

How Zika virus induces congenital microcephaly?

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Zika virus, a typical flavivirus...



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Zika Virus Associated with Microcephaly

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Zika Virus Infection with Prolonged Maternal Viremia and Fetal Brain Abnormalities

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Zika virus vertical transmission and congenital microcephaly



Mechanisms of vertical transmission of Zika virus



Anatomy of the maternal-fetal barrier



placental barrier

Ex vivo infection of human placental explants



ZIKV replicates in 3rd trimester human placental explants



NB: CHIKV is a negative control, as it does not replicate in human placenta, and is transmitted vertically only in peripartum by viremic mothers

ZIKV infects Hofbauer cells in human placental explants

ZIKV Infected 72h

Infected cells are CD45+ and CD68+



Actual data from pregnant women with zika...



Pathology of congenital Zika syndrome in Brazil: a case series

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Zika virus damages the human placental barrier and presents marked fetal neurotropism

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Molecular mechanisms of ZIKV crossing of the placental barrier



Molecular mechanisms of ZIKV-associated microcephaly



Birth of projection neurons



Adapted from Tiberi, Curr Opin Cell Biol 2012

ER stress can activate three distincts UPR pathways





Laguesse *et al.,* Developmental Cell 2015 Godin *et al.,* Trends Neurosci 2016

Working model



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Laguesse et al., Developmental Cell 2015 Godin et al., Trends Neurosci 2016

Chemical induction of ER stress impairs cortical neurogenesis



ZIKA-induced congenital microcephaly as a result of ER stress?

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Neurodevelopmental protein Musashi 1 interacts with the Zika genome and promotes viral replication

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Wu et al., Cell Res 2016

Tang et al., Cell Stem Cell 2016

ZIKA targets cortical apical progenitors

Blazquez, Front Microbiol 2014





17common genes	FC Elp3 mBrain	FC Zika mBrain	FC Zika hNPCs
Slc7a3	9,62	2,38	2,46
Sesn2	7,66	2,15	4,16
Chac1	7,11	2,89	7,93
Eif4ebp1	6,64	2,72	3,73
Atf5	3,78	1,72	2,18
Slc6a9	3,11	1,49	1,63
Asns	2,88	1,55	4,32
Cenpf	2,50	0,80	0,43
Atf4	2,32	1,25	1,19
Cars	2,09	1,49	4,36
Mthfd2	1,80	1,46	4,71
Shmt2	1,68	1,41	3,18
lars	1,62	1,23	2,39
Dpy19l1	0,72	0,79	0,57
Hn1	0,61	0,82	0,77
H19	0,60	1,31	0,45

Human cortex from infected fetuses show signs of ER stress and UPR





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ZIKV induces ER stress and UPR activation in HiPSCs



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THEN

1.6

1.4-

1.2-

1.0

0.8-

MOCH

Relative mRNA level

Hoechst/ZIKV/Sox2





ZIKA-induces ER stress and activates UPR in mouse embryos (ICV)





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Does UPR induction by ZIKV-infection result in impairment of the neurogenic balance?

Fate mapping of apical progenitors and their direct cell progeny

ICV injection of ZIKV in E12.5 mouse brains In utero electroporation of GFP-expressing plasmids at day 13.5 Fate-mapping of APs and of their direct cell progenies at E14.5



ZIKV infection disrupts the UPR-dependent neurogenic balance



Specificity of ZIKA-induced microcephaly in mouse embryos (IPL)



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ZIKV/ac-caspase 3/Dapi



ZIKV promotes UPR-dependent apoptosis in newborn neurons



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ZIKV promotes microcephaly by triggering ER stress





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