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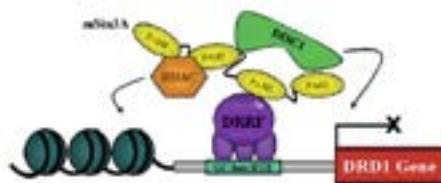
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DISC1-deficiency exaggerates cocaine sensitization by disrupting co-repressor complex DRRF-mSinA-DISC1 for *DRD1* gene

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Accumulating evidence suggest that disrupted-in-schizophrenia 1 (DISC1) modulates dopamine mediated function and involved in gene transcription in the brain. Our study was focused on these novel functions of DISC1 in the dopamine system. We demonstrated that DISC1-deficient mice showed an increase in dopamine D1 receptor (DRD1) transcripts in striatal region of the brain. DISC1-deficiency resulted in facilitation of the psychostimulant effect of cocaine in DISC1-deficient mice. The dopamine 1 antagonist, SCH-23390 blocked the psychostimulant effect of cocaine in DISC1-deficient mice. To elucidate molecular mechanism of this phenomenon, we characterized a novel co-repressor complex for *DRD1* gene locus composed of DRRF-mSin3A-DISC1. First, we could find a novel interaction between DISC1 and DRRF mainly co-localized in the nucleus. We also identified mSin3A binding with DRRF and DISC1, interestingly the binding intensity between DRRF and mSin3A was significantly increased by DISC1 co-expression. Furthermore, we observed an altered dopamine receptor mediated signaling in cultured striatal neurons (DIV 7) from DISC1-deficient mice. The basal level of cAMP and p-ERK were remarkably increased in DISC1 mutant mice. Taken together, we demonstrate a role of DISC1 in the striatum during cocaine sensitization, suggesting distinct mechanism of DISC1 in modulation of dopamine system through DRRF-mSinA-DISC1 co-repressor complex for *DRD1* gene.



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Biography

Su Jin Noh has her expertise in drug development and evaluation in neurological disorders. She studied potential drug development by mechanism-based targeting for curing neurodegenerative disease such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and stroke during her PhD program. Now she focuses on discovery of pathology of neuropsychiatric disease including schizophrenia or addiction.

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