

for NE and 5-HT elicit no more than a partial substitution for cocaine, low doses of desipramine and fluoxetine, as well as GBR 12909, enhance the cue produced by low doses of cocaine, a finding which may have important implications in the pharmacotherapy of cocaine abusers with such compounds. Additionally, both D₁ and D₂ DA receptors appear to be critical in the stimulus effects of cocaine. These data support a primary role for DA, but suggest that multiple receptors, and possibly other neural mediators as well, are integral in the discriminative state induced by cocaine.

CHANGES IN NEUROTRANSMITTER TURNOVER ASSOCIATED WITH COCAINE REINFORCEMENT. Steven I. Dworkin. Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.

Although the major involvement of central dopaminergic pathways in the neurobiologic mechanisms of reinforcement is undeniable, other neurotransmitter systems are also of considerable importance. The drug self-administration paradigm was coupled with an assessment of neurotransmitter turnover in discrete brain regions of the rat in order to determine the neurotransmitter systems involved in the reinforcing effects of cocaine. Members of littermate triads received intravenous presentations of either response-dependent cocaine (self-administered or SA), yoked response-independent cocaine (non-contingent or YC) or yoked saline infusions (YS). After at least 30 stable days of cocaine self-administration by the SA subject, access to cocaine was removed for a 24-hour period. The rats were then pulse labelled with radioactive precursors for the biogenic monoamine and amino acid neurotransmitters and sacrificed after either a 60- or 90-minute pulse period. It was reasoned that any differences observed between the YC and YS groups would be an indication of the pharmacologic actions of cocaine, whereas the differences found between the SA and YC groups would indicate the involvement of neurotransmitter systems in rats exposed to the reinforcing effects of the drug. The response-independent administration of cocaine resulted in 25 significant changes in a total of 15 brain regions. The self-administration of the drug was associated with 30 changes in 17 regions. Both increases and decreases in the turnover of dopamine, serotonin, norepinephrine, GABA, glutamate, glutamine and aspartate were observed. These data indicate that there are significant neurochemical differences associated with the self-administration of cocaine compared to the response-independent administration of the same amount of the drug. Moreover, the neurochemical systems associated with the reinforcing effects of cocaine involve several neurotransmitter systems and pathways in addition to the dopamine system.

RELATIONSHIP OF PSYCHOSTIMULANT MONOAMINERGIC AND BEHAVIORAL RESPONSE PROFILES. Ronald Kuczenski. University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA.

The recent application of microdialysis methodology has provided the opportunity to more directly evaluate neuronal-system/behavior relationships, and data obtained using this methodology confirm the profound effects of amphetamine, cocaine, and like stimulants on dopamine systems. However, our concomitant behavior/biochemistry characterizations reveal a clear dissociation between the expression of specific stimulant-induced behaviors and the quantitative aspects of the caudate and accumbens dopaminergic response. Thus we hypothesize that these behaviors involve the interaction of dopamine with other transmitters, including

serotonin and norepinephrine, and the present results will extend our characterization of the effects of amphetamine and other stimulants with differing mechanisms of action on regional dopamine, serotonin and norepinephrine.

PAPER SESSION

Imaging Technologies to Study Drugs and Behavior

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METABOLIC MAPPING OF THE EFFECTS OF ABUSED DRUGS IN ANIMALS. Linda J. Porrino. Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC.

The physiological and behavioral effects of the administration of drugs are the product of multiple processes at a number of anatomical sites. Therefore, to determine the neural substrates of these effects, it is necessary to identify neural events in circuits and pathways throughout the brain with methods capable of surveying the entire brain simultaneously such as the 2-[¹⁴C]deoxyglucose (2DG) method. Although the 2DG method may appear to be essentially an anatomical technique on the basis of autoradiographic images that are produced, it is in fact a biochemical method which measures a biological process, glucose utilization or the rate at which energy is consumed in neuroanatomically defined regions in the central nervous system of conscious behaving animals. It is possible, therefore, through the measurement of changes in rates of glucose utilization, to identify brain regions in which functional activity is altered during various experimental manipulations. The advantages and disadvantages of metabolic mapping will be addressed. In addition, there will be a discussion of how the method has been applied to show how the substrates of the effects of cocaine are dependent on the dose, route of administration, behavioral paradigm, as well as the behavioral history of the animal.

METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES IN PET STUDIES OF DRUGS OF ABUSE. Harriet de Wit, John T. Metz and Malcolm Cooper. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Positron emission tomography (PET) represents a unique experimental technique with which to study the effects of drugs on regional cerebral metabolic activity in humans. Several PET studies with abused drugs have now been conducted, using 18F-fluorodeoxyglucose as the tracer. While these studies provide valuable data, they also raise a number of methodological issues which must be taken into consideration when applying the techniques and interpreting the data. The sensitivity of PET is somewhat limited by the relatively poor spatial and temporal resolution of current systems. However, methods are available to overcome these problems, such as the use of oxygen labelled water blood flow studies to provide better temporal resolution, and image-correlation techniques using magnetic resonance imaging to improve the spatial localization. Another methodological consideration is whether the highly technological setting of the PET studies interferes with potential euphorogenic drug effects. This question has been addressed by obtaining data on the mood-altering effects of the drugs in a more naturalistic setting for comparison. Another issue in PET studies is the role of subjects' cognitive activity or behavioral state during the sessions: Subjects in some studies are required to perform a behavioral task to limit variability in their cognitive activity during the