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## 1. Abstract

Drugs of abuse, such as opioids and amphetamines, represents nowadays a serious global problem which has economical, psychological, social and medical impact. Investigation of drug effects on the nervous system has been a subject of many studies during the last few decades. The interest in neurons regarding this issues is rather constant, but currently there is increasing number of studies focused on neuroglia and their role in drug addiction. Many studies demonstrated that glia are not only a part of neuropile and do not have only supporting function, but they play an important role in communication between neurons, participate in modulation of neurotransmission and could produce factors such as cytokines and chemokines. However, there is a not much information about the effect of drugs of abuse on neuroglia and the presumed role of these cells in the development of addiction in not quite clear. This review aims to provide a brief survey of current knowledge on this topic.

**Key words:** drugs of abuse, addiction, opioids, amphetamines, opioid receptors, neuroglia

## 2. Abstrakt

Drogy ako opioidy a amfetamíny predstavujú v súčasnosti celosvetový problém, ktorý má ekonomický, psychologický, sociálny a medicínsky dosah. Skúmanie účinkov drôg na nervový systém sa stal predmetom mnohých štúdií posledných desaťročí. Záujem o výskum neurónov v súvislosti s touto problematikou je konštantný, avšak v súčasnej dobe sa zvyšuje počet štúdií, ktoré sa zameriavajú na výskum neuroglií a ich úlohy pri drogových závislosti. Mnoho výskumov ukazuje, že glie nie sú len súčasťou neuropilu a nemajú len podpornú funkciu, avšak hrajú významnú úlohu v komunikácii medzi neurónmi, podieľajú sa na modulácii nervového prenosu a dokážu produkovať pôsobky ako cytokíny a chemokíny. Avšak, nie je mnoho informácií o účinkoch drôg na neuroglie a ich predpokladaná úloha v rozvoji závislosti nie je úplne jasná. Táto štúdia má za cieľ poskytnúť stručný prehľad poznatkov o tejto téme.

**Kľúčové slová:** drogy, drogová závislosť, opioidy, amfetamíny, opioidné receptory, neuroglie

### **3. List of abbreviations**

ACM - astrocyte conditioned medium  
AMP - adenosine monophosphate  
AMPA - alpha-amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazolepropionic acid  
ATP - adenosine triphosphate  
ATS - amphetamine type stimulants  
BDNF - brain-derived neurotrophic factor  
bFGF - basic fibroblast growth factor  
cAMP - cyclic adenosine monophosphate  
CD - cluster of differentiation  
CeA - central nucleus of amygdala  
CCL - CC chemokine ligand  
CNS - central nervous system  
CREB - cAMP-element binding protein  
EAAT - excitatory amino acid transporters  
Fos - FBJ murine osteosarcoma viral oncogene homolog  
fra- FOS-like antigen  
GABA - gamma-aminobutyric acid  
GDNF - glial-derived neurotrophic factor  
GFAP - glial fibrillary acidic protein  
GLAST - L-glutamate/L-aspartate transporter  
GLT - glutamate transporter  
GTPase - guanosine triphosphatase  
HSP - heat shock protein  
IL- interleukin  
LPS - lipopolysaccharide  
LTP - long-term potentiation  
MAPK - mitogen activated protein kinase  
MD - co-myeloid differentiation  
mRNA - messenger ribonucleic acid  
MS-153 - (R)-(-)-5-methyl-1-nicotinoyl-2-pyrazoline  
NAcc - nucleus accumbens  
NFkB - nuclear factor kappa B

NMDA - N-Methyl-D-aspartate

NO - nitric oxid

PDE - phosphodiesterase

PAK - protein kinase A

PNS - peripheral nervous system

PPF - propentophylin

TLR - toll-like receptor

## 4. Introduction

This review is focused on drugs of the group of opioids but, to a lesser extent, some attention is devoted also to amphetamine-type stimulants and cocaine and their effects on neuroglia. Opioids, mainly morphine, have been used for relieving pain for a long time. Their effects have been known since an ancient period. Except of their medical effects, opioids and their semi-synthetically/synthetically created chemical analogues can be unfortunately abused as psychoactive substances. Heroin is one of the most abused drugs of this type. According to WHO data, 230 million people used drugs at least once in 2010. There are about 27 million drug users what is 0.6 percent of adult population (UNODC, 2012). Heroin, cocaine and other drugs kill about 0.2 million people each year. Global opium production is amounted to 7000 tons in 2011. Opioids continue to be a dominant drug type in Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania according to treatment demand. Amphetamine-type stimulants are dominant in Asia. The main problems related to use of drugs are tolerance, withdrawal and hyperalgesia.

The fast development of science and technology allows to research in great detail molecular structures on the level of different proteins, receptors or DNA. Thanks to this, we have an opportunity to examine the effect different substances on organisms on the molecular level. Hughes et al. (1975) was one of the first, who isolated endogenous compounds binding to opioid receptors. Some organisms may produce endogenous opioids as a result of pain, reward or addiction. It is known that endogenous opioids affect the function of opioid receptors, which are highly abundant especially in the central nervous system. These receptors do not recognize only the opioids produced by own body but also react with appropriate substances from the outside. Opioid receptors have been found not only in the plasma membrane of neurons, but they are distributed also in glia.

There numerous studies dealing with the effects of drugs on neurons. A few years ago scientists started to focus on glia cells, too. It was found that glia cells are not only supportive cells in the CNS and PNS but also play a role in communication between neurons, modulation of neurotransmission and production of factors such as cytokines and chemokines.

There is still an open question about the role and possible participation of glia in the consequences of drug abuse.

## 5. Basic information on addictive drugs

### 5.1 Opioids

Morphine, a typical representative of opioids, is an opioid analgesic drug and the main psychoactive chemical of opium. Opium is dried latex which is obtained from *Papaver somniferum*. From poppy seed it is isolated by Sertürner' method. A wide range of semi-synthetic alkaloids created by simple chemical manipulations is very useful for medicine.

Opioids can be divided into four groups, according to Drug Reinforcement Agency (Trescot et al., 2008):

- 1) **Phenantrenes** are prototypical opioids. 6-hydroxyl group in the structure of these molecules may confer a higher incidence of nausea and hallucinations. Opioids contained into this group are as follows: morphine, codeine, hydromorphone, levopranol, oxycodone, hydrocodone, oxymorphone, buprenorphine, nalbuphine and butorphanol.
- 2) **Benzonorphans** with one member of this class: pentazocine. It is agonist/antagonist with a high incidence of dysphoria.
- 3) **Phenylpiperidines**: a member of this group fentanyl has the highest affinity for the mu-opioid receptor. Opioids in this group are fentanyl, affentanil, sufentanil, and meperidine.
- 4) **Diphenylheptanes**: propoxyphene and methadone.

**Tramadol** does not belong to any above mentioned groups of opioids. It is an atypical opioid, a 4-phenyl-piperidine analogue of codeine, with partial mu agonist activity in CNS. These effects are related to GABA, catecholamine and serotonergic activity in addiction.

