Supplementary materials: Catalpol Inhibits Ischemia-Induced Premyelinating Oligodendrocyte Damage through Regulation of Intercellular Calcium Homeostasis via Na⁺/Ca²⁺ Exchanger 3

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Supplementary materials and methods

Drug treatment and Ca²⁺ imaging

Cultured PreOLs were divided into five groups as follows: control group (CTL), OGDtreated group (OGD), catalpol-treated group (CAT), KB-R7943+catalpol-treated group (KB+CAT), and NCX3 antibody+catalpol-treated group (Antibody+CAT). PreOL cultures in the OGD group were incubated in glucose-free DMEM medium (Gibco) with 8 mM Na₂S₂O₄ (Sigma) at 37°C for 30 min to scavenge O₂ molecules in solution and to reduce the partial pressure of O₂ to zero. Following OGD, the cells were maintained in glucose-containing medium in a 5% CO₂-containing atmosphere at 37°C for an additional 12 h. Cells in the CAT group were pretreated with 0.5 mM catalpol for 1 h prior to OGD. Cells in the KB+CAT group were simultaneously pretreated with 10 µM NCX inhibitor KB-R7943 (Sigma) and 0.5 mM catalpol for 1 h prior to OGD. Cells in the Antibody+CAT group were simultaneously pretreated with 2.5 µg/ml NCX3 antibody (Santa Cruz) and 0.5 mM catalpol for 1 h prior to OGD. The CTL group was maintained under a normoxic atmosphere in glucose-containing medium without catalpol, KB-R7943, or NCX3 antibody treatment. Real-time intracellular Ca²⁺ response under 30 mM high-glucose stimulation were monitored by a confocal laser scanning microscope (Olympus). Independent experiments were performed six times with 15-30 cells recorded for each experiment.

Supplementary results

KB-R7943 and NCX3 antibody have similar effects on intracellular Ca²⁺ response under OGD in presence of catalpol

In the CTL group, intracellular Ca²⁺ concentrations showed a transient elevation, and then rapidly returned to basal levels following high-glucose stimulation. By contrast, intracellular Ca²⁺ concentrations rose steadily throughout the period in PreOLs subjected to OGD. The total volume of intracellular Ca²⁺ in the OGD group was strongly increased, as shown by the elevated area under the curve compared to the CTL group (P < 0.01). However, catalpol treatment improved the recovery of Ca²⁺ concentrations toward to basal levels under high-glucose stimulation. The total volume of intracellular Ca²⁺ was significantly decreased following catalpol treatment, as demonstrated by the decreased area under the curve compared with the OGD group (P < 0.05). In the KB+CAT and Antibody+CAT groups, intracellular Ca²⁺ concentrations rose rapidly, and then decayed to a higher plateau after high-glucose stimulation. The total volume of intracellular Ca²⁺ was significantly elevated in the KB+CAT group (P < 0.05) and Antibody+CAT group (P < 0.05), as indicated by the elevated area under the curve relative to the CAT group. However, there was no significant difference between the KB+CAT group and Antibody+CAT group in the total volume of intracellular Ca²⁺ under OGD and high-glucose stimulation. These data demonstrated that KB-R7943 and NCX3 antibody have similar effects on intracellular Ca²⁺ response under OGD in presence of catalpol (Figure S1).



Figure S1. Effects of KB-R7943 and NCX3 antibody on intracellular Ca²⁺ response under OGD in presence of catalpol. (A) Representative Ca²⁺ response traces after high-glucose stimulation in the CTL, OGD, CAT, KB+CAT, and Antibody+CAT groups. (B) Quantification of total volume of intracellular Ca²⁺ under high-glucose stimulation in the CTL, OGD, CAT, KB+CAT, and Antibody+CAT groups. The area under the curve represents the total volume of intracellular Ca²⁺. Six separate experiments were conducted and 15-30 cells were recorded for each experiment. Data are shown as means ± SEM. **p* < 0.05; ***p* < 0.01.