Nervous system

MAIN TERMS:

funiculus

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lemniscus

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fasciculus = axons-HETEROGENEOUS structure- starts in the different nuclei and ends in different structures too
x

tractus =axons-<u>HOMOGENEOUS</u> structure – the fibers start and end in the same structures

ipsilateral x kontralateral

rostral = direction to the nose – forward x **dorsal**

substantia alba x substantia grisea

nucleus motorius (originis) x terminationis (senzorius)

3 types of somatosensation – somatosensory fibers:

- 1. Protopathic sensation
- 2. Epicritic sensation
- 3. Proprioception



Nervous system

Sensory function – changes in the internal and external environment Integrative function – analyses, stores and compares informations Motor function – responds to stimuli by initiating contraction and glandular secretion



DIVISION OF NERVOUS SYSTEM

1. Central (CNS)

- spinal cord, brain

Gray matter – bodies of neurons (cortex, nuclei – originis, terminationis)

White matter – myelinated nerve fibres (tractus, fasciculus, funiculus, lemniscus)

2. Peripheral (PNS)

 spinal, cranial and autonomic nerves (sensoric, motor, mixed) plexuses



DIVISIONS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

CNS PNS



Smooth muscles, myocardium, glands



NEURON

Body (perikaryon)

Dendrits (denritic zone) **Neurit (axon)** – inicial segment

Schwann's covering

Myelin covering

Schwann cells with fat (PNS) Oligodendrocytes (CNS) Ranvier nodes internodal segments

GLIAL CELLS



TYPES OF NEURONS (morfological division)



Neurons- projection- ascendent – afferent - descendent – efferent

Neurons- **komisural** Neurons- **association**





FUNCTIONAL TYPES OF AXONS IN PNS



Questions:

- 1. Spinal cord (medulla spinalis): borders, gross anatomy, and general organization of the grey and white matter
- 2. Spinal cord (medulla spinalis): grey matter main nuclei
- 3. Spinal cord (medulla spinalis): white matter main ascending and descending pathways and their functions

Spinal cord (medulla spinalis)











Fila radicularia







The scheme of the spinal nerve





The nervous plexuses are formed only by ventral branches of the spinal nerves



THE GREY MATTER OF THE SPINAL CORD







THE WHITE MATTER OF THE SPINAL CORD **TRACTUS NERVOSI**

SOMATOTOPY IN THE SPINAL CORD

GRACILE NUC CUNEATE NUC SENZORY TRACTS SPINAL TRIGEMINAL TRACT & NUC \bigcirc 2 2 **PYRAMIDAL** DECUSSATION 3 Lateral Gracile fasciculus corticospinal Cuneate fasciculus **MOTOR TRACTS** tract Posterior Dorsal nerve root spinocerebellar tract Spinal nerve Lateral spinothalamic tract Anterior nerve Anterior root spinocerebella tract Anterior Anterior corticospina spinothalamic tract trac

CENTRIPETAL - ASCENDENT

- Spino-bulbo-thamo-cortical tracts: for 1. epikritic sensation and conscious proprioception
- Tractus spinocerebellaris anterior et 2. posterior: propriception to the cerebellum
- 3. Tractus spinothalamicus anterior et lateralis: for unconscious protopathic sensation, heat and pain

CENTRIFUGAL - DESCENDENT

Pyramid tracts= tractus 1. corticospinalis anterior et lateralis: tracts of conscious movements

2. Extrapyramid tracts tr. rubrospinalis, tr. reticulospinalis, tr. tectospinalis, tr. vestibulospinalis tracts of unconscious movements

SENSORIC TRACTS

 Tractus spino-bulbo-thalamo-corticalis – for epikritic sensation(discriminatory sensation), vibrations and proprioceptions from muscles, tendons, joints

Epikritic sensation

 Tractus spino-thalamicus (lat. a ant.), spino-reticularis a spinotectalis – for perception of temperature and pain and rough touch sensation

Protopathic sensation

 Spinocerebellar tracts – for proprioception and touch sensation to the cerebellum

proprioception





MOTOR TRACTS

funiculus anterolateralis <u>PYRAMID TRACTS</u>

- direct- phylogenetically young
- Tr.corticospinalis- lateralis, anterior- cross
- voluntary, conscious movements of the striated muscles

EXTRAPYRAMID TRACTS

- undirect- phylogenetically old
- Starts on the nuclei of RF, brainstem, vestibular nuclei
- Tr. Rubrospinalis (flexors)
- Tr. tectospinalis (visual stimuli)
- Tr. Reticulospinalis
- Tr. Vestibulospinalis (extensors)
- Maintenance of the muscle tension, equilibrium, automatic movements – dance, walk...









4. Medulla oblongata: borders, gross anatomy and general organization of the grey and white matter

5. Medulla oblongata: grey matter – main nuclei

6. Medulla oblongata: white matter – main pathways and their functions

7. Pons: borders, gross anatomy and general organization of the grey and white matter

8. Pons: grey matter – main nuclei

9. Pons: main pathways and their functions

10. Midbrain *(mesencephalon)*: borders, gross anatomy and general organization of the grey and white matter

11. Midbrain (mesencephalon): grey matter – main nuclei

12. Midbrain (mesencephalon): white matter – main pathways and their functions

13. Reticular formation (formatio reticularis) of the brain stem (truncus cerebri): its functions and main nuclei

BRAINSTEM- LONGITUDINAL PARTS









SAGITAL SECTION OF THE BRAINSTEM







Dorsal side of the medulla oblongata











Fossa rhomboidea





OUTPUTS OF THE CRANIAL NERVES FROM THE BRAINSTEM











MEDULLA OBLONGATA











PONS VAROLI















P E D U N C U L U S









RETICULAR FORMATION (RF) OF THE BRAINSTEM





connections of the cranial nerve s nuclei: involvement of RF in reflexive arcs - mediation of defensive and vital reflexes



Low pain – poorly localizable

Descending system of FR

Motor system of descending long RF fibers, connected to the control of the movement. The central regulator of muscle tonus - the connections between the higher sections of the CNS affecting muscle tonus and motoneurons of the anterior horns of the spinal cord. Increases the tension of antigravity muscles (functionally extensors) while reduces the tension of flexors. It allows upright position.

FUNCTIONS OF RF

Vegetative centers: to control vital functions: breath, heart beat, blood preasure





ARAS - ascending activating system

Connections with nonspecific thalamus and cortex telencephali - regulation of wakefulness and sleep



- **56. Visual tract**
- **57. Auditory tract**
- **58. Pupillary reflex (miosis and mydriasis)**
- **59. Vestibular tract (the role of the FLM)**
- **60. Protopathic sensibility** (non-discriminating responsiveness to thermal, noxious stimuli)
- 61. Epicritic sensibility (discriminant responsiveness to minute changes in sensations of touch and temperature)
- 62. Proprioception (from the limbs, trunk, and the head)
- 63. Pyramidal motor tract (voluntary movements tract)
- 64. Extrapyramidal motor tracts (involuntary movement tracts, processing motor tracts)
- 65. Olfactory and gustatory organs (organum olfactorium et gustatorium)









SENSORIC (ASCENDING) EPICRITIC AND PROTOPATHIC SENSATION



Dorsal column system



















FACSICULUS LUNGITUDINALIS MEDIALIS (FLM)









