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Slides for special study

Mammalian Taste Pathways



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Projections to thalamus outside VPMpc go to paleothalamic cell groups, which project to corpus striatum and also diffusely to neocortex.

Cladogram of jawless vertebrates and an amphibian, below charts of olfactory bulb projections to forebrain

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Pathway for controlling the daily rhythm of melatonin production



Adult optic tract (Hamster)





Hamster brain, adult and newborn





Stretched section through optic tract from chiasm to superior colliculus



6 layors in montrey + human.



Mammal Reptile Bird

Two major routes from retina to endbrain in phylogeny

Fig 22-2

Distortion of the internal capsule by the formation of a temporal lobe in development

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Part of the optic radiations are pulled into the temporal lobe as neocortex expands. This part, Meyer's loop, represents the upper visual field.

Fig 22-8

Types of connectivity among cell groups such as multiple neocortical areas:

1. **Regular** (absolute; connections only with nearby cells)

2. "Small world" archi-

tecture (regular <u>plus</u> some randomly placed longer connections)

3. Random

Note how separation comes down with randomness. Note also the quantity of axons required.

(from Striedter p. 249)

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Tonotopic organization in the cochlear nuclei results from the topographic organization of projections from the cochlea *via* the 8th nerve to the axonal endings.

DCN, dorsal cochlear nucleus VCN, ventral coclear nucleus





Endbulb of Held





Axon of 8th nerve in chicken ends on a neuron of nucleus magnocellularis, part of the cochlear nucleus.

Many such neurons exist on both sides; their axons project to dendrites of nucleus laminaris on both sides of the brain. The neurons there appear to act as coincidence detectors. They are activated when inputs from the two sides arrive simultaneously.

RESULT: With simple assumptions about conduction rates of axons from all of the nuc. magnocellularis neurons, one can see how a map of azimuthal positions could be present in nuc. laminaris.

 \rightarrow The axons of that nucleus project to the midbrain.



Pathways for object localization and identification in primates

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Fig 23-18



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Fig 23-19

Pallium began small:



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Figure 1. Postulated beginnings in primitive chordates

Evolution of corpus striatum and rest of endbrain: speculations

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Hierarchic control of locomotor behavior

Fig 14-2

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Site in cat hypothalamus where electrical stimulation causes mood of predatory attack

Note: The labeled axons are certainly not all involved in predatory attack.

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Lesion at electrode tip caused degeneration of axons from the area around the stimulation site, and their terminals. Axonal projections go to subthalamus and "old thalamus."

The old thalamus includes the midline nuclei—sources of widespread projections to thalamus and to cortex. It also includes the intralaminar nuclei, which project to both corpus striatum and neocortex.



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Bringing it up to date

Fig 26-7a



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mt = mammillothalamic tract
fx = fornix bundle (output of hippocampus)
Ach= acetylcholine used as neurotransmitter

Through the neocortex to the limbic system:

Transcortical pathways from specialized sensory and motor areas through association cortex to limbic system:

Such transcortical connections increased in quantity and importance in larger mammalian brains.

Modified from Mesulam's fig. 1-6



Fig 26-9

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Terms:

- Allocentric direction
- Egocentric direction
- Head direction cells (HD cells)



Sense of direction and of directional change

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From entorhinal cortex to dentate gyrus to CA3 (*via* mossy fibers) to CA1 (*via* Schaffer collaterals of CA3 cell axons) to subiculum

Hippocampus:

input through the "perforant path" (axon 1), then through 3 synapses to the subiculum

Fig 28-10a



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Evolution of corpus striatum and rest of endbrain: speculations [from class 26]

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2. Non-olfactory inputs invade the striatal integrating mechanisms (*via* paleothalamic structures).

3. Early expansions of endbrain: striatal and pallial. Non-olfactory inputs to pallium [Note the two pathways going caudally from the olfactory system.]

4. Pre-mammalian & then mammalian expansions of cortex and striatum: For the striatum, the earlier outputs and inputs remain as connections with neocortex expand.



Figure 2. Other inputs reached the striatum



Figure 3. Early expansion of striatal and adjacent "limbic' areas



Figure 4. Pre-mammalian, and then mammalian expansions



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Mesulam, fig. 1-6
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In red, the connections from neocortex that most directly influence the autonomic nervous system.

The **amygdala** is a major player in this kind of connection. We focus on the amygdala next.



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Fig 29.5

Frontal sections: the limbic system of rodent

Find the Amygdala, the Stria Terminalis, and the Bed Nucleus of the Stria Terminalis

Can you also identify the positions of the fornix fibers from the hippocampal formation?





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Fig 29-7

Major afferents of dorsal striatum:

- DA axons from the substantia nigra
- Sensory inputs via the paleothalamus
- Inputs via the neocortex



Fig 30-2



Fig 30-8

Dominant inputs to the dorsal striatum in mammals come from the neocortex

Topography of cortico-striatal projections in primates:

Sensorimotor areas to **Putamen**;

Prefrontal areas to **Head of Caudate**;

Posterior areas to Caudate (tail & medial head)



Fig 30-10a



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Fig 30-11

REVIEW:

Archetypal embryonic stage



Homeobox gene expression: Emx-1 DIx-1

Evolution of telencephalon based on expression patterns of regulatory genes during development

Fig 12-2

Human neocortex: 3 cytoarchitectural methods:

The dominant cell type is the pyramidal cell.

Is there a consistent pattern of connections of these neocortical cells?



Fig 32-1a



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Sketch of a column of cells in the neocortex. Note the different types of axons: afferent, efferent, association

Connections of neurons in the different cortical layers

(We described this once before, but less schematically: see fig 32.2.)



Omits all lateral interconnections and long-distance projections Why does layer 1 have no outputs?

The girdle of paralimbic areas: olfactocentric & hippocampocentric (from Mesulam)

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Fig 15-6

Hedgehog neocortex, salamander dorsal pallium, turtle dorsal cortex

(Striedter p 270)

Note the differences in trajectories of axons from the thalamus (in red).

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Fig 33-10



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Fig 34-9

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