

## **Classical and Chemical Neuroanatomy**

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. g. Illustrations of nerve cells by Sigmund Freud.

## **Project on Scientific Psychology (1895)**



Fig. 13. A diagram by Golgi of the nervous elements of the hippocampus and fascia dentata.

#### RAMÓN Y CAJAL: THE SHOCK OF RECOGNITION



Fig. 18. Portrait of Cajal in his laboratory, around 1890. Courtesy of P. Rakic, originally from P. Yakovlev.

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Figure 1.5 Glial cells in the human cerebral cortex



A drawing of different types of glial cells of the cerebral cortex stained with the Golgi method. The original drawing was by Retzius in 1894. (Illustration courtesy of De Felipe, 2010, p 89)



**Fig. 39.** "Diagram showing bouton-like synaptic junctions at different magnifications with the optical and electron microscope. (A) Illustrates a motoneuron as seen at medium power of the optical microscope. The nucleus (N), the axon (A), and the dendrites (d) are indicated. Numerous bouton-like endings make synaptic contact

#### Figure 1.3 Electron microscope picture of a synapses in the cerebral cortex



This is an electron micrograph of a very thin section of cerebral cortex. A large dendrite (D) runs diagonally across the section. Most of the unstained (white) structures are dendritic spines (Sp), one of which is attached to the large dendrite. Most of the darker staining structures are terminal boutons (B) full of round synaptic vesicles. Dark synaptic thickenings (Sy) are seen at the junction of some dendritic spines and boutons.

## Sexual dimorphic nucleus (SDN) of the preoptic area is 3-8 times larger in male rats than in female rats



Gorski RA et al (1978) Brain Res, 148: 333-346





Secretory cells within the Hypothalamus, by Scharrer E. and Scharrer B, The Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Disease, 1940, 170-194



Fig. 84. Nerve cell from the nucleus paraventricularis of the capuchin monkey (*Cebus capucinus*). The cell body is completely filled with granules (see also Plate 1, Fig. 68). Fix. Bouin's fluid, celloidin, Van Gieson stain,  $2600 \times .$ 



One raphe neuron in two parallel sections stained for Nissl (up) and Mallory's trichrome (bottom). Note acidophilic protein bodies (arrow, basic charge) stained in red by acid fuschin (Panayotacopoulou and Issidorides, *Arch Neurol*, 1982)



Neurons of locus coeruleus (left) and substantia nigra (right) of a Parkinsonian patient stained with Mallory trichrome. Note the center of Lewy Body stained in red by acid fuchsin due to its basic charge (Issidorides et al., 1991; *J Neuronal Trans* 3:49-61)



Section of human hindbrain stained with Weigert method for myelin. The myelin appears brown or black. At the bottom there is a dense brown staining in the corticospinal tracts (from :THE BRAIN, an introduction to functional neuroanatomy, Watson, Kirkaldie, Paxinos, Elsevier 2010).



# Chemical and Molecular Neuroanatomy combines informations from:

- Classical neuroanatomy
- Classical histochemistry
- Molecular Biology
- Neurochemistry
- Neurophysiology
- Neuropharmacology

# **Applications of Chemical Neuroanatomy**

- In experimental animal brain to study: differences in brain regions in neurotransmitter or receptor expression after experimental manipulations (eg. under stress conditions, under specific medication, in animal models)
- In the human brain to study the etiopathology of neurological, psychiatric or endocrinological disorders.



In tissue where endogenous peroxidase activity hasn't been blocked, DAB will react with peroxidase naturally found in the tissue and give a false positive background result. Blocking this peroxidase activity by incubation with hydrogen peroxide (H2O2) eliminates this problem.

## **Basic methodology:**

- a) Immunohistochemistry (one or multiple antigens)
- b) In situ hybridization (mRNA or DNA Probes)
- c) Autoradiography
- c) Combination of the above
- d) Staining / laser microdissection / single neuron PCR

## **Microscopic observation by**:

- Light microscopy
- Fluorescence microscopy/ Confocal microscopy
- Electron Microscopy

Double staining for TH (brown color) and VAS mRNA (black spots) in a cell of the human paraventricular nucleus. Combination of immunohistochemistry with in situ hybridization (Panayotacopoulou et al., 2000)



#### Table 1.1 A table of common neurotransmitters

Neurotransmitter	Descriptive name	Typical functions
glutamate (glu)	glutamatergic	CNS excitation
aspartate (asp)		brain, spinal cord excitation
γ-aminobutyric acid (GABA)	GABAergic	CNS inhibition
glycine (gly)	glycinergic	rapid inhibition in spinal cord
acetylcholine (ACh)	cholinergic	muscle/autonomic activation; attention
dopamine (DA)	dopaminergic	reward; movement
noradrenaline (NA) [a.k.a. norepinephrine (NE)]	noradrenergic	arousal; smooth muscle control
serotonin (5-HT)	serotonergic	relaxation; mood; sensory processing
substance P (SP)	peptidergic	pain signaling, other functions
neuropeptide Y (NPY)		appetite control
opioids (Enk)		pain modulation; satiety
adenosine triphosphate (ATP)	purinergic	many functions