### 5.2 Amphetamine-type stimulants

Methamphetamine and amphetamine are synthetic substances which do not occur in nature. Methamphetamine is amphetamine with one additional methyl group on the chain. Amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) are structurally similar to noradrenaline and dopamine and are able to inhibit dopamine metabolism and its reuptake and increase the release noradrenaline and serotonin (Berridge et al., 2002; Kuczenski et al., 1995). The monoaminergic system increases after a dose of amphetamine. ATS cause enhancement of dopamine release from nerve terminals (Kogele et al., 1999; Silvia et al., 1997).

### 5.3 Cocaine

Cocaine is an alkaloid from *Erythroxylon coca* and it is the only naturally existing local anaesthetic. Cocaine enhances the activity of dopamine by blocking its reuptake (Silvia et al.,

1997; Volkow et al., 2000). According to Rasmussen et al., 2001; Ritz et al., 1990). Cocaine can also block reuptake of noradrenaline and serotonin and may increase noradrenaline release (Tuncel et al., 2002).

## **6. Basic concepts of drug addiction**

Tolerance, sensitization and dependence are associated with chronic drug addiction. Drugs of abuse target neural processes which are involved in reward-based learning (Hyman et al., 2006; Kalivas et al., 2008; Milton et al., 2010). Brain circuitry is the network of interconnected neurone through which the electrical and chemical signals travel. Drugs of abuse afflict neurons interconnected in brain structures involved in reward-base learning. Nucleus accumbens, a region in the basal forebrain rostral to the preoptic area of the hypothalamus, is one of the most important structures implicated in drug addiction which play a role in psychological reward associated with addiction: learning, liking and wanting (Berridge et al., 2009). The NAcc and the olfactory tubercle form the ventral striatum, the part of basal ganglia. Dopamine activity in the NAcc does not habituate to repeat drug exposure by reduction of dopamine activity as it does after encounter with natural rewards (Wise et al., 1995; Hemby et al., 1997). According to Cadoni et al. (1999 and 2000) repeated drug exposure induces sensitization of dopaminergic transmission in the NAcc core. Chronic drug-induced dopamine stimulation may patologically strengthen the learning of stimuli related to drug availability via Pavlovian conditioning and the core with senzitized to dopamine transmission will start behavioral activity to obtain drug reward. Dopamine stimulation is connected to euphoric temper and satisfaction.

### **6.1. Tolerance, hyperalgesia and withdrawal**

#### **6.1.1 Tolerance to opioid analgesia**

Opioid tolerance arises from repeated exposure to opioids and it is the manifestation of decreasing therapeutic effect and requirement for higher dose to maintain the same effect. According to Toda et al. (2009) three are specific signalling pathways involved in this process and according to Christie (2008) pharmacodynamic tolerance includes the following changes at different levels:

- 1) mu-opioid receptor: loss of intracellular signalling pathway capacity due to decreased expression and/or reduced coupling efficacy
- 2) homeostatic adaptation of the intracellular signalling system: increased cAMP level

- 3) at the system: adaptation to a network not related to mu-opioid receptor such as ORL1, cholecystokinin, NK1 signalling.

### **6.1.2 Hyperalgesia and allodynia**

Allodynia is a pain caused by stimuli (temperature, physical stimuli) which normally do not provoke pain. By contrast, hyperalgesia is a massive exaggerated reaction on stimuli which are normally painful.

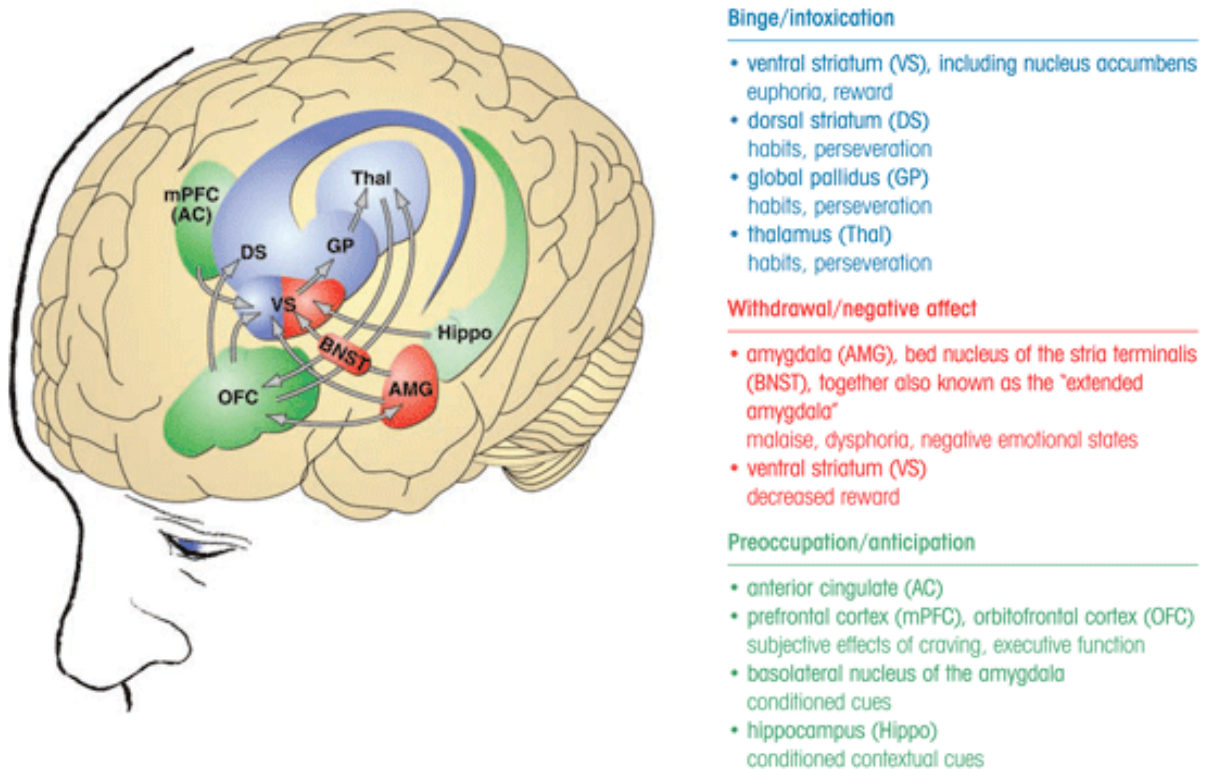
Opioid-induced hyperalgesia and opioid withdrawal-induced hyperalgesia have been shown to increase pain sensitivity. The studies of Dourish et al. (1988), Xu et al. (1992) and Vanderah et al. (2000,2001) claim that opioid-induced hyperalgesia is a result of increasing amounts of excitatory neurotransmitters such as cholecystokinin, which activates production of spinal dynorphins. Dynorphins are class of the opioid peptides from the precursor protein prodynorphin. Proprotein convertase 2 cleaves prodynorphine, which causes release of peptides such as: dynorphin A, dynorphin B, alpha/beta-neo-endomorphines. These peptides are involved in pain response (Han et al., 1984).

