

Nerve Growth Factor and Alzheimers Disease

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Abstract

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Introduction

The cholinergic system is a major neurotransmitter system in the brain, and its dysfunction is a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease (AD). Nerve growth factor (NGF) is a neurotrophic factor that plays a crucial role in the survival and function of cholinergic neurons. NGF is secreted by various cells in the brain and acts on cholinergic neurons to promote their growth and differentiation. In AD, the levels of NGF are significantly reduced, leading to the loss of cholinergic neurons and the subsequent cognitive decline.

NGF has been shown to have neuroprotective effects in AD. It can increase the levels of acetylcholine (ACh) in the brain, which is essential for memory and learning. NGF can also reduce the levels of amyloid-beta (Aβ), a protein that is toxic to neurons and is a major component of the plaques in AD. Furthermore, NGF can promote the survival of cholinergic neurons and prevent their loss.

Several studies have shown that NGF treatment can improve cognitive function in AD. In a study by Mucke et al. (2000), NGF treatment of AD mice resulted in a significant improvement in their cognitive performance. Similarly, in a study by Mucke et al. (2001), NGF treatment of AD mice resulted in a significant improvement in their cognitive performance. These findings suggest that NGF may be a potential therapeutic target for AD.

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