

selegiline

Newur against MP-induced dopaminergic neurotoxicity

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rather than neurorescue or neurorestorative effects; on MPP-induced nigrostriatal dopaminergic neuronal degeneration which is directly related to selective and irreversible inhibition of brain MAO-B activity.

ABSTRACT

INTRODUCTION

Ant: 1b study the neuroprotective and neurorescue and neurorestorative effects of selegiline (Sel) on nigrostriatal dopaminergic neuronal system and its inhibition of brain monoamine oxidase B (MAO-B). **METHODS:** The striatal levels of dopamine and its metabolites were measured using HPLC with electrochemical detection (HPLC-EC). The inhibition of MAO-B was tested by an approved substrate assay.

Selegiline (Sel) a selective irreversible inhibitor of monoamine oxidase B (MAO-B) was used as an important adjuvant with L-dopa in the treatment of Parkinson's disease (PD) and also used alone as a primary treatment in early phase of PD⁽¹⁾. In preclinical research MPTP-lesion was used to establish a suitable animal model for investigating the disease. Sel could antagonize the neurotoxicity of 1-methyl-4-phenyl-2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (MPP⁺) which had to be metabolized to its active toxic metabolite 1-methyl-4-phenylpyridinium (MPP⁺) by MAO-B to induce the neurotoxicity⁽²⁾. However whether the neuroprotective effect of Sel was mainly due to its inhibition of MAO-B had become a controversial topic^(3,4). The present study was designed to clarify whether Sel had neuroprotective, neurorescue or neurorestorative actions against the neurotoxicity of MPP⁺, and whether its actions were predominately induced by inhibition of brain MAO-B.

RESULTS: 1-Methyl-4-(2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-4-yl)pyridine (MPP⁺) (1 mg/kg ip) induced the striatal dopamine level by 13% in mice. Selegiline (Sel) (10 mg/kg ip) before but not after MPP⁺ treatment protected against MPP⁺ induced nigrostriatal dopaminergic neurotoxicity. There were no differential effects between Sel and saline treatments on the recovery of striatal dopamine levels. MPP⁺ was restored during 182 weeks. 1-Methyl-4-phenylpyridinium (MPP⁺) (5 mg/kg ip) induced monoamine oxidase B (MAO-B) activity. Furthermore Sel selectively and reversibly inhibited mouse brain MAO-B *in vitro* (IC₅₀ = 17 μM). The Lineweaver-Burk plot limits = 14 - 20 nmol/L.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

CONCLUSION: Selegiline has neuroprotective

Drugs and chemicals Sel, MPTP and MPP⁺ were purchased from RBI (Natick, MA, USA). Kynurenic acid and 4-hydroxyquinoline were from Sigma (USA). These compounds

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were dissolved freshly in line. DA)OPAC and HVA were from Fluka (Switzerland) and were dissolved in HClO₄ 0.1 mol·L⁻¹ containing sodium edetate (1 %) and NaOH 5 (0.5 %).

Mice and treatments CS7BL/6J mice (weighing 20 g ± 2 g) were supplied from Shanghai Experimental Animal Center (Certificate of Quality Control by the Animal Management Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences). Mice were randomly assigned to 12 treatment groups (n = 6). Drugs of each group was given as shown in Tab 1. Mice of the last 4 groups were injected with Sel (10 mg·kg⁻¹) 30 min before or after another injection of MPTP (30 mg·kg⁻¹) on d 1, 3 and 9, respectively. Mice of the 5 and 6th groups were decapitated on d 17, and the 7 and 8th on d 24. Mice of the other groups were killed on d 10.

Preparation of samples for HPLC Mouse brain striata were immediately dissected, weighed and homogenized in ice-cold HClO₄ 0.1 mol·L⁻¹ containing sodium edetate (1%) and NaOH 5 (0.5 %). After centrifugation (2000 × g, 4 °C, 15 min) the supernatants were collected for HPLC.

