## **REGULATION OF VERTEBRATE NEURON DEATH IN DEVELOPMENT AND NEURODEGENERATION:**

# ROLE OF TRANSCRIPTION

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## MASSIVE LOSS OF NEURONS DURING VERTEBRATE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN LONG KNOWN

• BEARD (1889) - LOSS OF NEURONAL POPULATIONS IN FISH (ROHON-BEARD NEURONS)

• COLLIN (1906) - DEATH OF MANY SENSORY AND MOTOR NEURONS IN THE CHICK EMBRYO

## APPROXIMATELY 50% OF POST-MITOTIC NEURONS DIE DURING NORMAL DEVELOPMENT



Clarke, Rogers & Cowan J. Comp. Neurol. 167: 125 (1976)

## APOPTOTIC NEURONAL DEATH IN DEVELOPING SUBSTANTIA NIGRA





R. Burke Cell Tiss Res (2004)

## DEATH OF PROLIFERATING VZ CELLS IN E14 MOUSE CEREBRUM



#### Tan = BrDU; Purple = ISEL/dying

Blaschke et al J Comp Neurol 1998

### **REGULATED DEVELOPMENTAL DEATH OF OLIGODENDROCYTES**



FROM Barres and Raff, Journal of Cell Biology, Volume 147, Number 6, December 13, 1999 1123-1128

## VIKTOR HAMBURGER AND RITA LEVI-MONTALCINI AND THE BEGINNING OF THE NEUROTROPHIC THEORY OF DEVELOPMENTAL NEURON DEATH IN VERTEBRATES



#### VICTOR HAMBURGER AND THE NOTION THAT PERIPHERAL TARGETS REGULATE NEURONAL CELL DEATH



## ELMER BEUKER AND THE EFFECTS OF SARCOMA 180 ON NEURONAL SURVIVAL



## LEVI-MONTALCINI AND THE DISCOVERY OF A DIFFUSIBLE SURVIVAL-PROMOTING ACTIVITY



LEVI-MONTALCINI AND HAMBURGER DISCOVER A SOLUBLE NERVE-GROWTH PROMOTING ACTIVITY (NGF) IN EXTRACTS OF SARCOMA 180





## PURIFIED NGF PROMOTES NEURON SURVIVAL IN VITRO



## NGF PROMOTES SYMPATHETIC & SENSORY NEURON SURVIVAL IN VITRO



-NGF

+NGF

#### EVIDENCE FOR THE ROLE OF GROWTH FACTORS IN REGULATING DEVELOPMENTAL NEURONAL DEATH IN VIVO

1. INJECTION OF NEW BORN MICE WITH NGF ANTIBODIES YIELDS "IMMUNOSYMPATHECTOMY"

MOTHERS AUTOIMMUNIZED AGAINST NGF PRODUCE OFFSPRING WITH MANY FEWER DORSAL ROOT GANGLIONIC NEURONS

2. SUPPLY OF EXOGENOUS NGF BLOCKS DEVELOPMENTAL CELL DEATH OF SYMPATHETIC NEURONS



#### EVIDENCE FOR THE ROLE OF GROWTH FACTORS IN REGULATING DEVELOPMENTAL NEURONAL DEATH IN VIVO

## MICE NULL FOR NGF OR ITS RECEPTORS SHOW EXCESS NEURONAL DEATH.



Fagin et al. J Neurosci (1996)

## NORMAL DEVELOPMENTAL NEURONAL DEATH OCCURS AND IS REGULATED BY TARGET DERIVED TROPHIC FACTORS



Clarke, Rogers & Cowan J. Comp. Neurol. 167: 125 (1976)

## RETROGRADE TRANSPORT OF NEUROTROPHINS FROM TARGETS













## ALL TROPHIC SUPPORT DURING DEVELOPMENT IS NOT NECESSARILY TARGET DERIVED - WHAT KEEPS NEURONS ALIVE BEFORE THEY INTERACT WITH THEIR TARGETS?

