

重要情報

がんに関する相談は相談支援センターへ

がん診療連携拠点病院の指定を受けた全国377ヵ所の病院には、「相談支援センター」が設置されています。

「患者の権利」を守るために作られた相談支援センターは、それぞれの病院に入院・通院中の患者さんばかりでなく、他の医療機関を受診している患者さんや家族、一般市民からのがんに関する相談や質問にも対応します。その病院で診察を受けていなくても、面談や電話で相談することができます。(病院によっては、「医療相談室」「がん相談支援室」「よろず相談室」「地域医療連携室」など、別の名前で呼ばれていることもあります。)

相談支援センターでは、がんの専門研修を受けたソーシャルワーカー、看護師、カウンセラー、薬剤師、療法士、栄養士などが連携をとり、患者さんのさまざまな悩みの相談を受け付けています。また、医療に関するアドバイスが必要な場合は、主治医とのやりとりの橋渡し役にもなります。

相談支援センターは、がんに関わるあらゆる相談に応じます。面談でも電話相談でもかまいません。悩みや困ったことがあれば、ぜひ利用してください。たとえば以下のような相談にも、相談支援センターは対応します。

治療上の悩み

- ・検査にひっかかりました。がんかもしれないと不安です。どここの病院で診察を受けたいですか？
- ・私のがんは、どんながんなのでしょう？
- ・診察のときに主治医が言っていた専門用語がわからなくて困っています。
- ・痛みを緩和する治療をしてもうらうには、どうしたらよいのでしょうか？
- ・薬や治療の内容についてももう少し詳しく教えてほしいのですが。
- ・主治医がなんとなく怖くて、うまく話ができません。
- ・セカンド・オピニオンをとるには、どうしたらよいのでしょうか？
- ・症状の記録ノートをとるようにと言われたのですが、書き方がわかりません。

- ・在宅ケアを利用したいのですが、どうしたらよいのでしょうか？
- ・知人に勧められた代替療法のサプリメントを飲んでいるのですが、治療に支障はないのでしょうか？

心の悩み

- ・がんになってしまって、「私はこれからどうなるのか」、と不安で眠れません。
- ・仕事をどうしたらいいか悩んでいます。
- ・治療が終わったのですが、職場復帰について悩んでいます。会社の人にはどう告げたらよいのでしょうか？
- ・小さな子供がいるのですが、がんのことをどう伝えたらよいのでしょうか？
- ・もしものときのため、遺言の準備や財産整理についてのアドバイスがほしいのですが。

がん治療・療養にかかるお金の悩み

- ・高額療養制度、介護制度などを利用する方法や手続きについて教えて下さい。
- ・民間の保険に入っていますが、給付金を受け取るにはどうしたらよいのでしょうか？

家族の悩み

- ・配偶者ががんになって、心を閉ざしてしまっています。どう対応したらよいのでしょうか？
- ・身近な家族ががんになったことで、気分が落ち込んでしかたがありません。

あなたの地域の相談支援センター

がんに関するご質問やご相談はお近くの「がん診療連携拠点病院」の相談支援センターで受け付けています。お近くの拠点病院をさがしたいときには、がん情報サービス <http://ganjoho.jp/> またはがん情報サービス 携帯版 <http://ganjoho.jp/min> をご参照ください。右のQRコードをお使いいただけます。



知っておくと役に立つ インターネットサイト

がんの治療や緩和ケアについては、インターネットを使ってさまざまな情報を手に入れることができます。参考になるサイトをご紹介します。

がん情報サービス（国立がん研究センター）

がんの患者さんにとって必要な情報を網羅。
様々な種類のがんや緩和ケアについて解説した
「がんの冊子シリーズ」や「患者必携」などの冊子もダウンロード可能。
<http://ganjoho.jp/>

がんの痛みネット

がんの痛みとその治療法や緩和ケアについて、くわしい情報を掲載。
<http://www.itaminal.net/>

緩和ケア.net

緩和ケアについて、やさしい解説を掲載。
<http://www.kanwacare.net/>

がん情報サイト

米国立がん研究所が提供しているがん情報サイトPDQ*の日本語版。
<http://cancerinfo.tri-kobe.org/>

日本ホスピス緩和ケア協会

緩和ケアの普及と発展を目指す同協会のホームページ。
<http://www.hpcj.org/>

日本ホスピス・緩和ケア研究振興財団

ホスピス・緩和ケアについての研究や調査などの情報を掲載。
<http://www.hospat.org/>

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『患者必携 がんになったら手にとるガイド』ほか

国立がん研究センターがん対策情報センター発行
がんの療養に関するさまざまな情報をまとめた「がんになったら手にとるガイド」のほか、療養中の患者さんが病状を記録し、知りたいことなどを書きとめて整理できる「わたしの療養手帳」などの冊子があり、全国のがん診療連携拠点病院のがん相談支援センターで閲覧できる。また、これらの冊子はすべて「がん情報サービス」のサイト(38ページ)からダウンロードすることもできる。

『あなたの家にかえろう』

「おかえりなさい」プロジェクト事務局
(桜井隆) 著
在宅ホスピスケアについての基礎的な情報がまとめられており、サービスの探し方などについても解説している。著者のホームページもある。
<http://www.reference.co.jp/sakurai/>

