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睡眠の記憶における機能

私たちの脳は、睡眠中に必要な記憶を定着したり、嫌な記憶に対して生じる感情の反応を調整したりと、様々な処理を行っています。私たちの研究室では二つの方向性で睡眠中の記憶処理の研究を行っています。一つ目は、成体脳で再生を続けるニューロンが、睡眠中に記憶を固定化する仕組みを研究しています (Kumar et al, Neuron, 2020 など)。この研究は将来、アルツハイマー病などで失われた神経回路の機能的な再建技術に貢献することを目指しています。二つ目は、睡眠中に音によって恐怖記憶の処理を促進する技術の研究をしています (Purple et al., Sci Rep, 2017)。さらにこれらの基礎研究成果を応用することで、PTSD の新しい治療法の技術開発を目指した臨床研究を行っています。見学や短期訪問も可能ですので、お気軽にメール等でお問い合わせください。

Memory function of adult-born neurons during sleep

Manipulation of memory during sleep

Development of a brain regeneration method by enhancing integration of young neurons

Development of a new PTSD therapy using sound stimulation during sleep

Sleep for memory

Our brains perform various processes during sleep, such as consolidating necessary memories and regulating emotional responses to unpleasant memories. Our laboratory is studying memory processing during sleep in two directions. The first is studying how neurons that continue to regenerate in the adult brain consolidate memories during sleep (Kumar et al., Neuron, 2020, etc.). This research aims to contribute to future technologies for functional reconstruction of neural circuits lost in Alzheimer's disease. Second, we are investigating techniques to facilitate the processing of fear memories by sound during sleep (Purple et al., Sci Rep, 2017). We are currently conducting a clinical study with PTSD patients to develop a new technology that would allow patients suffering from traumatic memories to be treated at home.

Example of research technologies developed in the lab:

- Simultaneous neuronal activity imaging and manipulation in naturally sleeping mice using our original miniscope (Srinivasan et al., 2019)
- Real-time automatic sleep-stage analysis using single-channel EEG (Tezuka et al., 2021)
- Manipulation of memory extinction by a sound stimulation during sleep (Purple et al., 2017)