## AUTOCRINE LOOPS -NEURONS CAN MAKE THEIR OWN NEUROTROPHIC FACTORS (CORTICAL NEURONS; BDNF)

## TISSUE EN ROUTE TO TARGET MAY PROVIDE TROPHIC FACTORS (SUCH AS NT3 AND BDNF)



#### GROWTH FACTORS THAT CAN MAINTAIN SURVIVAL OF SELECT NEURONAL POPULATIONS

NEUROTROPHINS NGF BDNF NT3 NT4/5

EGF FAMILY EGF TGFα NEUREGULINS

**FGF FAMILY** 

**INSULIN & IGFs** 

TGFβ SUPERFAMILY TGFβ BMPs GDNF ARTEMIN NURTURIN PERSEPHIN

CYTOKINES CNTF LIF INTERLEUKINS

PDGF

HGF FAMILY HGF MSP

NEUROPEPTIDES PACAP VIP

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### **REMOVAL OF NEURONS WITH TRANSIENT FUNCTIONS**

### **ROHON-BEARD CELLS - LOSS IN ZEBRA FISH**



Williams et al. Dev Biol (2000)

## **CREATION OF SEXUALLY DIMORPHIC STRUCTURES**

## SEXUALLY DIMORPHIC NEURON DEATH IN RAT BSTpr -REGULATION BY TESTOSTERONE





**BSTpr =Principal nucleus of the Bed nucleus of the striatus terminalis** 

Chung et al. J Neurbiol (2000)

### **ELIMINATION OF ECTOPIC NEURONS**



FIG. 2. (A) A camera lucida drawing of the labeled cells in the region of the ION in a 15-day-old embryo which was injected with HRP (in the contralateral eye). No attempt has been made to reproduce the form of the cells in the ION proper (since these were traced under bright-field optics from a Nissl-stained preparation); however, the appearance of the ectopic neurons ventral to the nucleus has been as accurately represented as possible, having been traced under dark-field illumination. (B) A dark-field photomicrograph of a group of ectopic neurons in the area outlined in (A).

### **ELIMINATION OF NEURONS WITH ECTOPIC PROJECTIONS**



"SYSTEMS MATCHING: CREATION OF OPTIMAL LEVELS OF INNERVATION BETWEEN INTERCONNECTED GROUPS OF NEURONS AND BETWEEN NEURONS AND THEIR NON-NEURONAL TARGETS" (Buss and Oppenheim Anat Sci Int, 2004)

WHAT HAPPENS IF DEVELOPMENTAL NEURON CELL DEATH IS ABSENT?

## IN ABSENCE OF NORMAL DEVELOPMENTAL CELL DEATH MOST EXCESS NEURONS BECOME ATROPHIC: EXAMPLE OF FACIAL NERVE



#### White et al. J Neurosci 1998



## RETINAL NEURON RESPONSES TO LIGHT CHANGE IN ABSENCE OF NORMAL DEVELOPMENTAL CELL DEATH



GCL=ganglion cell layer INL=inner nuclear layer ONL=outer nuclear layer IPL=inner plexiform layer



(Péquignot et al. Dev Dyn 2003)

## PREVENT OVER-PRODUCTION OF NEUROPROGENITOR CELLS TO GENERATE PROPER SIZED BRAIN

## **EMBRYOGENIC DEFECTS IN A MOUSE LACKING CASPASE-9**



From: Kuida et al Cell:94: 325-337, 1998

# WHY DOES CELL DEATH OCCUR IN NEURODEVELOPMENT?

## ELIMINATION OF CELLS WITH DAMAGED DNA OR WITH OTHER DEFECTS

"A MEANS OF EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE: ADAPTIVE CHANGES IN THE ONTOGENETIC DEATH AND SURVIVAL OF CELLS IN REPSPONSE TO GENETIC MUTATION (E.G. THE PRODUCTION OF EXCESS NEURONS COULD BE USED FOR THE INNERVATION OF NEW TARGETS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE EVOLUTION OF LIMBS)"

(Buss and Oppenheim Anat Sci Int, 2004)

WHAT ARE THE MECHANISMS BY WHICH NEURON SURVIVAL AND DEATH ARE REGULATED DURING VERTEBRATE DEVELOPMENT?