『がんの痛み対策と緩和ケア』

向山雄人著、主婦の友社
がんの痛みやがんに伴う諸症状、精神的な苦痛などのコントロールについて説明。

『QOLの向上をめざしてーがん疼痛緩和ケアQ&A』

加賀谷豊 場元弘 田中昌代著、株式会社しほう
がんの緩和ケアチーム医療に従事する医師、薬剤師、看護師などの、医療従事者向けのQ&A集。

『がん 家族はどうしたらよいか』

季羽俊文子著、池田書店
家族ががんになったとき、患者の気持ちを理解するために役立つ情報や、告知についての考え方を紹介。

『家で生きることの意味』

柳田邦男 川越厚著、青海社
在宅ホスピスを選択した人、その家族、そしてそれを支えた医療者が体験を語る。

『がんのひみつ』

中川恵一著、朝日出版社
がんについての基本的な知識と、がんに対する考え方について、放射線科医が書いた入門書。

『ここに寄り添う 緩和ケアー病いと向き合う 「いのち」の時間』

井西廣子著、新曜社
病と向き合う患者のために取り組むチーム医療の実践を通して、「終末期」医療の可能性をさぐる。

『がん患者さんの 心と体の悩み解決ガイド』

日経メディカル編集、日経BP社
がん患者の抱える悩みや疑問に医師、看護師、ソーシャルワーカーなど、複数の専門家がそれぞれ立場から回答。

『家で看取るといふこと』

川越厚 川越博美著、講談社
在宅ホスピスケアの現場に携わる著者の視点から、患者さんが自分らしく家で過ごす方法、自宅でのケアの方法などをまとめている。

この冊子づくりは、ひとりのがん患者さんの 思いからはじまりました――

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2007年4月に「がん対策基本法」が施行され、日本でも、治療の早い時期からがんの患者さんに緩和ケアを提供するという考え方が打ち出されました。それに伴い、すべての患者さんとご家族が緩和ケアを受けることのできる体制が整備されつつあります。

この小さな冊子が、がん患者さんとご家族の心と体を支える一助になれば、と願っています。

この冊子の作成にあたっては、以下の皆様のご協力を賜りました。
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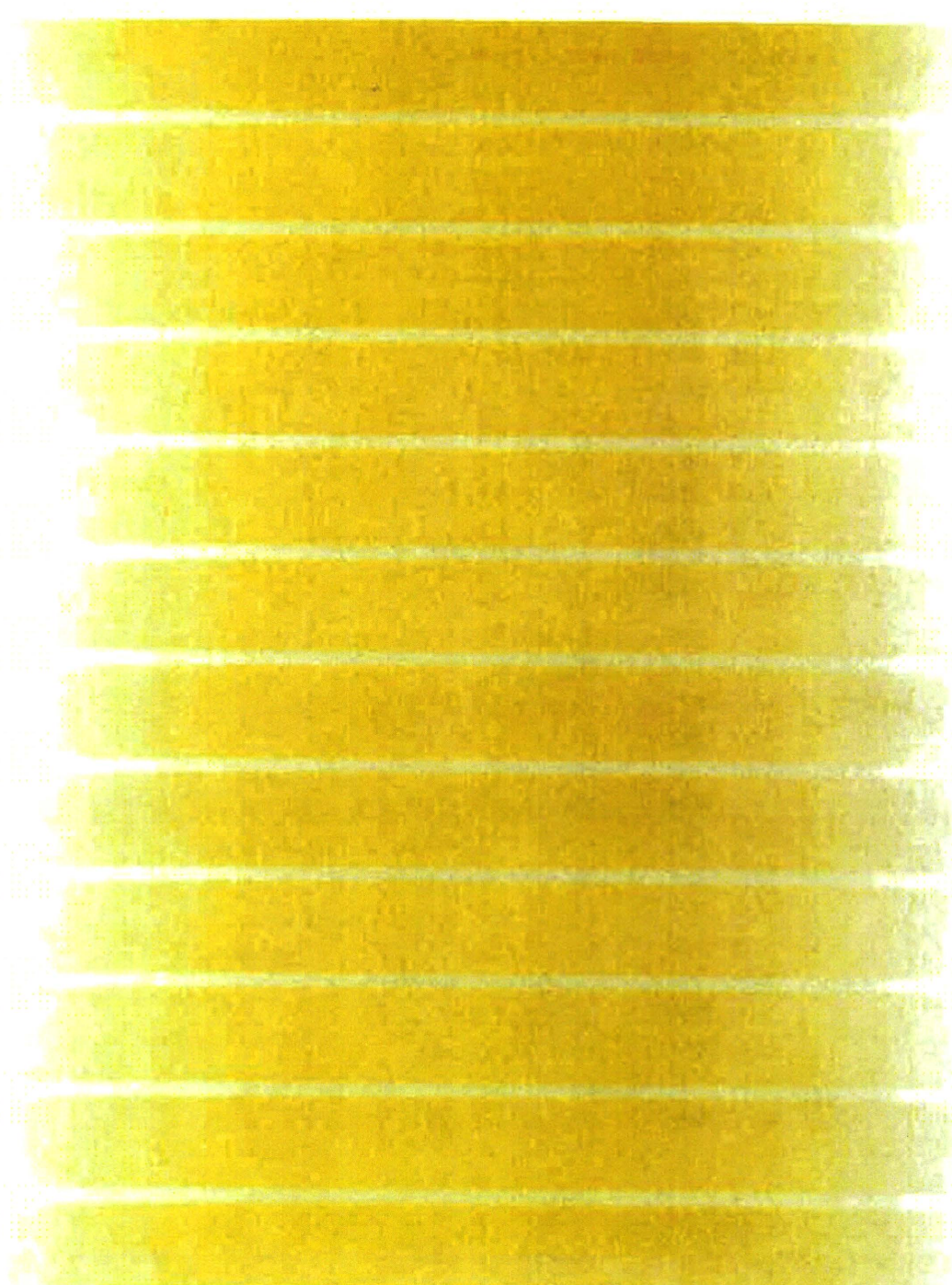
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Effects of Gabapentin on Brain Hyperactivity Related to Pain and Sleep Disturbance Under a Neuropathic Pain-Like State Using fMRI and Brain Wave Analysis