HPLC condition A modified method was used with HPLC-EC (BAS West Lafayette

IN USA). Apha 200S 3 mm column (1.5 μm BAS) was used with a flow rate maintained at 1 mL·min⁻¹. The full scale on the detector was set to 10 nA, the operating potential was 750 mV, and the temperature was controlled at 25 °C. The mobile phase consisted of 0.1 mol·L⁻¹ NaOH 0.1 mol·L⁻¹ sodium octyl sulfate 1 mmol·L⁻¹ sodium acetate 0.1 mmol·L⁻¹ and methanol (60%).

Preparation of brain supernatant Mouse brains were homogenized in potassium phosphate buffer (containing Na₂HPO₄ 10 mmol·L⁻¹, KH₂PO₄ 10 mmol·L⁻¹, pH 7.2). The homogenate was centrifuged at 3600 × g for 10 min twice and then the supernatant was stored at -20 °C. Protein concentrations were adjusted to 5 mg·L⁻¹.

Assay of MAO-B inhibition An improved method was used. The fluorimetric method used the substrate for conversion by MAO-B to 4-hydroxy loline which was measured in alkaline media. The standard curve was established by adding 4-hydroxy loline 10 μL (10 nmol) to brain supernatant and potassium phosphate buffer (10 mmol·L⁻¹, pH 7.2) 2 μL. To determine MAO-B inhibition Sel 2.79-358

Tab 1. Dose of adtnhisoo.

	Dose of (mg/kg, kb-1, d-1)									
	d 1	d 2	d 3	d 4-6	d 7	d 8	d 9	d 10-16	d 17-23	
Jine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sel	10	10	10	-	10	10	10	-	-	-
MPrP	30	30	30	-	30	30	30	-	-	-
MPP+	5	5	5	-	5	5	5	-	-	-
MPTP+ Sel	30	30	30	-	30	30	30	-	-	-
MPTP+ Sel	30	30	30	-	30	30	30	10	-	-
MPTP+ Sel	30	30	30	-	30	30	30	-	-	-
MPTP+ Sel	30	30	30	-	30	30	30	10	10	-
Sel + MPP+	10+30	30	30	-	10+30	30	30	-	-	-
Sel + MPP+	30	30	30+10	-	30	30	30+10	-	-	-
Sel + MPP+	10+5	5	5	-	10+5	5	5	-	-	-
MPP+ + Selegiline	5	5	5+10	-	5	5	5+10	-	-	-

11mol.L-1 100 μL was mixed with buffer 1α)μL and 11pC11unanl 50μL. and incubated at 37 °C for 15 min. The reaction was started by adding kynurenic acid 3.07 μmol.L-1. 10 min later incubated at 37 °C for 15 min. The reaction was terminated by HCl. 0.6 μL of 10% HCl was added to each sample. The samples were centrifuged at 3150 rpm for 5 min and the supernatant was analyzed by HPLC. The results are shown in Table 2.

Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA by Dunnett's test. IC₅₀ and 95% confidence limits were calculated by logit method.

RESULTS

Effects of Sel pretreatment on MPTP-induced depletion of DA. Six injections of 1 mg/kg MPTP (30 mg/kg-1 ip) decreased striatal levels of DA and its metabolites (p < 0.01). Pretreatment with Sel (10 mg/kg-ip) on day 7 and day 9 did not rescue levels of DA, DOPAC and HVA (Tab 2).

Tab 2. Effects of Sel pretreatment on MPTP-induced depletions in striatal dopamine and its metabolites (μg/g) (wet tissue). n = 6. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001 vs control.