### **6.1.3. Withdrawal**

The studies of Wang et al. (1997) and Volkow et al. (2007), and Martinez et al. (2004, 2005) have shown that withdrawal is associated with hypofunction in dopamine pathways, which is underlain by reduction of D2 receptor expression and dopamine release. Diminution of the dopaminergic system may contribute to anhedonia (decreased sensitivity to reward stimuli) and amotivation.

## **6.2. Neurocircuitry**

The neurocircuitry (Fig. 1 and 2) forms the neuroplasticity associated with the development of drug abuse. Five circuits are involved in addiction: (1) the mesolimbic dopamine system, (2) the ventral striatum, (3) the ventral striatum/dorsal striatum/thalamus circuits, (4) the dorsolateral frontal cortex/inferior frontal cortex/hippocampus circuits, (5) the amygdala.



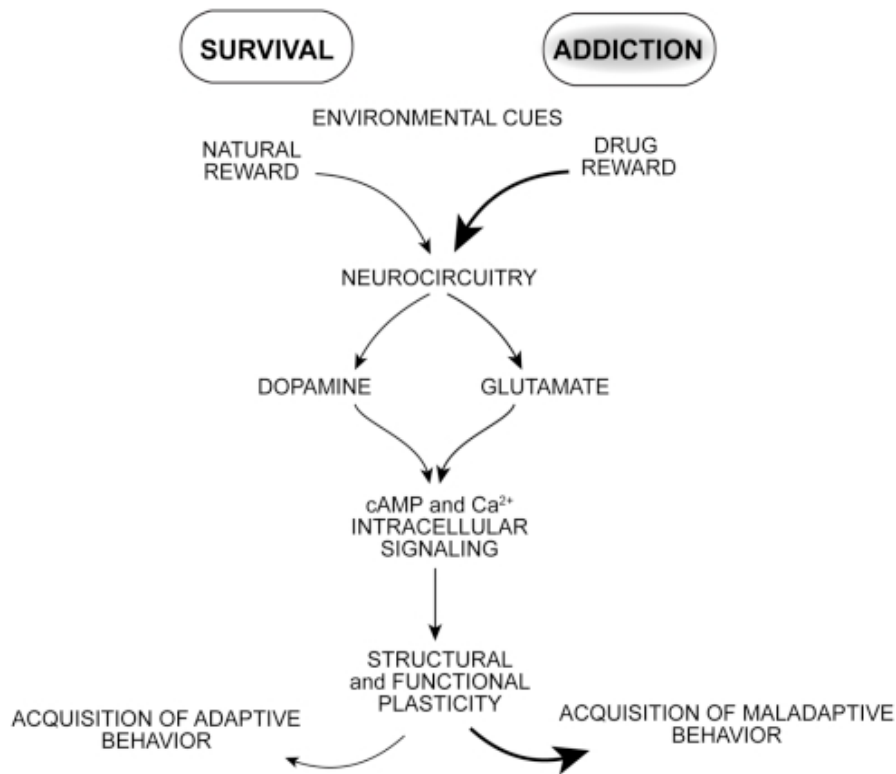
**Fig. 1.** Neurocircuitry. Adopted from Koob et al. (2008).

Glutamate is the main excitatory transmitter in the brain, which is involved in different brain function such as cognition, memory and learning. There are four types of glutamate receptors: NMDA, AMPA, delta and kainate receptors (summarized in Traynelis et al., 2010). All these receptors are nonselective cation channels, allowing the passage of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$  and in some cases  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions through the plasma membrane. Long-term potentiation (LTP) is a long-lasting increasing in signal transmission between two neurons which are stimulated at the same time (Cooke et al., 2006). It is one of the substantial mechanisms of synaptic plasticity whereby chemical synapses are able to change their strength. LTP is one of the major cellular mechanisms that are involved in learning and memory. It has been observed that *in vivo* exposure to morphine and nicotine induced LTP to AMPA-mediated neurotransmission in dopaminergic neurons (Saal et al., 2003). Not only morphine and nicotine but also amphetamine and cocaine can induce this effect (Sun et al., 2005). Interestingly, LTP lasting more than three months of abstinence was demonstrated in rats

(Chen et al., 2008). According to the study of Pierce et al. (1996) chronic cocaine exposure of rats elevated glutamate neurotransmission and these animals showed behavioral sensitization. Glutamatergic activity in NAcc slices strengthens LTP (Yao et al., 2004). Studies of Bondreau et al. (2005) and Conrad et al. (2008) demonstrated that three weeks of cocaine exposure increase the ratio of glutamate-1 receptors (GluR1) and on neurons which have low number of GluR2 was observed a slow redistribution of AMPA receptors. According to study of Chao et al. (2002), the expression of AMPA receptors depends on activation of dopamine D1 receptors and protein kinase A signalling. In study of Sutton et al. (2003) overexpression of GluR1 in the NAc relieved extinction of cocaine-seeking answers and increased threshold of reward. These changes resulted in (1) decreased reward and (2) lack of motivation (Todtenkopf et al., 2006). According to Nelson et al. (2009) the increase of AMPA expression does not occur in the amphetamine-sensitized rat. These observations led to a hypothesis of different functional effects of glutamate projections (Nelson et al., 2009).

Chronic cocaine administration inhibits basal release of glutamate but sensitizes synaptic glutamate release during restitution of obliterate of extinguished drug-seeking in rats (Kalivas et al, 2008; McFarland et al., 2003). Dysregulation of the cystine-glutamate exchange is another molecular target for regulation of the plasticity. According to study of Baker et al. (2003), chronic exposure to cocaine slows down cystine-glutamate exchange, leading to reduced basal and increased drug-induced glutamate in the NAcc. Cystin-glutamate exchanger controls the extracellular glutamate concentration. According to study of Kalivas (2004), lower basal levels of glutamate combined with elevation of synaptic glutamate from the prefrontal cortex afferens to the NAcc are the result of engaging in drug-seeking.

Long-lasting synaptic effects are characterized by (1) a decrease of glutamatergic neurotransmission during chronic exposure to the drug and (2) a persistent increase in the effectiveness of glutamatergic synaptic neurotransmission during recovery following withdrawal. These alternations promote excitation of the cells and are the base of drug-related learning in the addictive state (reviewed by Kauer et al., 2007).