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ABSTRACT Neuropathic pain is the most difficult pain to manage in the pain clinic, and sleep problems are common among patients with chronic pain including neuropathic pain. In the present study, we tried to visualize the intensity of pain by assessing neuronal activity and investigated sleep disturbance under a neuropathic pain-like state in mice using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) and electroencephalogram (EEG)/electromyogram (EMG), respectively. Furthermore, we investigated the effect of gabapentin (GBP) on these phenomena. In a model of neuropathic pain, sciatic nerve ligation caused a marked decrease in the latency of paw withdrawal in response to a thermal stimulus only on the ipsilateral side. Under this condition, fMRI showed that sciatic nerve ligation produced a significant increase in the blood oxygenation level-dependent (BOLD) signal intensity in the pain matrix, which was significantly decreased 2 h after the i.p. injection of GBP. Based on the results of an EEG/EMG analysis, sciatic nerve-ligated animals showed a statistically significant increase in wakefulness and a decrease in nonrapid eye movement (NREM) sleep during the light phase, and the sleep disturbance was almost completely alleviated by a higher dose of GBP in nerve-ligated mice. These findings suggest that neuropathic pain associated with sleep disturbance can be objectively assessed by fMRI and EEG/EMG analysis in animal models. Furthermore, GBP may improve the quality of sleep as well as control pain in patients with neuropathic pain. *Synapse* 65:668–676, 2011. © 2010 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

INTRODUCTION

Neuropathic pain can be defined as pain resulting from lesions or diseases of the sensory transmission pathways in the peripheral or central nervous system, and is characterized by pain and sensory abnormalities in body areas that have lost their normal sensory innervation (Troels and Nanna, 2009). It is caused by dysfunctions in the peripheral or central nervous

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system without peripheral nociceptive stimulation. Many common diseases, such as postherpetic neuralgia, trigeminal neuralgia, diabetic neuropathy, spinal cord injury, cancer, stroke, and degenerative neurological diseases, may produce neuropathic pain. Multiple mechanisms, including changes in the peripheral nervous system, spinal cord, brainstem or brain, may contribute to neuropathic pain (Ro and Chang, 2005). To date, several animal models of chronic pain have been created to investigate the mechanisms that underlie the development of neuropathic pain (Beiche et al., 1998; Goppelt-Strube and Beiche, 1997). Based on previous studies with these animal models, it has long been considered that cellular and molecular events within the spinal cord and/or dorsal root ganglia (DRG) play important roles in neuropathic pain.

In a clinical setting, it is important to first assess the intensity of pain felt by patients to understand the cause of their pain and judge the effect of any treatment. However, it is very difficult to assess the intensity of pain because pain is essentially a subjective experience. Recently, while it has been shown that pain can be assessed more objectively with the use of Pain Vision[®] (NIPRO CO Ltd., Osaka, Japan), which judges the intensity of pain by a low electric current, the degree of pain is typically assessed subjectively through the use of various approaches, including the visual analog scale (VAS), numerical rating scale (NRS), verbal rating scale, and face scale. Therefore, a method is urgently needed to realize the objective assessment of the intensity of pain.

The nociceptive signals to the central nervous system are transmitted primarily by small myelinated (A δ) and unmyelinated (C) sensory afferent fibers to the substantia gelatinosa in the dorsal horn, with further rostral spread to the ventral-posterior nucleus of the thalamus (Craig, 1996; Han et al., 1998). Furthermore, nociceptive information is transmitted by a neuronal pathway projecting from the thalamus to the so-called pain matrix, which includes the somatosensory cortex (S1) and cingulate cortex (CG). While neuropathic pain may result from hypersensitivity because of the alteration of these primary afferent neurons and/or spinal dorsal

horn neurons following nerve injury (Ji and Woolf, 2001), there have been few reports on the hypersensitivity of sensory neurons following nerve injury that would lead to the direct activation of ascending pain transmission in animal models. Interestingly, functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) can be used to objectively evaluate pain perception in the central nervous system in healthy subjects and in those with various kinds of pain (Honore et al., 2000; Zhang et al., 2004). Noxious heat stimulation in humans or repetitive heat stimulation through peltier elements in animals has been shown to activate several brain regions (Becerra et al., 1999; Wise et al., 2002, 2004). Recently, it has been demonstrated that neuroimaging in humans and animals can be used to detect changes in regional activation initiated by noxious stimulation or the administration of drugs that modulate pain (Honey et al., 2008; Leslie and James, 2000; Shih et al., 2008), which shows that fMRI is useful for objectively investigating the mechanism of neuropathic pain related to the activation of ascending pain pathways in animal models.

Patients with chronic pain also commonly experience sleep disturbance (Atkinson et al., 1988; Morin et al., 1998; O'Brien et al., 2010; Pilowsky et al., 1985), and the treatment of such sleep disturbance may be beneficial in these patients (O'Brien et al., 2010). It has been reported that sleep problems and daytime sleepiness are common among opioid-treated primary care patients with chronic pain and seem to be related mainly to depression and the severity of pain (Zgierska et al., 2007). Therefore, in the present study, we tried to visualize the intensity of pain by assessing neuronal activity under a neuropathic pain-like state in mice using the fMRI assay and investigated sleep disturbance by using electroencephalogram (EEG)/electromyogram (EMG) recording. Furthermore, we evaluated the effect of gabapentin (GBP) on pain-related brain hyperactivation and its relation to sleep disturbance using both of these techniques.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Animals

The present study was conducted in accordance with the Guiding Principles for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, Hoshi University, as adopted by the Committee on Animal Research of Hoshi University, which is accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan. This study was approved by the Animal Research Committee of Hoshi University. C57BL/6J mice (weighing 18–23 g, 260 males) (CLEA Japan, Inc., Tokyo, Japan) were used for this study. Animals were kept in a room with an ambient temperature of 23°C \pm 1°C and a 12-h light–dark cycle (lights on 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.). Food and water were available *ad libitum* during the experimental period. At the end of

Abbreviations

BOLD	blood oxygenation level-dependent
CG	cingulate cortex
DRG	dorsal root ganglia
EEG	electroencephalogram
EMG	electromyogram
EPI	echo planar imaging technique
fMRI	functional magnetic resonance imaging
GBP	gabapentin
lTH	lateral thalamic region
mTH	medial thalamic region
NREM	nonrapid eye movement
NRS	numerical rating scale
PMPS	postmastectomy pain syndrome
PTPS	postthoracotomy pain syndrome
REM	rapid eye movement
ROI	Regions of interest
VAS	visual analog scale.

the experiments, animals were humanely killed by a rising concentration of ethyl ether.

