

Food Quality and Advances in Pharmacological Management Prevent Mitochondrial Apoptosis and Epilepsy Induced Stroke

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Editorial

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Major interests in the promotion of neuron mitochondrial biogenesis versus mitochondrial apoptosis has accelerated with relevance to impaired mitochondrial function as a causative factor in various neurodegenerative diseases [1-3]. Evidence from various research groups have reported impaired mitochondrial dynamics (shape, size, fission-fusion, distribution, movement) in various neurodegenerative diseases. In the current global stroke epidemic [4-6] the concern for nutritional interventions and lifestyle changes has accelerated with relevance to maintenance of neuron mitochondrial biogenesis [7] and the prevention of accelerated brain ageing. Individuals with mitochondrial epilepsy [8,9] have been reported with the risk of epilepsy induced stroke [10,11].

The use of drug therapy to control epilepsy has been the focus of the modern era with systematic screening of many thousands of compounds in rodent seizure models [12,13] with advances in pharmacological management achieved over the last 20 years. The discovery of the heat shock gene *Sirtuin 1* (*Sirt 1*) is connected to neuron and mitochondrial biogenesis that is now important to neurodegeneration and epilepsy induced stroke [6,14]. The repression of *Sirt 1* indicates changes in core body temperature (**Figure 1**) that may be critical to toxic immune reactions with mitochondrial apoptosis [15] and sensitive to hyperthermia induced seizure [16,17]. *Sirt 1* is repressed in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and diabetes with inactivation of drug/xenobiotic therapy [18] that may lead to inactivation of antimicrobial/antiepileptic therapy (drug-drug interactions) (**Figure 1**) with relevance to neurodegeneration and epilepsy induced stroke [14]. Heat therapy in diabetics with epilepsy should be carefully regulated to prevent heat stress induced inactivation of the nuclear receptor *Sirt 1* [18].

Appetite control to maintain anti-epileptic drug therapy and neuron mitochondrial biogenesis has been the focus of nutritional research [14]. The current global chronic disease epidemic indicates that mitophagy [18,19] has become of major concern to drug treatment programs. Ingestion of a healthy diet is essential to prevent epilepsy and maintain the appetite gene *Sirt 1* [14]. Overnutrition represses *Sirt 1* with effects of food quality [14] that contain either bacterial lipopolysaccharides (LPS), mycotoxin or xenobiotics involved in interference [14,18] of the pharmacological management of patients with neurodegenerative disease and epilepsy. In individuals that consume food/drink that contains caffeine the effects of caffeine as a *Sirt 1* modulator [14] may be overridden with delayed hepatic caffeine metabolism associated with caffeine/drug interactions in the central nervous system and associated with inactivation of antimicrobial/antiepileptic therapy and drug induced mitochondrial toxicity. Pharmacological

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