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Circadian Effects and Impact on Warm-Blooded and Cold-Blooded Vertebrates

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The SCN is located in the anterior hypothalamus, immediately dorsal (thus supra) to the optic chiasm (CHO), and bilateral to (on each side of) the third ventricle.

The nucleus is separated into two parts: the core and the shell, which are also known as the core and shell, respectively. [1] The clock genes are expressed differently in these two regions; the core expresses them in response to stimuli, whereas the shell expresses them continuously.

The retino hypothalamic tract, geniculohypothalamic tract, and projections from some Raphe nuclei are the three primary channels through which the core gets innervation. The core, as well as other hypothalamic areas, innervate the dorso medial SCN. Finally, its output is mostly directed to the sub para ventricular zone and dorsomedial hypothalamic nucleus, both of which mediate SCN's influence on the body's circadian rhythm.

CIRCADIAN EFFECTS

Bacteria, [2] plants, fungi, and animals all have near-24-hour rhythms that are genetically based. Despite the fact that all of these clocks appear to be based on the same type of genetic feedback loop, the exact genes involved in each kingdom are assumed to have evolved differently. Sleep, physical activity, awareness, hormone levels, body temperature, immunological function, and digestive activity are all examples of circadian rhythmicity in mammalian behaviour and physiology. The SCN coordinates these rhythms throughout the body, and if the SCN is damaged, rhythmicity is lost. In rats with SCN loss, for example, total sleep time is maintained, but the length and timing of sleep episodes become unpredictable. By synchronising," which have their own near-24-hour cycles and control circadian phenomena in local tissue, the SCN maintains control across the body. [3]

The retino hypothalamic tract provides information to the SCN from specific photosensitive ganglion cells in the retina. Light-induced gene expression is possible in neurons of the ventro lateral SCN (vlSCN). The retino hypothalamic tract connects melanopsin-containing ganglion cells in the retina to the ventro lateral SCN. The vlSCN carries information from the retina to the SCN, allowing entrainment, or synchronisation, of a person's or animal's daily rhythms to the 24-hour cycle in nature. Several circadian rhythm sleep disorders reflect the necessity of entraining organisms, including humans, to external cues such as the light/dark cycle. [4]

The dorso medial SCN (dmSCN) is thought to have an endogenous 24-hour rhythm that can last even in complete darkness (in humans averaging about 24 hours 11 min). [5] The connection of the ventral and dorsal regions of the SCN is mediated via a GAB Aergic pathway. [6]

To regulate body temperature and the synthesis of hormones like cortisol and melatonin, the SCN sends information to other hypothalamic nuclei and the pineal gland.

ENDOTHERMIC (WARM-BLOODED) AND ECTOTHERMIC (COLD-BLOODED) VERTEBRATES HAVE DIFFERENT CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS.

Although extensive research has been done on the SCN in model animals such as the mammalian mouse and ectothermic reptiles, particularly lizards, little is known about direct neuronal regulation of metabolic processes and circadian rhythm-controlled behaviours in either endothermic or ectothermic vertebrates. [7] The SCN is recognised to be involved not only in photoreception, but also in thermoregulation in homoeothermic vertebrates, as well as regulating locomotion and other behavioural outputs of the circadian clock in ectothermic vertebrates, thanks to innervation from the retino hypothalamic tract. When compared to the different structures and features of the SCN and numerous additional nuclei proximal to the hypothalamus, the behavioural distinctions between both classes of vertebrates provide insight into how these behaviours are the result of varying circadian control. To fully understand the direct and indirect functions of the SCN on circadian-regulated behaviours in vertebrates, numerous neuroethological investigations will be required.

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