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Sujet de stage :

Cognitive impairment due to **prolonged medically induced coma** (MIC) represents an enormous clinical and socioeconomic burden affecting millions of patients worldwide. The disruptive neurobiological, cognitive, and behavioral consequences of general anesthesia used to induce MIC have been so far viewed mainly in connection with impaired neurogenesis and synaptic toxicity. Recent studies indicate that anesthesia lasting for more than 6 hours have wide consequences on synaptic pruning and cortical architecture in the adult mice. These deleterious aspects of anesthetics have been widely studied *in vivo* and *in vitro* focusing mainly on neuronal mechanisms. However, the potential involvement of glial cells has never been investigated in the context of cognitive impairments due to chronic anesthesia. In this project, we propose to evaluate the contribution of microglial, the immune cells of the brain, in the spine density decrease. For this purpose, we will monitor spine density and spine phagocytosis by microglial cells following chronic anesthesia. Using immunohistochemistry and q-RT-PCR, we will monitor phagocytosis and complement markers as well as internalization of synaptic component in microglial cells using high resolution imaging technics (STED). The presence of neuronal elements in microglial cells following chronic anesthesia will show for the first time that microglia are likely to be involved in the cognitive impairment following chronic anesthesia.

Technologies utilisées : qRT-PCR, WB, live imaging,

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