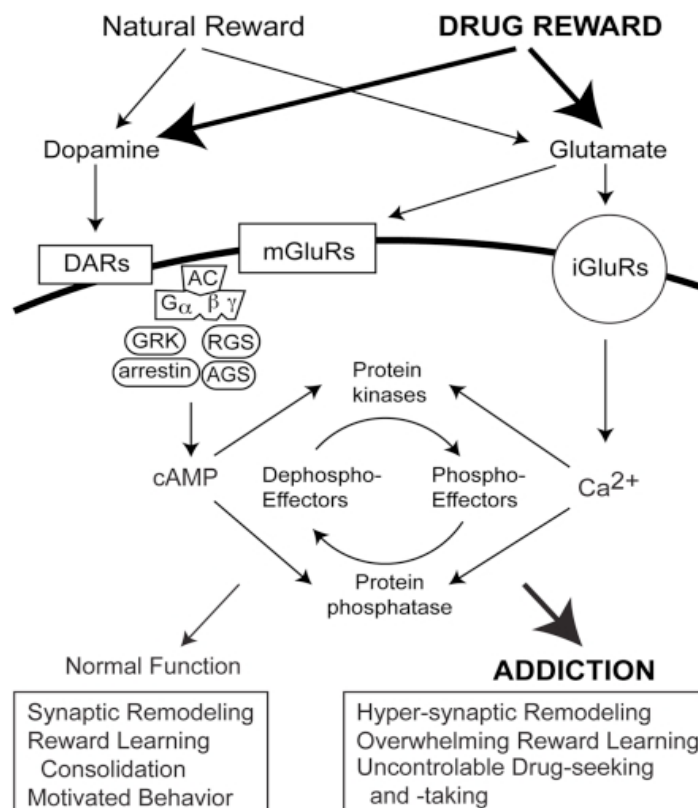


**Fig. 2.** Outline of neurocircuitry of reward (natural and drug) on the level of receptors and their releasing factors. For more information see text above. Adopted from Philibin et al. (2011).

### 6.3. Molecular pathways of neuroplasticity

Molecular pathways involved in natural and drug reward are summarised in Fig. 2 and 3. According to study of Edwards et al. (2007), chronic administration of opiates and cocaine leads to activation of cAMP-element binding protein (CREB) in the NAcc and CeA. CREB is a cellular transcription factor which is phosphorylated by protein kinase A (PKA). PKA regulates growth factors. PKA is setting in a point of convergence for some intracellular messenger pathway, which regulates gene expression. In study of Olson (2005) activation of CREB in the NAcc was connected to motivational symptoms of psychostimulant withdrawal. This process could be caused by induction of the dynorphin, which is opioid peptide that binds to kappa-opioid receptors and may be involved in the mechanism of dependence and tolerance. Recurring CREB activation can support dynorphin expression in the NAcc which in turn inhibits dopaminergic activity. This modulation of dopaminergic signaling may cause negative emotional states.

Different transcription factors can be activated by CREB and other intracellular messengers. This activation leads to long-term changes in protein expression and as a result, neuronal function. According to study of Olson (2005), acute administration of drugs of abuse causes activation of the elements of the Fos protein family such as c-fos, FosB, Fra-1 and Fra-2 in the NAcc. In a longer period of time (days) also other transcription factors are activated, such as deltaFosB, which are a highly stable form of FosB. Activated dFosB may increase sensitivity to the rewarding effects of drugs of abuse (reviewed by McClung et al., 2004)



**Fig. 3.** Outline the molecular pathway of natural and drug reward. See text above. Adopted from Philibin et al. (2011).

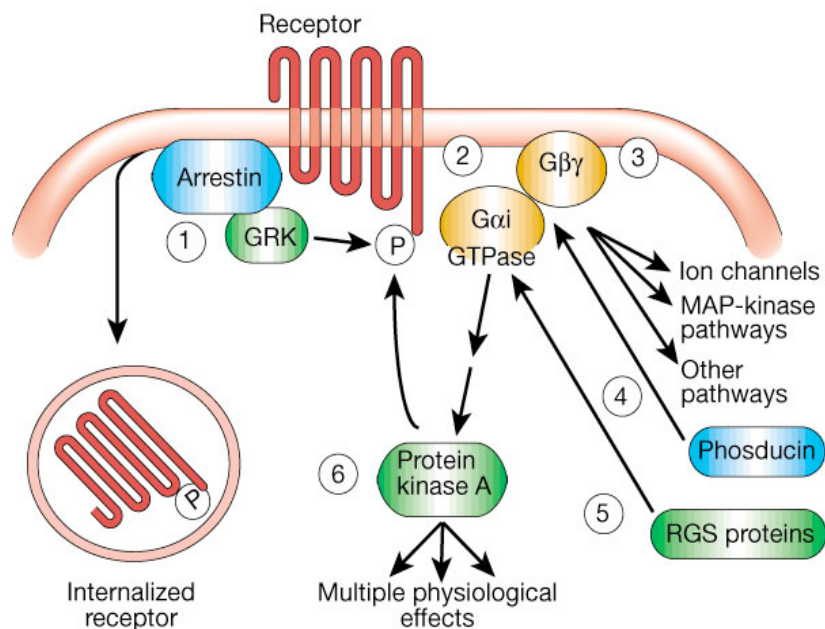
Summary of changes in gene expression after long-term administration of drugs:

- 1) signal transduction in kappa opioid receptors (Fan et al., 2002; Kaewsuk et al., 2001; Przewlocka et al; 1994)
- 2) calcium binding proteins (Tirumalai and Howels, 1994)
- 3) transcription factors (Erdtmann-Vourliotis et al., 1998; Kelz et al., 1999)

## 7. Receptors

### 7.1 Opioid receptors

There are four types of opioid receptors: mu, delta, kappa and ORL1. ORL1 is genetically closely related to others. Activated opioid receptors transduce signals through their cognate heterotrimeric G-proteins (Fig. 4.). All opioid receptors are 7-transmembrane spanning proteins that are connected to the inhibitory G-proteins. According to Childers et al. (1978), G $\alpha$  and G $\beta\gamma$  subunits of G-proteins dissociate from one another after stimulation and act on intracellular effector pathways. It was found that GTPase activity of the G-protein alpha subunit is stimulated by endogenous opioid peptides or opioid agonists (Barchfeld et al., 1984). Stimulation of opioid receptors also inhibits cAMP production (Minneman et al., 1976). There is the inhibitory function on cAMP signalling which is G $\alpha$  dependent (Hsia et al., 1984; Taussig et al., 1993). Opioid receptors are also able to modulate calcium and potassium ion channels. In study of Rusin et al. (1997), opioid agonists caused a decrease in Ca<sup>2+</sup> because they reduced P/Q-type, N-type and L-type currents. This effect was a result of binding of the dissociated G $\beta\gamma$  subunits directly to these ion channels and reduction in voltage activation of opening the pore (Zamponi et al., 2002, 1998)



**Fig. 4.** Opioid receptor signalling pathway. Adopted from Nestler et al. (2001).

According to Sibinga and Goldstein (1988), interaction of opioids with opioids receptors can be characterized as follows:

- 1) opioid ligand needs an intact NH<sub>2</sub> terminus of the receptor
- 2) in the presence of GTP or increased concentration of sodium ion, opioid agonist binding is reduced; on the other hand, there is a minimal effect on an antagonist activity
- 3) binding to an opioid receptor is often of high affinity and stereoselective
- 4) binding is blocked by opioid antagonist such as naloxone
- 5) novel sites binding has similar affinity with previous opioids receptors
- 6) responses are pertussis-toxin sensitive involving receptor coupling to a G-protein

## **7.2 Opioid receptors in glial cells**

Distribution of opioid receptors in astrocytes was determined in the following studies:

- 1) mu-opioid receptor (Dobrenis et al., 1995; Hauser et al., 1996; Ruzicka et al., 1996; Festa et al., 2002)
- 2) kappa-opioid receptor (Bunn et al., 1985; Maderspach et al., 1995)
- 3) delta-opioid receptor (Thorlin et al., 1998).

