

# Effects of Tamsulosin in Neurogenic Voiding Dysfunction in Rat Model

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## INTRODUCTION

- ◆  $\alpha 1$  AR antagonists were also used for voiding dysfunctions of neurogenic origin empirically.
- ◆ We are to investigate the effects of tamsulosin on the neurogenic voiding dysfunction in regard to peripheral bladder function and central micturition area using intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH) induced rat model.

## MATERIALS & METHODS

◆ **Animals** : Female Sprague-Dawley rats (10 weeks;  $260 \pm 10$  g)

- A. Sham-operation group (n = 10)
- B. ICH-induced group (n = 10)
- C. ICH-induced and 0.01mg/kg tamsulosin treated group (n = 10)
- D. ICH-induced and 0.1mg/kg tamsulosin treated group (n = 10)
- E. ICH-induced and 1mg/kg tamsulosin treated group (n = 10)

### ◆ Induction of ICH

- For the induction of hemorrhage in the hippocampal CA1 region, the rats placed in a stereotaxic frame.
- Though a hole drilled in the skull, a 26-gauge needle was implanted into the hippocampal CA1 region at the following coordinates: 2.4 mm lateral to the midline, 4.2 mm anterior to the coronal suture, and depth 2.4 mm deep from the surface of brain.
- ICH-induced and sham-groups received 2 $\mu$ l collagenase solution (containing 0.2 U/ $\mu$ l of Type IV collagenase) and 2 $\mu$ l physiological saline, respectively.

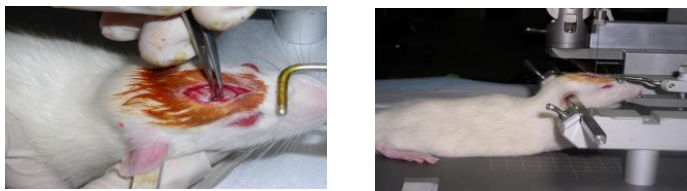


Fig. 1. Intracerebral hemorrhage-induction operation

### ◆ Cystometry

- The bladder function was tested using a cystometry.
- The rats were tested in a cystometry 14 days after first treatment of tamsulosin.

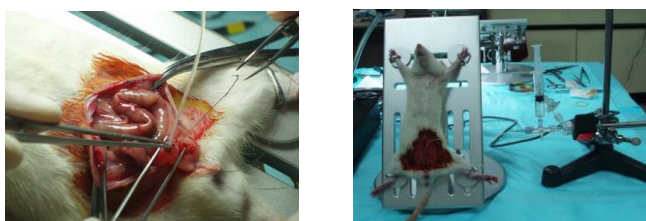


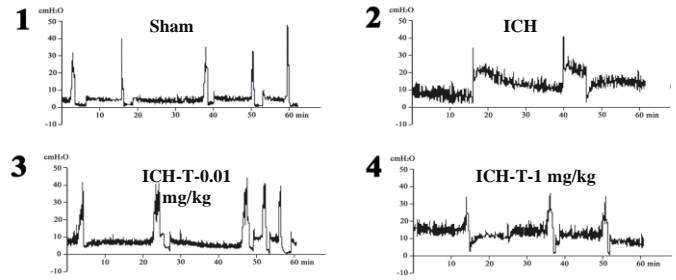
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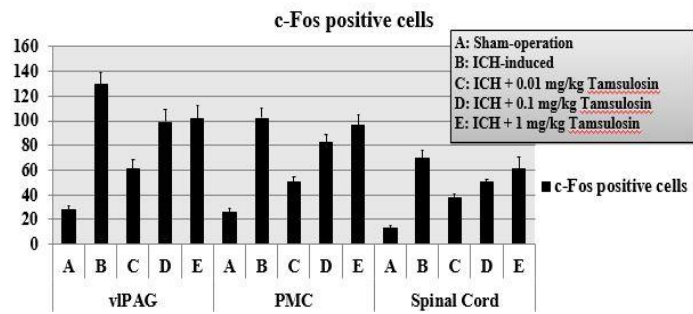
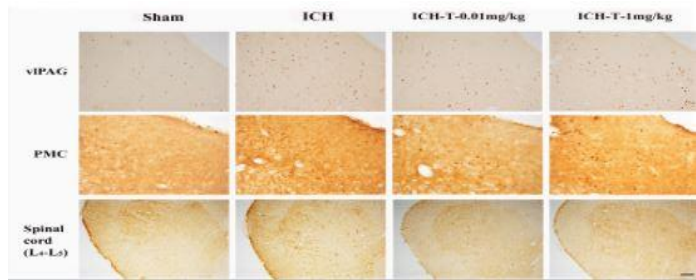
◆ **Data analysis – Immunohistochemistry (c-Fos & NGF)**

## RESULTS

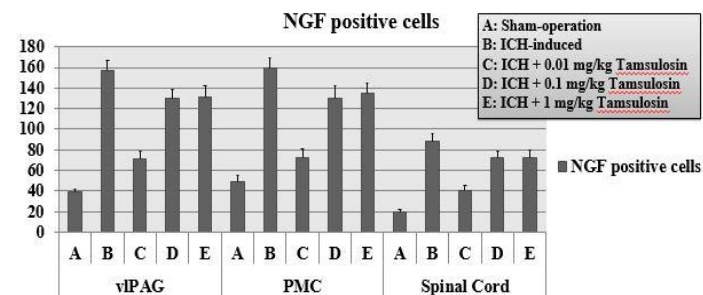
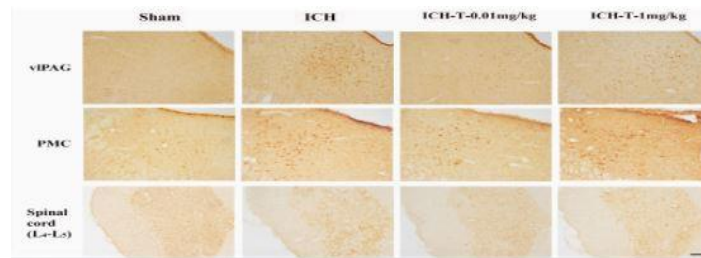
### ◆ Effects of tamsulosin on bladder function in cystometry



### ◆ Effects of tamsulosin on c-Fos expressions in the micturition centers



### ◆ Effects of tamsulosin on NGF expression in the micturition centers



## CONCLUSION

- ◆ Tamsulosin exerts inhibitory effect on neuronal activation in the neuronal voiding centers of ICH.
- ◆ The present results suggest the possibility that tamsulosin is effective therapeutic modality for ameliorating the symptoms of ICH.

## Disclosures Statement

I have no relevant financial relationships to disclose.