Comparison of Biochemical Properties and Protein Level of Mevalonate Pyrophosphate Decarboxylase between Stroke-Prone Spontaneously Hypertensive Rat and Wistar Kyoto Rat

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**ABSTRACT** : The spontaneously hypertensive rat (stroke-prone) (SHRSP) is rat that suffers from severe hypertension and cerebral hemorrhage. The serum cholesterol level of this rat is lower than that of normotensive Wistar Kyoto rat (WKY). Epidemiological studies have indicated a negative association between serum cholesterol level and the incidence of cerebral hemorrhage in human. Therefore, the low level of serum cholesterol in SHRSP may cause the cerebral stroke in this rat. The following investigation demonstrated that the activity for biosynthesis of cholesterol was decreased in SHRSP due to the reduced activity of mevalonate pyrophosphate decarboxylase (MPD). However, the mechanism underlying the reduced activity of this enzyme remains unclear. In this review, we indicate that an amount of MPD in the brain and liver of SHRSP is reduced from the age of two weeks.

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