There is a lower level of mu-receptor mRNA, as compares with kappa- and delta-opioid receptors, in cortical, striatal, cerebellar, hippocampal and hypothalamic astrocytes (Ruzicka et al., 1995). The level of mRNA expression of opioid receptors in different astrocyte cultures is in the following order: cortex > hypothalamus > cerebellum + hippocampus > striatum (Ruzicka et al., 1995).

Mu-opioid receptor occurs in the spinal cord (Cheng et al., 1997), nucleus tractus solitarius (Glass et al., 2002), dentate gyrus (Drake et al., 2002), caudate putamen (Rodriguez et al., 2001) and nucleus accumbens. In the posterior pituitary was observed the greatest expression of kappa-opioid receptor (Bunn et al., 1985; Burnard et al., 1991). Microglia also express opioid receptors according to study of Horvath et al. (2010). Oligodendrocytes also express mu-opioid receptor (Knapp and Hauser, 1996; Knapp et al., 1998; Tryoen-Toth et al., 2000) and kappa-opioid receptor (Tryoen-Toth et al., 1998). According to study of Knapp et al. (1998), delta-opioid receptor expression does not take place in this cell.

## **7.3 TLR4**

TLR4 is a receptor which detects lipopolysaccharide (LPS) from Gram-negative bacteria and its role is the activation of the innate immune system. Interestingly, morphine can bind directly to TLR4 and its effect is associated with exaggerated response mediated via TLR4 and microglial activation after this drug administration in adolescence. The increased responsiveness could increase risk of drug-induced reinstatement in adulthood (Schwarz et al., 2013). These effects of morphine on microglia were studied in the region of the NAcc.

Opioid-induced glia activation increases tolerance, dependence, reward and breathing decrease. Intriguingly, these effects are apparently not the result of activation of opioid receptors, but TLR4, which is also at the same time the main glial receptor which participates in neuropathic pain (Watkins et al., 2009).

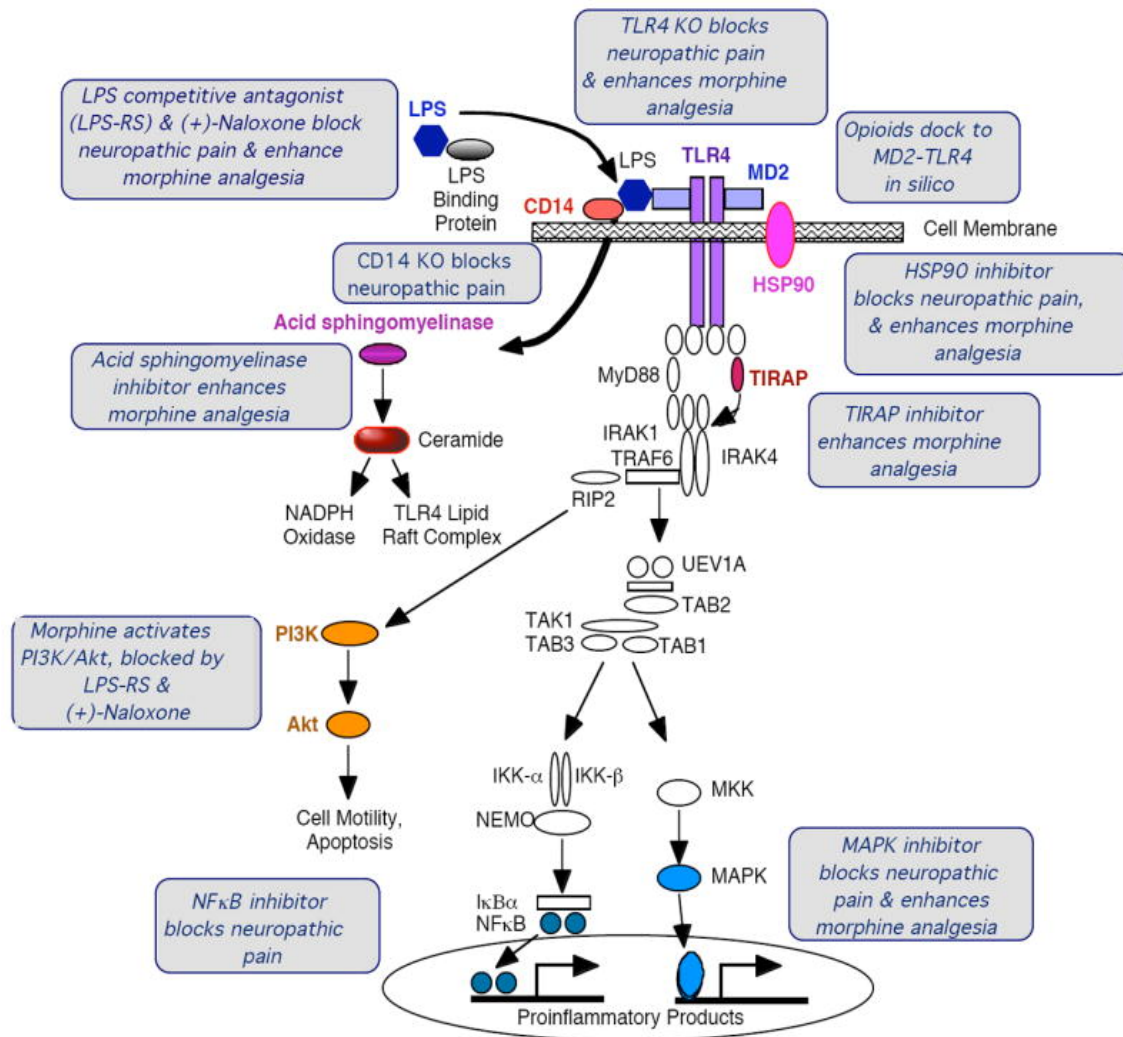
### **7.3.1 TLR4 Glial activator receptor**

TLR4 is mainly expressed by microglia, however, it can be found also in astrocytes, especially under neuroinflammatory conditions (Hutchinson et al., 2008). This receptor appears to be a major glial activator at the beginning of and during neuropathic pain. Although the TLR2 and TLR3 receptors are involved in neuropathic pain, most studies have been done just for the TLR4 receptor. There are several studies dealing with TLR2 (Mallard et al., 2009; Hong et al., 2010) and TLR3 (Obata et al., 2008).