Neuropathic pain model

We produced a partial sciatic nerve injury by tying a tight ligature with a 8-0 silk suture around approximately one-third to one-half the diameter of the sciatic nerve on the right side (ipsilateral side) under a light microscope (SD30, Olympus, Tokyo, Japan) as described previously. In sham-operated animals, the nerve was exposed without ligation.

Measurement of thermal thresholds

Thermal and tactile thresholds were performed following the methods described previously. To assess the sensitivity to thermal stimulation, the right plantar surface of mice was tested individually using a well-focused radiant heat light source (model 33 Analgesia Meter; IITC/Life Science Instruments, Woodland Hills, CA). The intensity of the thermal stimulus was adjusted to achieve an average baseline paw-withdrawal latency of ~8–10 s in naive mice. The paw-withdrawal latency was determined as the average of three measurements per paw. Only quick hind paw movements (with or without licking of hind paws) away from the stimulus were considered to be a withdrawal response. Paw movements associated with locomotion or weight-shifting were not counted as a response. The paws were measured alternating between left and right with an interval of more than 3 min between measurements. Before the behavioral responses to the thermal stimulus were tested, mice were habituated for at least 30 min in a clear acrylic cylinder (15 cm high and 8 cm in diameter). Under these conditions, the latency of paw withdrawal in response to the thermal stimulus was tested. The data represent the average value for the paw withdrawal latency of the right hind paw.

Mild noxious heat stimulation

Contact heat stimulation was applied using a custom-made, computer-controlled peltier heating and cooling device. Peltier elements with a surface area of $8.3 \times 8.3 \text{ mm}^2$ were fixed at the right hindpaw. Starting at a baseline of 34°C , a stimulation temperature of 43°C – 46°C was reached after 18 s at 0.67°C/s . The stimulation temperature plateau was held for 20 s. Over the subsequent 22 s, the temperature was dropped linearly back to the baseline.

Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI)

Experiments were performed with a Unity Inova spectrometer (Varian, Palo Alto, CA), which was interfaced to a 9.4-T/31-cm horizontal bore magnet equipped with actively shielded gradients capable of

300 mT/m in a risetime of 500 s (Magnex Scientific, Abingdon, UK). During the measurements, mice were slightly anesthetized with isoflurane (0.5%–1%). Mice were then transferred to a cradle designed to fit inside the probe of the MR system. A continuous fMRI scanning protocol was used to study changes in brain signal intensity using T2-weighted blood oxygenation level-dependent (BOLD) contrast.

A functional series was acquired using the Echo Planar Imaging Technique (EPI: matrix = 64×64 , TR = 2000 ms, TE = 35 ms, 2 acquisitions, slice thickness = 1 mm, field of view = $25.6 \times 25.6 \text{ mm}^2$). Anatomical scans with high spatial resolution were collected using a fast spin echo pulse sequence (matrix = 256×256 , TR = 2000 ms, TE = 45 ms, slice thickness = 1 mm, field of view = $25.6 \times 25.6 \text{ mm}^2$).

Sciatic nerve-ligated mice were lightly anesthetized with 0.75% of isoflurane at 7 days after surgery, and heat stimuli were applied to the right hindpaw. Likewise, to investigate the effect of a single intraperitoneal (i.p.) treatment with GBP, mice were lightly anesthetized with 0.75% isoflurane at 2 h after i.p. injection of GBP (60 mg/kg/mouse), and heat stimuli were applied to the right hindpaw.

Data analysis was carried out using FEAT (<http://www.fmrib.ox.ac.uk>) software packages. Z (Gaussianised T/F) statistic images were set up on the condition of $Z > 2.3$, with clusters with a significance threshold of $P = 0.05$. Regions of interest (ROI) were manually selected and statistical analyses were performed using ImageJ image-analysis software. ROI were drawn according to an atlas of the mouse brain. The BOLD signal intensity values in each ROI were extracted and normalized to the time of baseline (expressed as a percent change from baseline).

Electroencephalogram and electromyogram recordings

Under 3% isoflurane anesthesia, mice were implanted with electroencephalogram (EEG) and electromyogram (EMG) electrodes for polysomnographic recordings (Pinnacle Technology, Inc., KS). Briefly, to monitor EEG signals, two stainless-steel EEG recording screws were positioned 1 mm anterior to the bregma or lambda, both 1.5 mm lateral to the midline. EMG activity was monitored by stainless steel, teflon-coated wires placed bilaterally into both trapezius muscles. Sleep-wake states were then monitored for a period of 24 h, encompassing both the baseline and the experimental day. The EEG/EMG signals were amplified, filtered (EEG, 0.5–30 Hz; EMG, 20–200 Hz), digitized at a sampling rate of 128 Hz, and recorded by using SLEEPSIGN software (Kissei Comtec, Nagano, Japan). Vigilance was automatically classified off-line by 4-s epochs into three stages, i.e., wakefulness, rapid eye movement (REM), and non-

REM (NREM) sleep, by SLEEPSIGN according to the standard criteria. As a final step, defined sleep-wake stages were examined visually and corrected, if necessary. For each epoch, the EEG power density in the delta (0.75–4.0 Hz) and theta bands (6.25–9.0 Hz) and the integrated EMG value were displayed on a PC monitor. Three vigilance states—(1) waking (high EMG and low EEG amplitude and high theta activity concomitant with highest EMG values), (2) NREM sleep (low EMG and high EEG amplitude, high delta activity), and (3) REM sleep (low EMG and low EEG amplitude, high theta activity)—were determined for 4-s epochs and the scores were entered into a PC via a keyboard. EEG and EMG activities were monitored for 24 h at 7 days after sciatic nerve ligation. Recordings were started from 8:00 p.m. Saline or GBP was injected three times at 8:00 p.m. (saline or 60 mg/kg of GBP), 2:00 a.m. (saline or 60 mg/kg of GBP), and 8:00 a.m. (saline or 300 mg/kg of GBP).

