

# Distribution of TRPV1 in the Rat Brain Parenchyma's CSF Contacting Nucleus and its Expression in Neuropathic Pain.

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### Abstract

**Background:** The ventral periaqueductal central grey (PAG) of the brainstem is home to the cerebrospinal fluid-contacting nucleus (CSF-CN), which may affect the actual composition of the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for non-synaptic signal transmission by releasing or absorbing bioactive material. TRPV1 has been identified in areas of the spinal and peripheral nervous systems that are known to play a part in the detection, transmission, and control of pain. Consequently, it is hypothesised that the CSF-CN uses the TRPV1 receptor to engage in pain regulation. The current work aims to examine the expression and distribution of TRPV1 in the rat brain parenchyma's CSF-CN and the role of TRPV1 in neuropathic pain.

**Methods:** In Spague-Dawley rats, a model of neuropathic pain with chronic sciatic nerve constriction injury (CCI) was created. We measured the mechanical withdrawal threshold (MWT) and thermal withdrawal latency (TWL). In order to investigate CSF-CN, the cholera toxin subunit B conjugated with horseradish peroxidase (CB-HRP) was injected into one of the rats' lateral ventricles (LV). With the help of immunohistochemistry, TRPV1 and CB-HRP were double-labeled in order to better understand its distribution and expression in the CSF-CN. At the peak of allodynia and hyperalgesia (10 days following CCI surgery), SB-366791, a specific TRPV1 antagonist, was administered in 5 g into one of the rat's LVs. Rat behaviour was evaluated at 0, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, and 8 hours before and after injection.

**Conclusion:** TRPV1 is confined to the mesencephalon's

CSF-CN, where CCI surgery has boosted the expression of TRPV1. TRPV1 in CSF-CN has been validated as a viable target for the treatment of neuropathic pain thanks to comparative analgesic effects of a TRPV1 antagonist in a CCI model of neuropathic pain.

### Keywords

dCSF-CNs; CSF-CN; TRPV1; SB366791; Neuropathic pain

### Abbreviations

Cerebrospinal Fluid-Contacting Neurons, Distal CSF-CNs, Cerebral Spinal Fluid-Contacting Nucleus, Intracerebroventricular, Lateral Ventricle, Transient Receptor Potential, CB-HRP, Cholera Toxin B conjugated to Horseradish Peroxidase,

### Background

The TRPV1 channel, formerly known as the vanilloid receptor VR1, was cloned ten years ago. It is a calcium-permeable nonselective cation channel that responds to a variety of mechanical, thermal, chemical (such as acid and lipid) and other stimuli coming from the extracellular and intracellular milieu [1,2], as well as mechanical and thermal stimuli [3, 7]. It is mostly expressed in nociceptors, which take part in the peripheral nervous system's processing of noxious chemical and heat stimuli (PNS). A fraction of sensory neurons with thin myelinated axons (A fibres), as well as bipolar neurons with unmyelinated axons (C fibres) and somata in dorsal root and trigeminal ganglia, are sensitive to capsaicin [8]. TRPV1 receptors are currently being studied as a novel therapeutic target in the PNS for the treatment of inflammatory and chronic neuropathic conditions pain [9,10,11]. In contrast to the TRPV1 receptors' well-established role in inflammatory pain, the function of these receptors in neuropathic pain is less clear, particularly in the central nervous system. Additionally, recent research has demonstrated that TRPV1 receptors can be found in the hypothalamus, midbrain PAG, substantia nigra, and locus coeruleus of the CNS [12,13,14]. Despite the fact that there is evidence suggesting that TRPV1 receptors in the CNS are involved in pain transmission or modulation and may be viable therapeutic targets [14-16], there is ongoing debate regarding these receptors' functions

in the CNS.

By increasing glutamate release in the substantia nigra, locus coeruleus, hypothalamus, and PAG, activation of TRPV1 receptors causes hypoalgesia [17–19]. But as compared to peripherally restricted drugs with the same pharmacokinetic and pharmacological profile, centrally penetrating TRPV1 receptor antagonists performed better [20], highlighting the role of central TRPV1 receptor blocking in the analgesic activity. The expression of TRPV1 receptors' functional importance.

## Conclusion

Our findings imply that the CSF-CN expresses TRPV1. CCI surgery elevated TRPV1 expression in the CSF-CN. Additionally, SB366791 showed an antiallodynic effect in CCI rats after being administered intravenously. Between the brain parenchyma and CSF, the CSF-CN may play crucial roles in neuromodulation and neuroendocrine regulation.

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