### **7.3.2 TLR4 signalling**

TLR4 signalling is active in a number of cellular cascades. It has been reported that LPS, which is agonist of TLR4 receptor, after interaction with LPS-binding protein is transferred to CD14 co-receptor on the cell membrane (Laird, 2009). This leads to intracellular activation of acid sphingomyelinase, which generates ceramide. Subsequently, lipid rafts are formed containing MD2, which is co-myeloid differentiation factor receptor, interacting with TLR4, HSP 70, 90 and others. CD14 brings LPS to the vicinity of MD2 and interaction of these proteins results in heterodimerization and subsequently to homodimerization of MD2-TLR4 (Fig. 5.). The following intracellular signalling steps occur through at least three parallel paths. The first two, cell movement and cell survival/apoptosis are mediated via the PI3K/Akt. The third one, which leads to production of pro-inflammatory factors, is mediated via activation of NF $\kappa$ B and cytokines through the MAPK cascade. It is important to note that

(+)-naloxone, (-)-naltrexone and (+)-naltrexone causes the inhibition of TLR4 (Hutchinson et al., 2008).



**Fig. 5.** TLR4: Glial activator receptor. Adopted from Watkins et al. (2009)

## 8. Neuroglia

Neuroglia are cells in the central and peripheral nervous system which play a crucial role in maintenance and protection of neurons. These cells participate in nutrient supply, defensive actions and myelination and they are part of neuropile. These cells are not only supporting

cells in the central and peripheral nervous system, but also play a crucial role in communication, modification of neuron's answer and releasing factors such as cytokines and chemokines.

Glia cells are divided according to their morphological and functional characteristics. According to morphological differences these cells are divided into two groups: microglia and macroglia (astrocytes and oligodendrocytes in this study).

Studies dealing with the effects of drugs on glial cells were conducted mainly on astrocytes, microglia and oligodendrocytes. There are several *in vitro* studies that revealed a direct action of opioids on glia (Hutchinson et al., 2008; Narita et al., 2006; Horvath et al., 2009; Takayama et al., 2005). According to works of Hutchinson et al. (2008) and Tawfik et al. (2005), opioids activate glial cells and this activation leads to release of pro-inflammatory products, including cytokines. Hauser (1996) and Merrill and Benveniste (1996) reported that a lot of neuronal signals such as ATP, NO, substation P, excitatory amino acids or proinflammatory cytokines can also stimulate glia.

Under *in vivo* conditions, activation of glia by drugs could happen via microglial or astrocytic activation markers, which are induced by morphine (Cui et al., 2006, Hutchinson et al., 2009). Activation of glia by drugs could block the pro-inflammatory cytokines which increase the morphine analgesia (Hutchinson et al., 2008; Shavit et al., 2005). According to study of Cui et al. (2006), selective activation of microglial p38 MAPK is induced by opioids and inhibition of p38 MAPK attenuates tolerance to morphine algesia.

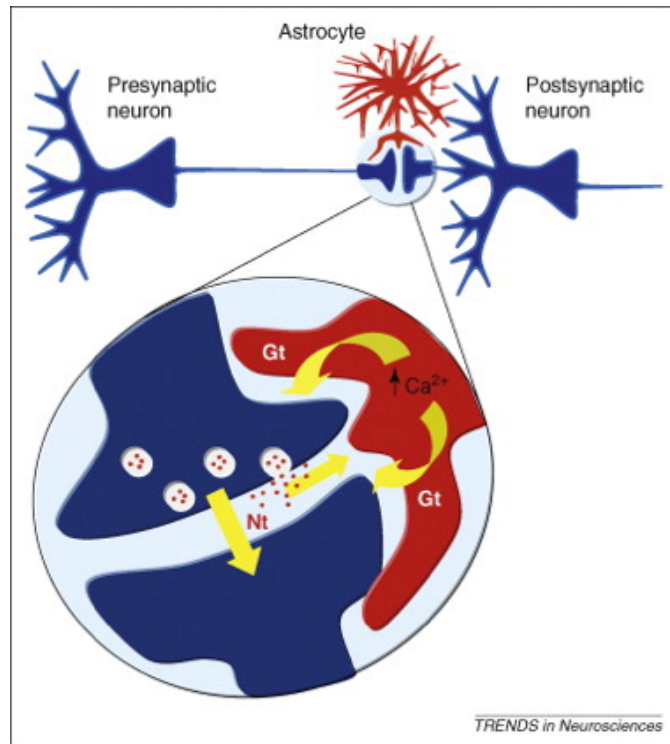
## **8.1 Astrocytes**

These cells were introduced by Michael von Lenhossek in 1891 (Parpura et al., 2012). Besides others, the role of astrocytes is delivery of nutrients and neurotransmitter precursors and regulation of cerebral blood flow. According to Smith (2010), astrocyte may have about 30,000 connections with adjacent cells. These connections provide integrating and modulatory capability. Astrocytes can regulate nervous transmission in the following ways:

- 1) by releasing of neurotransmitters (Fellin and Carmignoto, 2004)
- 2) by neurotrophic factors (Brenneman et al., 1997)
- 3) by cytokines and chemokines (Dong and Benveniste, 2001)
- 4) by formation of extracellular matrix (Brightman, 2002).

Astrocytes are distributed in all parts of the CNS and they have a lot of different functions, such as participation in constitution of the brain-blood barrier or formation of a tripartite

synapse (Araque et al., 1999). The tripartite synapse (Fig. 6) is a concept of existence of bidirectional interactions between astrocytes and neurons, whereby astrocytes may modulate communication between presynaptic and postsynaptic neuron. This modulation reflects active participation of astrocytes in a synaptic function.



**Fig. 6.** Tripartite synapse: the transmission of information between a presynaptic and postsynaptic neuron and astrocyte. Adopted from Araque et al. (1999).

In addition the role of astrocytes is in maintenance of glutamate homeostasis, which has an important role in the synaptic activity, and high doses of extracellular glutamate may cause influx of calcium ions into the neurons and result in uncontrolled signaling and neurotoxicity. There are two main types of glutamate transporters: EAAT1 (rat homolog glutamate/aspartate transporter GLAST) and EAAT2 (rat homolog glutamate transporter -1, GLT-1) (Hertz et al., 2004). These transporters are primarily expressed in astrocytes but they are also in other neuroglia in a limited extent. According to studies of Hyman et al. (2005) and Kalivas (2004), the glutamatergic system is involved in the process of learning which leads to behavior during addiction. Glutamate transport activator MS-153, when applied along with morphine, methamphetamine, or also cocaine, could significantly reduce place preference without subsequent locomotor responses (Nakagawa et al., 2005). This compound was also able to

reduce the development of morphine tolerance and physical addiction when applied along with morphine (Nakagawa et al., 2001).

To determine the role of astrocytes, astrocyte conditioned medium (ACM) was used in experiments of Narita et al. (2006). ACM is used to support growth of neurons and endothelial cells and in this study it was applied for investigation how astrocyte-related soluble factors are involved in the development of rewarding effects induced by drugs of abuse. Application of ACM into the NAcc of a mouse after administration of methamphetamine or morphine in a dose which causes addiction increased rewarding effects of these drugs by the way of activation of the Janus kinase signal transducers and activators of transcription (Jak/STAT) pathway, which modulates astrogliosis and astrogliogenesis.