Drugs

The drug used in this study was gabapentin (GBP; Sigma-Aldrich Co.). GBP was dissolved in 0.9% sterile physiological saline.

Statistical analysis

Data are expressed as the mean with SEM. The statistical significant of differences between the groups was assessed with one-way or two-way ANOVA following by the Bonferroni multiple comparisons test. All statistical analyses were performed with Prism version 5.0a (GraphPad Software, Inc., CA).

RESULTS

Thermal hyperalgesia induced by sciatic nerve ligation in mice

Sciatic nerve ligation caused a marked decrease in the latency of paw withdrawal in response to a thermal stimulus only on the ipsilateral side ($F_{(2,17)} = 17.11$, $P < 0.001$ vs. nerve-ligated mice with saline, Fig. 1). Such a persistent painful state caused by partial ligation of the sciatic nerve was suppressed by GBP ($F_{(2,17)} = 17.11$, $P < 0.001$ vs. nerve-ligated mice with saline). Under the present condition, GBP at the dose used did not show the acute antinociceptive effect in sham-operated mice (data not shown).

Changes in BOLD signal intensity under a neuropathic pain-like state using fMRI

We investigated the changes in BOLD signal intensity in sciatic nerve-ligated mice under 0.5%–1% isoflurane anesthesia using fMRI. BOLD signal intensity correlates with neuronal activity in pain. Sciatic nerve ligation produced a significant increase in BOLD signal intensity in the medial thalamic region

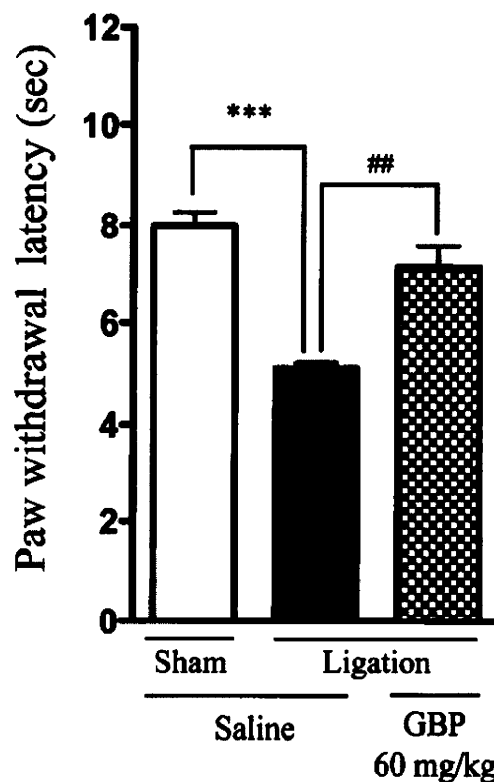


Fig. 1. Effect of gabapentin (GBP) on thermal hyperalgesia induced by nerve ligation in mice. Groups of mice were injected with GBP (60 mg/kg, i.p.) or saline at 7 days after sciatic nerve ligation or sham operation. Thermal hyperalgesia was measured 1 h after a single i.p. injection of GBP or saline treatment. One-way ANOVA was performed, followed by bonferroni testing. Each point represents the mean \pm SEM of six to eight mice. *** $P < 0.001$ vs. sham with saline, ## $P < 0.01$ vs. nerve ligation with saline.

(mTH, $F_{(1,12)} = 9.493$, $P < 0.01$), lateral thalamic region (lTH, $F_{(1,12)} = 4.993$, $P < 0.05$), cingulate cortex (CG, $F_{(1,12)} = 15.20$, $P < 0.01$), and somatosensory cortex (S1, $F_{(1,12)} = 50.27$, $P < 0.001$) compared to the sham operation (Fig. 2).

Changes in the analgesic effect of GBP under a neuropathic pain-like state using fMRI

Two hours after the i.p. injection of GBP in the sciatic nerve ligation groups, BOLD signal intensity was significantly decreased in the mTH ($F_{(1,12)} = 9.493$, $P < 0.01$), lTH, ($F_{(1,12)} = 4.993$, $P < 0.05$), CG ($F_{(1,12)} = 15.2$, $P < 0.01$), and S1 ($F_{(1,12)} = 50.27$, $P < 0.001$) compared to that with the injection of saline (Fig. 2B).