Fig. 4A-C. Some mechanisms of release and interaction of multiple transmitters (small vesicles containing classical transmitter T; larger, dense-core vesicles containing transmitter T and a neuropeptide M). In A, T acts on a single postsynaptic receptor RI. In B, T acts on multiple types of postsynaptic receptor RI, Ra,  $R\beta$  and on a presynaptic autoreceptor RP to control its own release. In C, T and M are both released. T can inhibit the release of M at a presynaptic receptor RTM; M acts on its own postsynaptic receptor MR and at a presynaptic receptor PMR to modulate synaptic transmission. Modified from Lundberg and Hökfelt [19]



### Πίνακας 16-3 Ορισμένες οικογένειες νευροδραστικών πεπτιδίων

Οπιοειδή	Οπιοκορτίνες, εγκεφαλίνες, δυνορφίνη, FMRFαμίδιο	
Νευροϋποφυσιαία	Αγγειοπιεσίνη, ωκυτοκίνη, νευροφυσίνες	
Ταχυκινίνες	Ουσία Ρ, φυσαλαιμίνη, κασσινίνη, ουπερολεΐνη, ελεδουασίνη, βομβεσίνη, ουσία Κ (νευροκινίνη Α)	
Σεκρετίνες	Σεκρετίνη, γλυκαγόνη, αγγειοδραστικό εντερικό πολυπεπτίδιο, γαστρικό ανασταλτικό πεπτίδιο, απελευθερωτικός παράγοντας της αυξητικής ορμόνης, πεπτίδιο ισολευκιναμίδιο της ιστιδίνης	
Ινσουλίνες	Ινσουλίνη, αυξητικοί παράγοντες Ι και Η που μοιάζουν με την ινσουλίνη	
Σωματοστατίνες	Σωματοστατίνη, παγκρεατικό πολυπεπτίδιο	
Γαστρίνες	Γαστρίνη, χοληκυστοκινίνη	





Fig. 1.7. Thionine- (left) and anti-vasopressin (right)-stained section through the chiasmatic or preoptic region of the hypothalamus. OC = optic chiasm, OVLT = organum vasculosum lamina terminalis, PVN = paraventricular nucleus, SCN = suprachiasmatic nucleus, SDN = sexually dimorphic nucleus of the preoptic area (intermediate nucleus, INAH-1), SON = supraoptic nucleus, III = third ventricle. Bar represents 1 mm.

 TABLE 14–1. Small-Molecule Transmitter Substances and Their Key

 Biosynthetic Enzymes

Transmitter	Enzymes	
Acetylcholine	Choline acetyltransferase (specific)	
Biogenic amines Dopamine Norepinephrine Epinephrine Serotonin Histamine	Tyrosine hydroxylase (specific) Tyrosine hydroxylase and dopamine β-hydroxylase (specific) Tyrosine hydroxylase and dopamine β-hydroxylase (specific) Tryptophan hydroxylase (specific) Histidine decarboxylase (specificity uncertain)	
Amino acids γ-Aminobutyric acid Glycine Glutamate	Glutamic acid decarboxylase (probably specific) General metabolism (specific pathway undetermined) General metabolism (specific pathway undetermined)	

From: Principles of Neural Sciences, by Kandel et al., Elsevier, 1991



#### Acetylcholine



#### Noradrenaline



#### Glutamate/aspartate



#### Dopamine



GABA



#### 5-Hydroxytryptamine



#### Enkephalin



#### Endorphin



#### Substance P



#### Somatostatin





HUMAN BRAIN CHOLINERGIC SYSTEMS









Dopaminergic neurons and their projections in mesolimbic and cortical areas

- a) are involved in schizophrenia and ADHD
- b) are targets of neuroleptic treatment
- c) dopaminergic innervation in the cortex of primates appears to reach maturation in adulthood



Fig.4. Distribution in the SN of dopaminergic cells labeled by the TH cDNA probe from normal (**a**) and PD (**b**) brains. The positions of the labeled cells are indicated by black points on schematized sections. Note the sharply reduced number of labeled cells in the PD brain.



## Midbrain dopamine function in schizophrenia and depression: a post-mortem and positron emission tomographic imaging study

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Small cells in certain nuclei of the hypothalamus secrete releasing factors called hypophysiotrophic hormones. The hormones are released into a capillary network. Small veins from this network carry the hormones to a second capillary network in the anterior pituitary where the hormones trigger the release of the anterior pituitary hormones (FSH, LH, prolactin, ACTH, TSH, GH). (Adapted from Campbell, 1996, p 925)





Figure 8.7. Number of CRH and arginine vasopressin (AVP) neurons in the paraventricular nucleus (PVN) of depressed patients. Patients with major depression have an increased number of CRH and AVP neurons and neurons containing both CRH and AVP in the hypothalamic PVN. Both peptides potentiate their actions on pituitary CRH receptors. DEP, depressed patients; CON, controls (adapted from Raadsheer *et al.*, 1994; Purba *et al.*, 1996; Holsboer, 1999).



[<sup>3</sup>H]-corticosterone and the pure glucocorticoid [<sup>3</sup>H]-RU28362 were administered to adrenalectomized rats. One hour after administration the rats were killed and autoradiograms were generated. Note retention of aldosterone and corticosterone by hippocampal neurons, and of RU28362 by the PVN.



FIG. 1. Autoradiographs showing increased dopamine D<sub>2</sub> receptor binding in all regions of the cau-