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Nanowired antioxidant compound H-290/51 downregulates ubiquitin and heat shock proteins expressions and attenuates exacerbation of spinal cord pathology in diabetic rats following trauma

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Increased ubiquitin expression around injured axons or neurons in spinal cord injury (SCI) is associated with neuronal death whereas, accompanied increase in heat shock protein (HSP) 72 kD helps in cell survival. We examined ubiquitin and HSP immunoreactivity in SCI in healthy and in diabetic rats. A longitudinal incision on the right dorsal horn of T10-11 segments (2 mm deep and 4 mm long) in the urethane-anesthetized healthy or diabetic rats (streptozotocine 75 mg/kg, i.p. for 3 days) showed a marked increase in ubiquitin immunoreactivity in T9, T12 segments at 5h that extended further to T4 and L5 level after 8 h SCI. The magnitude and intensity of ubiquitin and HSP expression was exacerbated in diabetic rats after SCI. Post-treatment with a potent antioxidant compound H-290/51 (50 mg/kg, p.o 30 min after injury; Astra Zeneca, Mölndal, Sweden) markedly reduced the ubiquitin and HSP expression at 5 or 8 h after injury in healthy animals. However, diabetic group, TiO₂ nanowired H-290/51 (50 mg/kg, p.o 30) is needed to reduce ubiquitin and HSP expressions under identical conditions. Taken together our observations are the first to demonstrate that (i) diabetic animals after injury results in overproduction of ubiquitin and HSP expression, (ii) this activation of ubiquitin and HSP is related to cord pathology, and (iii) nanowired H-290/51 is needed for neuroprotection in diabetic animals after SCI.

Biography

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