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Autophagy-regulated AMPAR subunit up-regulation in *in vitro* oxygen glucose deprivation/ reoxygenation-induced hippocampal injury

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PEDIATRICS

A utophagy has been implicated to mediate experimental cerebral ischemia/reperfusion-induced neuronal death; the underlying molecular mechanisms, though are poorly understood. In this study, we investigated the role of autophagy in regulating the expression of AMPAR subunits (GluR1, GluR2, and GluR3) in oxygen glucose deprivation/reperfusion (OGD/R)-mediated injury of hippocampal neurons. Our results showed that, OGD/R-induced hippocampal neuron injury was accompanied by accumulation of autophagosomes and autolysosomes in cytoplasm alongside a dramatic increase in expression of autophagy-related genes, LC3 and Beclin 1 and increased intracellular Ca²⁺ levels. Pre-treatment with autophagy inhibitor 3-methyladenine (3-MA) significantly reduced this effect. Moreover, the OGD/R-induced up-regulation of mRNA and protein expressions of GluR1, GluR2 and GluR3 were also effectively reversed in cells pretreated with 3-MA. Our findings indicate that OGD/R induced the expression of GluRs by activating autophagy in *in vitro* cultured hippocampal neurons, which could be effectively reversed by the administration of 3-MA.

Biography

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