### **8.1.1. GFAP**

GFAP protein is the main protein of intermediate filaments of glial cells in differential fibrous and protoplasmatic astrocytes in the CNS. GFAP is part of cytoskeleton and is important for keeping the cell shape. Astrocytes in drug addicts show elongated fiber structures which contain a significant amount of GFAP in comparison with control samples. The changes are prominent in hippocampal astrocytes (Weber et al., 2013). Interestingly, brain injury and neurotoxicity is also accompanied by increased levels of GFAP (Hill et al., 1996). A long-term therapy with morphine increases the expression of GFAP and enlargement of astrocytes in the ventral segmental area, frontal cortex, NAcc, locus coeruleus and nucleus of the solitary tracts in rats (Marie-Claire, et al., 2004; Beitner-Johnson et al., 1993; Song et al., 2001; Garrido et al, 2005; Alonso et al., 2007). Methamphetamine reduces dopaminergic terminals without loss of neurons (Ricaurte et al., 1984), but induces astrogliosis with increasing of GFAP in the frontal cortex, striatum and hippocampus (Pubill et al., 2003).

It was observed that astrocytes inactivation by the gliotoxin fluorocitrate inhibits morphine-induced increasing of GFAP, toleration and morphine analgesia (Song et al., 2001). MDMA (Ecstasy) is an exception in comparison to other stimulants, because it does not increase GFAP expression or activation of microglia, although it causes reduction of dopaminergic and serotonergic terminals (Pubill et al., 2003).

Narita et al. (2006) reported that *in vitro* treatment of a mouse neural/glial cells in culture with methamphetamine (10  $\mu$ M) or morphine (10  $\mu$ M) during the period of three days caused activation of astrocytes and at the same time increased the level of GFAP and did not cause the death of neurons. Similar results were obtained in subsequent experiments of the

same group (Narita et al., 2005). On the other hand, morphine (10  $\mu$ M) but not methamphetamine (10  $\mu$ M) induced activation of cortical astrocytes.

Propentophylline is a xantine derivate known for its neuroprotective effects and it has been shown to modulate a glial activity under pathological conditions when astrocytes are activated by methamphetamine and morphine (Sweitzer et al., 2001; Rhagavendra et al., 2004). Amphetamine may cause reduction in striatal neuroglia and gliogenesis in the subventricular zone and the somatosensory cortex *in vivo*. Liu et al. (2013) reported changes in GFAP mRNA copy numbers using quantitative RT-PCR in these regions after amphetamine administration.

### **8.1.2. GDNF**

The neurotrophic activity of astrocytes can participate in the effects of cocaine in the ventral tegmental area. Glia-derived neurotrophic factor (GDNF) is mainly in astrocytes, but it is produced in microglia, too (Appel et al., 1997; Chang et al., 2006). GDNF supports survival and differentiation of dopaminergic neurons and protects these cells from methamphetamine-induced neurotoxicity in mice (Cass, 1996). As observed in study of Pierce et al. (2001), after administration of GDNF into the VTA a significant reduction occurred in the increase of a key protein, neurotrophin, induced by exposure to cocaine.

### **8.1.3. BDNF**

BDNF produced mostly by astrocytes plays a role as a factor of survival for some neurons and it participates in synaptic plasticity in the cortex and other subcortical. The BDNF signaling pathway, which starts from non-noradrenergic sources such astrocytes, is essential for opioid induced adaptation of the noradrenergic system (Akbarian et al., 2002). This factor can also be involved in response to withdrawal symptoms (Akbarian et al., 2001). The BDNF/TrkB pathway is implicated in the methamphetamine-induced release of dopamine (Narita et al., 2003).

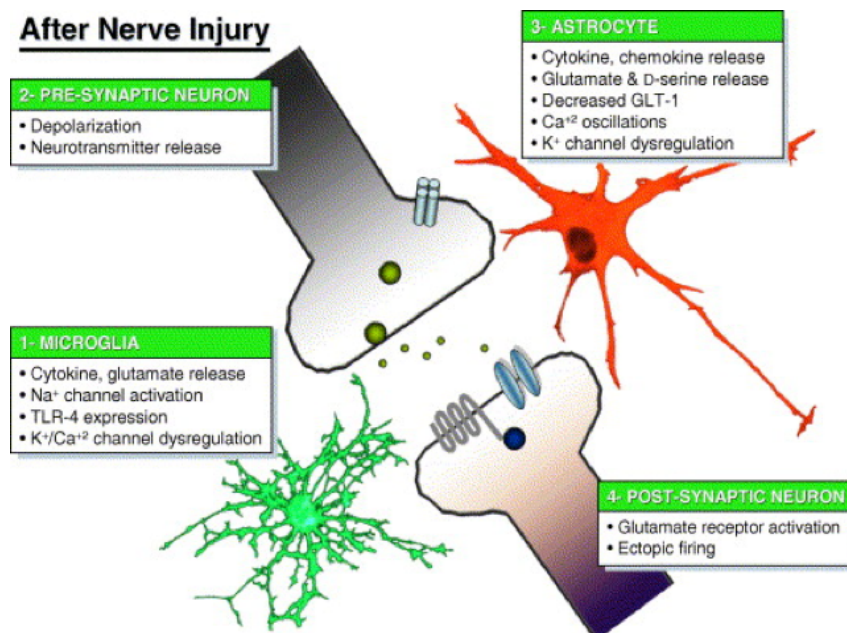
### **8.1.4. bFGF**

Astrocytes produce not only BDNF, but also bFGF, which plays a role in the development of sensitivity to amphetamines (Yamada et al., 2004). According to the study of Fumagalli et al. (2006), one dose of cocaine transiently increased the level of bFGF in the striatum and prefrontal cortex, but longer exposition resulted in continuously higher level bFGF in these brain regions.

## 8.2. Microglia

Microglia was discovered by Pio del Rio-Hortega in 1932 (summarized in Rezaie et al., 2002). These cells originate from monocytes and their role is phagocytosis in the CNS. Microglia respond to damage or stress situations in the CNS. Activation of microglia includes always proliferation of these cells or increase of expression of immunomolecules or changes of their function such as release of cytotoxic or/and inflammatory mediators.

Microglia, similarly to the other cells in the immune system, express opioid receptors (Bidlack, 2000; Chao et al., 1997). Hu et al. (2002) have shown that overstimulation of these receptors leads to apoptosis. Stimulation by morphine can stimulate phagocytosis (Peterson et al., 1995; Lipovsky et al., 1998) and decrease microglial chemotaxis via complement protein 5a (Chao et al., 1997) and CCL5 (Hu et al., 2000). On the other hand, study of Shanks et al. (2012) revealed that methamphetamine but not amphetamine can inhibit phagocytosis. According to De Leo (2006) microglia can modulate neuron response similarly to astrocytes. This concept is represented by a tetrapartite synapse (Fig. 7).