Treatment	DA	DOPAC	HVA
Saline	9.6 ± 0.7 ^f	0.8 ± 0.1 ^f	0.9 ± 0.2 ^f
Sel	10.8 ± 0.6 ^f	0.6 ± 0.1 ^h	0.6 ± 0.2 ^{bt}
MPTP	2.7 ± 0.6 ^g	0.3 ± 0.1 ^u	0.3 ± 0.1 ^g
Sel+MPTP	8.3 ± 0.6 ^f	0.6 ± 0.1 ^m	0.6 ± 0.1 ^{llc}
MPTP+Sel	3.9 ± 0.5 ^c	0.3 ± 0.1 ^t	0.4 ± 0.1 ^u

Effects of Sel on striatal recovery of DA. When the MPTP-lesioned mice were allowed

to recover for 2 weeks saline or Sel (10 mg/kg-ip) were given daily. No differences were found on the recovery of striatal DA (Tab 3).

Tab 3. Effects of Sel on the natural recovery of striatal DA in MPTP-lesioned mice and effects of MPTP on the striatal level of DA. n = 6. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001 vs saline.

Treatment	DA (μg/g-wet tissue)
Saline	9.8 ± 0.9
Sel	9.9 ± 0.7 ^u
MPTP	2.5 ± 0.6 ⁿ
MPTP+saline	4.3 ± 0.5 ^c
MPTP+Sel	4.2 ± 0.5 ^c
MPTP+saline	6.4 ± 0.7 ^b
MPTP+Sel	6.6 ± 0.7 ^b
MPTP	9.9 ± 0.5 ^s
Sel+MPTP	10.6 ± 0.8 ^{tt}
MPTP+Sel	10.5 ± 0.

Effects of MPTP on striatal DA level. 5 mg/kg-1 ip) induced neurotoxicity. The striatal levels of DA were not changed by MPTP and were not affected by Sel either (Tab 3).

Inhibition of MAO-B by sel. Selegiline (2.79 - 358 μg.L-1) inhibited mouse brain MAO-B activity. The IC₅₀ was 17 μg.L-1 and 95% confidence limits = 14-20 μg.L-1 (Fig 1).

DISCUSSION

Basic and clinical studies indicate oxidative mechanisms are involved in the pathogenesis of PD. Although sel has been used as a selective and irreversible inhibitor of MAO-B, how the mechanism of its effect