Changes in vigilance under a neuropathic pain-like state using EEG/EMG

Using this experimental model for neuropathic pain, we next investigated the changes in sleep patterns in sciatic nerve-ligated mice. Cerebral cortical activity and postural muscle tone, monitored by EEG/

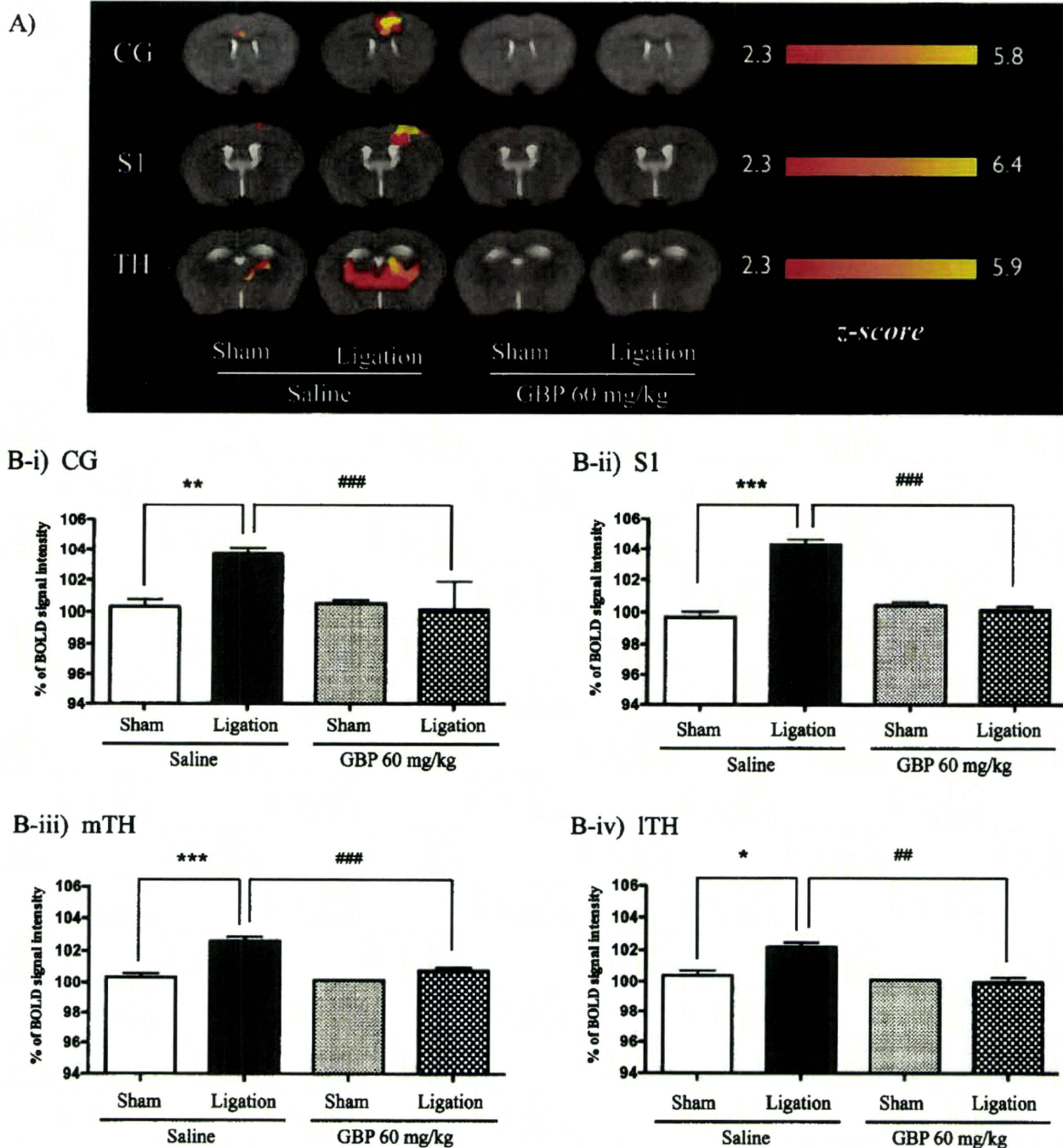


Fig. 2. Effect of gabapentin (GBP) on the increase in BOLD signal intensity induced by sciatic nerve ligation. A: BOLD signal intensity in the cingulate cortex (CG), somatosensory cortex (S1), and thalamic region (TH) was measured 60 min (CG), 80 min (S1), or 100 min (TH), respectively, after a single i.p. injection of GBP (60 mg/kg) or saline in sham-operated or sciatic nerve-ligated mice. GBP or saline was injected at 7 days after sciatic nerve ligation or sham operation. B:

BOLD signal intensity is expressed as percentages of the corresponding baseline levels with mean \pm SEM for five mice. (B-i): CG, (B-ii) S1, and (B-iii) medial thalamic region (mTH); (B-iv) lateral thalamic region (lTH). Two-way ANOVA was performed followed by bonferroni testing. Each bar represents the mean \pm SEM of five mice. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$ vs. sham-operated mice with saline, ### $P < 0.01$, ### $P < 0.001$ vs. nerve-ligated mice with saline.

EMG, are useful for discriminating sleep/wake abnormalities. Vigilance was classified offline into three stages: wakefulness, rapid eye movement (REM) sleep, and non-REM (NREM) sleep. Sciatic nerve ligation

groups showed a statistically significant increase in wakefulness ($F_{(1,4)} = 17.55$, $P < 0.05$ vs. sham operated mice with saline) and a decrease in NREM sleep ($F_{(1,4)} = 23.24$, $P < 0.01$ vs. sham-operated mice

