8 \pm 3.8\%$ in t ... More