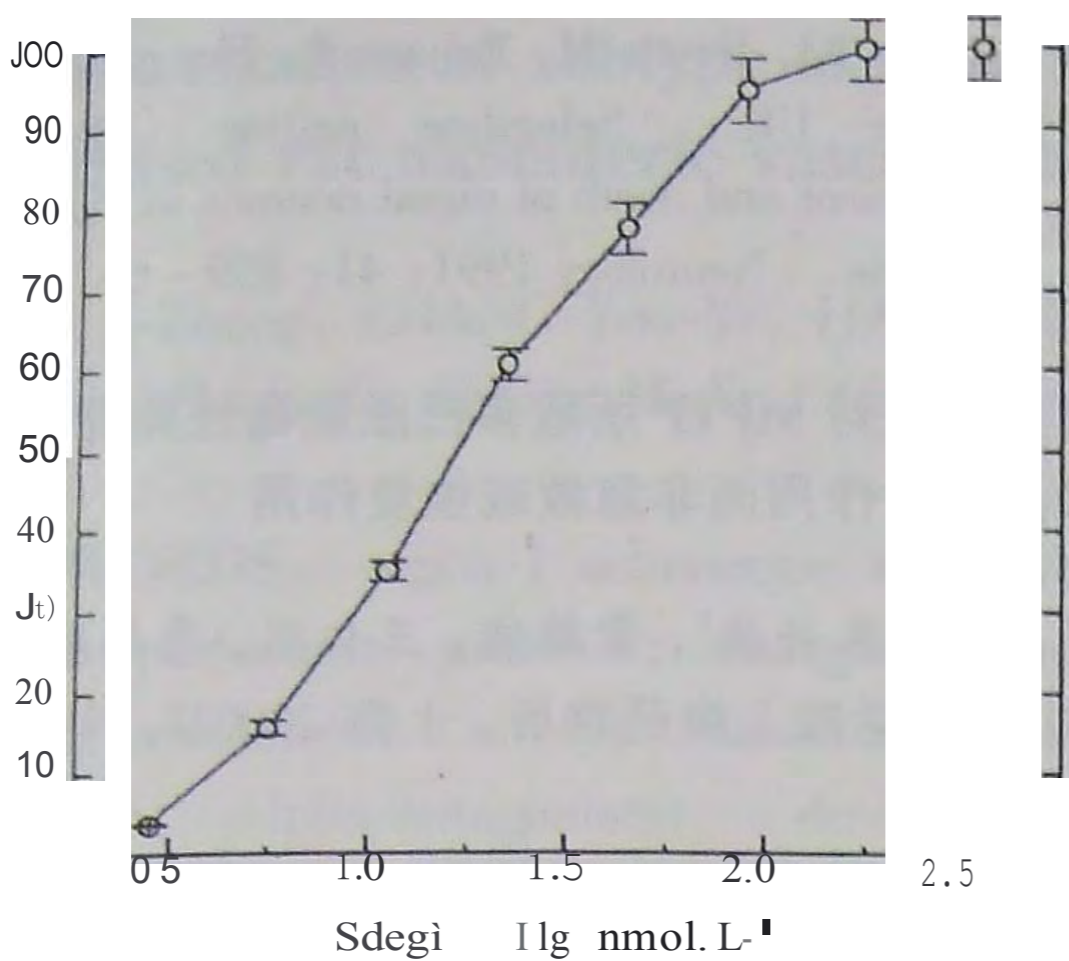


Fig 1. Inhibition of mouse brain MAO-B activity by selegiline. n=6. x±s.

Initially, it was examined whether the neuroprotective effect of Selegiline was primarily induced by inhibition of brain MAO-B. Using an improved method, it was found that Selegiline inhibited the activity of brain MAO-B *in vitro* which partially explained the effect of Selegiline. Our results are consistent with the data of clinical research including retrospective study [14] which confirmed neuroprotective effects of Selegiline.

In summary, it is neuroprotective effect rather than neurorescue or neurorestorative effect of Selegiline which is directly pertinent to the inhibition of brain MAO-B that contributes to its anti-MPP-induced neurodegenerative toxicity.

The possible neuroprotective strategies including MAO-B inhibitors should be used in the early phase of PD to retard its progression and extend the lifespan.

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unclear (0.10).

The present study used MPTP-lesioned mice as an animal model of PD to investigate the anti-neurodegenerative action of Selegiline. Pretreatment of Selegiline on d 1 and d 7 successfully mitigated the neurotoxicity of MPP+ which suggested its neuroprotective action. But the injections of Selegiline on d 3 and d 9 which closely followed the 3 consecutive injections of MPP+ did not block the depletions of striatal levels of DA, DOPAC and HVA. It indicated that Selegiline was lack of neurorescue action. Further, there was no differential effect between Selegiline and saline on the recovery of MPP+ lesioned mice which suggested Selegiline might not exert neurorestorative action. Our results also underpinned that the depletion of striatal dopamine caused by MPP+ in mice appeared to be reversible and the partial restoration might be due to the species-specific neuronal plasticity in mice.

That systematically treated MPP+ the most active toxic metabolite of MPTP induced no neurotoxicity suggested that MPP+ could not penetrate the blood-brain barrier and MPP+ was metabolized by brain MAO-B (12, 13) which converted MPP+ to MPP. Therefore, it is

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2α

(selegiline Sel)

B (MAO-B)

(DA)

MAO-B

kg (tp)

SeI (WD mg.kg⁻¹ ip)

WEP

2 wk Se

MPP+

MAO-B

IC₅₀ = 3.8;

5 % : 3.1 - 4.5 μg.t⁻¹

MAO-B

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