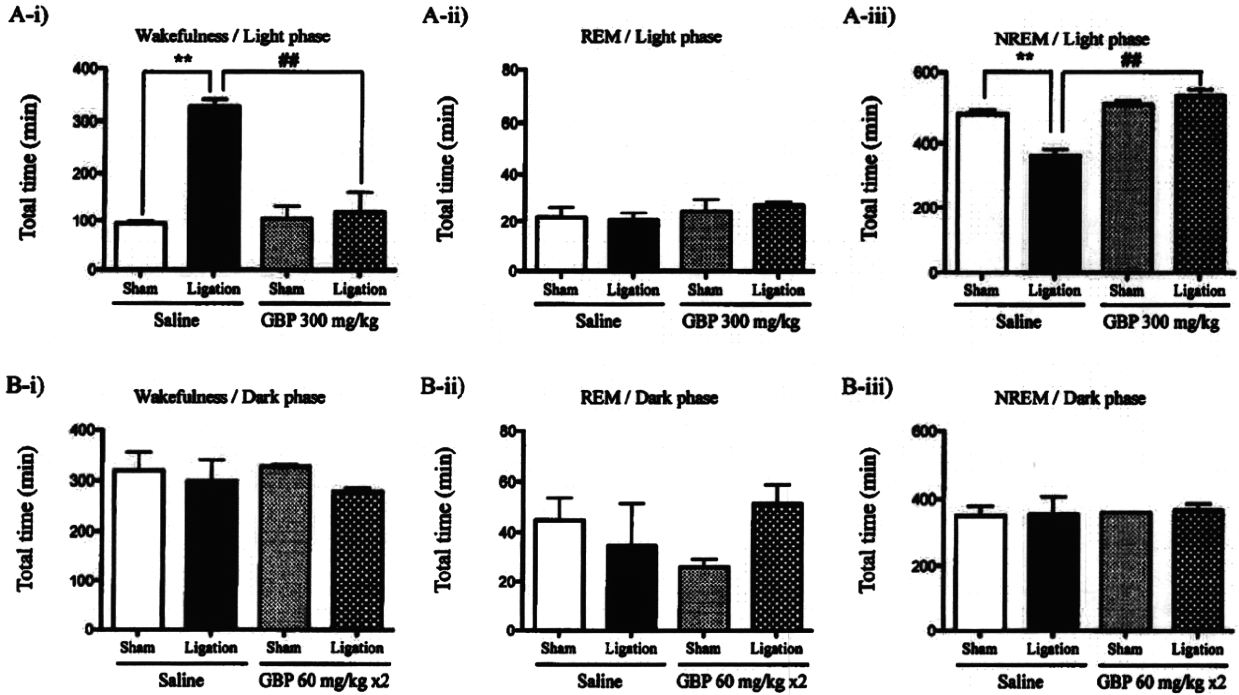


Fig. 3. Changes in sleep vigilance related to hypnotic effects of GBP under a neuropathic pain-like state as determined by EEG/EMG recordings. Sleep-wake states following saline or GBP injection at 7 days after sciatic nerve ligation. Saline or GBP was injected three times at 8:00 p.m. (saline or 60 mg/kg of GBP), 2:00 a.m. (saline or 60 mg/kg of GBP), and 8:00 a.m. (saline or 300 mg/kg of GBP). Total time spent in the wakefulness stage [in the light

phase (A-i) and dark phase (B-i)], REM sleep stage [in the light phase (A-ii) and dark phase (B-ii)], and NREM sleep stage [in the light phase (A-iii) and in dark phase (B-iii)] was determined by EEG/EMG recording. Two-way ANOVA was performed followed by bonferroni testing. Each bar represents the mean \pm SEM of five mice. ** $P < 0.01$ vs. sham operation with saline, ## $P < 0.01$ vs. nerve ligation with saline.

with saline) during the light phase (Fig. 3A). REM sleep during the light phase was not affected by sciatic nerve ligation. On the other hand, there was no significant difference in the sleep conditions during the dark phase between the two groups (Fig. 3B).

Changes in the hypnotic effects of GBP under a neuropathic pain-like state using EEG/EMG recording

To confirm the changes in the hypnotic effects of GBP under a neuropathic pain-like state, we performed EEG/EMG recording. The increased wakefulness and decreased NREM during the light phase were significantly attenuated by i.p. injection of GBP in nerve-ligated mice compared to those in sham-operated mice (wakefulness: $F_{(1,4)} = 17.55$, $P < 0.05$ vs. nerve-ligated mice with saline, NREM: $F_{(1,4)} = 23.24$, $P < 0.01$ vs. nerve-ligated mice with saline, Fig. 3).

DISCUSSION

Since cortical areas are activated by receiving noxious information through the spinothalamic tract, neuroimaging studies may be able to reveal their activities by demonstrating brain circuitry (Borsook et al., 2007; Jones et al., 1991; Talbot et al., 1991). These cortical

representations of pain are called the pain matrix, which includes the S1, CG, and prefrontal cortex (Treede et al., 1999). Among these areas, the CG area is an affective-motivational component of pain and mainly receives information from the medial system of the spinothalamic tract (Melzack, 1999; Rorden and Karnath, 2004). On the other hand, the S1 area is a sensory-discriminative component of pain and mainly receives information from the lateral system of the spinothalamic tract. The mTH and lTH are also categorized as centers for pain perception and relay sensory information to those cortical areas. In the present fMRI study, we investigated the changes in BOLD signal intensity in several brain regions following the application of heat stimuli with the use of peltier elements tightly attached to the right hindpaws of nerve-ligated mice. Sciatic nerve-ligated mice with mild noxious stimulation under anesthesia exhibited a significant increase in the BOLD signal in the mTH, lTH, CG, and S1. Therefore, we propose here that "pain" may be memorized in the brain during an operation if analgesic drugs are not used, which results in the development of neuropathic pain in some cases. In fact, postthoracotomy pain syndrome (PTPS) (Hazelrigg et al., 2002; Karmakar and Ho, 2004; Koehler and Keenan, 2006) and postmastectomy pain syndrome

(PMPS) (Couceiro et al., 2009; Ramesh et al., 2009; Vecht et al., 1989) have been classified as neuropathic pain. Koehler et al. reported that PTPS brings psychological distress to the patient, and also has detrimental effects on pulmonary function and postoperative mobility, leading to increased morbidity. Therefore, aggressive perioperative and postoperative pain management is best achieved through the use of an epidural anesthetic and by covering breakthrough pain with an i.v.-PCA (Koehler and Keenan, 2006). Karmakar et al. reported that an aggressive multimodal perioperative pain management regimen should be commenced before the surgical incision to prevent PTPS. In PMPS, one of the most well-established risk factors for the development of phantom breast pain and other related neuropathic pain syndromes is severe acute postoperative pain, indicating that the relief of severe acute pain may reduce the risk of chronic pain (Ramesh et al., 2009). Therefore, it seems likely that aggressive multimodal perioperative pain management with analgesics is indispensable for preventing the development of chronic pain related to invasive surgery, regardless of whether or not patients are conscious.