## **SPECIFICITY OF NEUROTROPHIN FAMILY RECEPTOR BINDING**



## TRK SIGNALING AND PROMOTION OF NEURON SURVIVAL



## **EXAMPLES OF HOW AKT PROMOTES SURVIVAL**





## **MITOCHONDRIA AND APOPTOTIC DEATH**



## DEVELOPMENTAL NEURON CELL DEATH IN VERTEBRATES REQUIRES MACROMOLECULAR SYNTHESIS

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Plotted from data in: Yaginuma et al. J Neurosci 1996

## **TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATION OF APOPTOTIC DEATH**

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#### AKT BLOCKS DEATH AT MULTIPLE LEVELS OF THE APOPTOTIC MECHANISM

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## C-JUN IS PHOSPHORYLATED/ACTIVATED IN NGF-DEPRIVED NEURONS

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#### Eilers et al. J Neurosci 1998

## BLOCKING JNK ACTIVATION BLOCKS NEURON DEATH CAUSED BY NGF DEPRIVATION

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## DEATH SIGNALING BY THE JNK PATHWAY IN NEURON DEATH

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## **BIM IS A PRO-APOPTOTIC MEMBER OF THE BCL2 FAMILY**

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## BIM IS UPREGULATED BY NGF DEPRIVATION, PARTLY VIA THE JNK PATHWAY AND CONTRIBUTES TO NEURON DEATH

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Whitfield et al Neuron 2001

## MLKS AND POSH ARE DEGRADED IN VIABLE NEURONS

### **APOPTOTIC STIMULI**

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## MLKS AND POSH ARE STABILIZED BY A FEEDBACK LOOP MECHANISM IN RESPONSE TO APOPTOTIC STIMULI

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## DEATH SIGNALING BY THE JNK PATHWAY IN NEURON DEATH

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#### JIP AND POSH RELOCALIZE IN RESPONSE TO APOPTOTIC STIMULI

CONTROL DNA DAMAGE

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JIP

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## CELL CYCLE MOLECULES MEDIATE NEURON CELL DEATH EVOKED BY LOSS OF TROPHIC SUPPORT

## **E2F REGULATES CELL PROLIFERATION**

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## **E2F REGULATES CELL PROLIFERATION & NEURON DEATH**

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## **APOPTOTIC STIMULI ACTIVATE CDK4/6 IN NEURONS**

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

p130 IS THE MAJOR E2F PARTER ON CHROMATIN IN NEURONS, IS PHOSPHORYLATED AND LOST WITH NGF DEPRIVATION, RESULTING IN MYB DE-REPRESSION AND UP-REGULATION

![](_page_58_Figure_1.jpeg)

## **E2F REGULATES CELL PROLIFERATION & NEURON DEATH**

![](_page_59_Figure_1.jpeg)

## THE E2F PATHWAY LEADS TO BIM UPREGULATION VIA CDK4 AND MYB

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## **E2F AND NEURON CELL DEATH**

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## THE CDK4-E2F-p130-MYB-BIM PATHWAY OF NEURON CELL DEATH

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## **TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATION OF APOPTOTIC DEATH**

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THERE IS MASSIVE DEATH OF NEURONS, NEUROPROGENITORS AND OLIGODENDROGLIA IN NORMAL VERTEBRATE DEVELOPMENT

THIS IS LARGELY REGULATED BY ACCESS TO LIMITING SUPPLIES OF EXOGENOUS SURVIVAL-PROMOTING TROPHIC FACTORS

SURVIVAL IS PROMOTED LARGELY BY ACTIVATION OF AKT AS WELL AS OF ERKS AND INVOLVES BLOCKADE OF DEATH PATHWAYS AT MULTIPLE POINTS

**DEVELOPMENTAL NEURON DEATH IS TRANSCRIPTION DEPENDENT** 

INDUCTION OF DEATH INVOLVES MULTIPLE PRO-APOTOTIC SIGNALING PATHWAYS, SOME OF WHICH CONVERGE ON INDUCTION OF BH3-DOMAIN PROTEINS