GBP is a novel analgesic drug, which was originally developed as an anticonvulsant (Governo et al., 2008). GBP has little effect in models of acute nociception (Eckhardt et al., 2000; Hunter et al., 1997; Jun and Yaksh, 1998; Stanfa et al., 1997), but significantly attenuates hyperalgesia (Jones and Sorkin, 1998; Jun and Yaksh, 1998) and allodynia (Hwang and Yaksh, 1997) in neuropathic pain models (Chapman et al., 1998; Coderre et al., 2007; Field et al., 2000; Fox et al., 2003; Joshi et al., 2006; Ling et al., 2007; Lynch et al., 2004; Xiao et al., 2007). In the clinical setting, GBP is used to relieve many chronic pain states, including neuropathic pain (Attal et al., 2006; Backonja et al., 1998; Hempenstall et al., 2005; Iannetti et al., 2005; Rice and Maton, 2001; Rowbotham et al., 1998). GBP binds to the auxiliary $\alpha_2\delta$ subunit of voltage-sensitive calcium channels (Dooley et al., 2007; Gee et al., 1996). Although other mechanisms have also been proposed (Chizh et al., 2000; Shimoyama et al., 2000), $\alpha_2\delta$ subunits are likely to be important sites of action that underlie the analgesic effects of GBP (Governo et al., 2008). In the present study, increased BOLD signal intensity was almost absent in brain regions related to pain, including the mTH, ITH, CG, and S1 after i.p. injection of GBP in sciatic nerve-ligated mice, indicating that GBP almost completely suppressed the transmission of pain signals to their related regions after nerve injury.

Since GBP almost completely suppressed the transmission of pain signals to the CG area, which is related to an affective-motivational component of pain, we next investigated the effect of GBP on sleep disorder under a neuropathic pain-like state. Several clinical reports on chronic pain of various etiologies have shown that it significantly interferes with sleep

(Atkinson et al., 1988; Galer et al., 2000a,b; Haythornthwaite et al., 1991; Moffitt et al., 1991; Morin et al., 1998; Nicholson and Verma, 2004; O'Brien et al., 2010; Pilowsky et al., 1985; Zgierska et al., 2007). In the present study, we demonstrated that wakefulness and NREM sleep are equally disturbed in sciatic nerve-ligated mice. It was previously reported that constriction of the sciatic nerve induced poor sleep quality with disrupted sleep in rats, particularly during the first week of that condition. In the present study, sleep dysregulation was observed 7 days after sciatic nerve ligation in mice. Under the present condition, a higher dose of i.p. GBP clearly improved such sleep disturbance during the light phase ("sleep period" for mice) in nerve-ligated mice. In contrast, the i.p. administration of GBP did not affect the sleep pattern during the dark phase ("waking period" for mice). Taken together, the present results indicate that treatment with adequate doses of GBP through the "waking-sleep" cycle is an effective method for patients to control pain and improve sleeping disturbance without affecting their daily life under a neuropathic pain-like state.

In conclusion, we successfully visualized the intensity of neuropathic pain in an animal model using fMRI in this study. Even if mice were under isoflurane anesthesia, sciatic nerve ligation along with the application of thermal noxious stimuli caused a significant increase in BOLD signal in brain regions related to pain. The increased BOLD signal intensity was dramatically decreased in the pain-matrix brain area of sciatic nerve-ligated mice after i.p. injection of GBP. In the EEG/EMG recording, increased wakefulness and decreased NREM sleep were clearly observed following sciatic nerve ligation. This sleep disturbance was also completely restored to the normal sleep condition by a relatively higher dose of GBP. These findings provide evidence that GBP is useful for improving the quality of sleep and for controlling pain in patients with neuropathic pain.

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A multicenter study was performed to confirm the appropriateness of the dose conversion ratio for switching to HFT-290, which was established based on a new conversion ratio (morphine : fentanyl = 100 : 1). The subjects were patients whose cancer pain was controlled by morphine preparations or oxycodone hydrochloride hydrate sustained-release tablets. HFT-290 was applied at the same dose once daily for 7 days, and the difference in the severity of pain at rest (change of the VAS pain score) between the time of enrollment and final removal of HFT-290 (discontinuation) was evaluated as the primary end-point.

Of 68 patients who consented to participation in this study, 66 were enrolled. Among them, 65 patients (morphine group : 29, oxycodone group : 36) and 42 patients (morphine group : 19, oxycodone group : 23) were classified as the FAS and PPS, respectively.

In the FAS, the 95% confidence interval for the percent change of the VAS pain score was -3.4 to 4.6 mm. Because the upper and lower limit values of the 95% confidence interval were both 15 mm or less, the appropriateness of the dose conversion ratio was confirmed. Similar results were obtained in the groups receiving morphine or oxycodone as the prior opioid analgesics. The VAS pain score remained stable before and after switching in both groups, i.e., satisfactory pain control was maintained. The dose conversion ratio for HFT-290 was considered to be appropriate from both morphine preparations and oxycodone hydrochloride hydrate sustained-release tablets.

Adverse drug reactions caused by HFT-290 similar to those due to conventional transdermal preparations of fentanyl, and none of them had any clinical implications.

These results suggest that the new conversion ratio for switching to HFT-290 from morphine preparations or oxycodone hydrochloride hydrate sustained-release tablets to HFT-290 is appropriate, so that pain will also be controlled satisfactorily after switching.

Key words : HFT-290 ; fentanyl citrate ; cancer pain ; conversion ratio ; transdermal patch

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