**Fig. 7.** Tetrapartite synaptic unit. Adopted from De Leo et al. (2006).

Below is summarized experimental evidence concerning microglia activation mechanisms after nerve injury, surgical procedures and chronic opioid exposure:

- 1) Phosphorylation of p38 through activation of P2X4 receptor and increased synthesis and release of the neurotrophin BDNF, which, among others, might increase neuropathic pain through the inhibition of synaptic transmission in the spinal cord (Wu et al., 2006).
- 2) At the same time, this phosphorylation increases the synthesis of pro-inflammatory cytokine IL-1b, IL-6, TNF-alpha and the transcription factor NF-kB (Haydon et al., 2009), LPS, which is a potential activator of microglia and TLR4 ligand, which indicates the release of other glia.
- 3) Increased IL-1b, IL-6 and TNF-a indicate the hyperactivity of neurons in the dorsal root of the rear corners. This condition leads to hypersensitivity (Hutchinson et al., 2007; Noman et al., 2009).
- 4) Intratecal administration of IL-1b, IL-6, TNF-a induces potent hyperalgesia and allodynia. CREB activates the same factors which are critical in transcription of pronociceptive genes such as neurokinin-1 and Cox-2 (Lewis et al., 2009).

In the study of Viviani et al. (2003), IL-1B increased NMDA conductance in neurons also in the spinal cord dorsal horn. According to study of Beattie et al. (2002), TNF-alpha significantly enhances membrane neuronal AMPA receptors and conductance. TNF-alpha also increases neuroexcitability in response to glutamate (Emch et al., 2001).

### **8.3. Oligodendrocytes**

The role of oligodendrocytes is in maintenance and isolation of neuron axons in the CNS. The same role with some morphological differences is played by Swan's cells in the PNS. One oligodendrocyte may roll with myelin approximately 50 axons. Oligodendrocytes are not as well characterized as astrocytes or microglia cells as far as their role in drug addiction concerned. Bannon et al. (2005) and Albertson et al. (2004) have found using microarrays that the expression of mRNAs of many proteins is greatly reduced in patients addicted to cocaine. These proteins are involved in the process of myelination in the NAcc, which has been reduced to oligodendrocytes immunoreactive for myelin basic protein. At the moment there are no studies where the correlation between the change in behavior among drug addicts and function of oligodendrocytes in the NAcc, optionally in other relevant areas of the brain.

Oligodendrocytes, like other glial cells, are capable of producing neurotrophic factors in response to the surrounding neurons (Du et al., 2002).

## **9. Minocycline, fluorocitrat and ibudiblast (AV411)**

These substances are in the center of interest of many scientists (Meller et al., 1994; Milligan et al., 2000 and 2003; Ragavendra et al., 2003; Ledebøer et al., 2005) because of their effects on neuroglia in pain control. Glial activation inhibitors such as fluorocitrat, minocycline and possibly ibudilast (AV411) increase the morphine analgesia (Hutchinson et al., 2008, Hutchinson et al., 2009; Cui et al., 2008). They can be important in prevention of hyperalgesia or relieving of symptoms associated with long-term use of drugs.

Fluorocitrate, a metabolite of fluoroacetate, according to study of Hassel et al. (1992) disrupts the Krebs cycle via inhibiting aconitase. Berg-Johnsen et al. (1993) observed that this compound causes reduction in the glial tricarboxylic acid cycle and accordingly in the level of glutamine, the main precursor of glutamate.

Minocycline, a broad-spectrum tetracyclic antibiotic, inhibits activation of microglia but, on the other hand, it does not exert any direct effect on neurons or astrocytes (Ledebøer et al., 2005) and stops locomotor activity induced by cocaine or methamphetamine in mice (Chen et al., 2009; Fujita et al., 2012).

Ibudilast (AV411), 3-isobutyl-2-isopropylpyrazolo-[1,5-a]pyridine, was found to inhibit phosphodiesterase (PDE) and pro-inflammatory activity. In parallel, administration of AV411 blocked the response to methamphetamine exposure in rats (Snider et al., 2013; Beardsley et al., 2010). AV411 may decrease opioid dependence and withdrawal signs (Hutchinson et al., 2009; Ledebøer et al., 2007) and also attenuate morphine-induced release of dopamine in the NAcc (Bland et al., 2009).

## **10. Conclusions**

Neuroglia are not only supportive cells in the CNS and PNS but also play a lot of other important roles. The substances such as drugs of abuse can activate these cells in a specific way. The studies dealing with the effects of drugs on glia have been mainly performed on astrocytes, microglia and oligodendrocytes.

The best reviewed glia are astrocytes which after their activation are able to produce cytokines and chemokines (Achour and Pascual, 2010). According to Araque (1999) there is a concept of tripartite synapse, the concept of existence of both sides communication between

an astrocyte and presynaptic and postsynaptic neuron. As a result of this modulation there is an active participation of astrocyte in a synaptic function. In the study of Hertz et al., 2004, the role of astrocytes in addiction is the keeping of glutamate homeostasis, which has an important role in the synaptic activity. There is a direct evidence that among drug addicts the level of GFAP is higher (Weber et al., 2013; Marie-Claire et al., 2004; Beitner-Johnson et al., 1993; Song et al., 2001; Garrido et al., 2005; Alonso et al., 2007), also GDNF (Appel et al., 1997; Lee et al., 2006), BDNF (Akbarian et al., 2002, 2001), bFGF (Yamada et al., 2004; Fungamalli et al., 2006) in comparison with control samples.

Microglia, main cells of the immune system in the brain, are important for their role in phagocytosis (Peterson et al., 1995; Lipovsky et al., 1998) but they are involved in chemotaxis, too (Chao et al., 1997; Hu et al., 2000). According to De Leo (2006), microglia provide a modulation of neuron response similarly to astrocytes, and they are part of a tetrapartite synapse.

It has been demonstrated that glial cells after activation by opioids increase tolerance, dependence, reward and depress breathing. These effects depend mainly on TLR4 and less on opioid receptors (Watkins et al., 2009). TLR4 is the main glial receptor which participates in neuropathic pain.

Fewer studies have been devoted to oligodendrocytes. However, it has been found that many proteins expressed in these cells involved in the process of myelination are reduced in patients addicted to cocaine (Bannon et al., 2005; Albertson et al., (2004).

Promise for the future lies in the prevention of allodynia and hyperalgesia (Meller et al., 1997; Milligan et al., 2000 and 2003; Rhagavendra et al, 2003; Ledebore et al., 2005) therefore substances like minocycline, which inhibits activation of microglia (Ledebore et al., 2005), fluorocitrate, which inhibits activation of astrocytes (Hassel et al., 1992; Borg-Johnsen et al., 1993) or ibudilast (AV411), which inhibit phosphodiesterase (PDE) and pro-inflammatory activity. (Snider et al., 2013; Beardsley et al., 2010). However, more research focused on these substances is needed.

There is a number of studies dealing with consequences of drug administration in neurons but there are only few studies about the role of glia in the mechanism of tolerance, withdrawal and hyperalgesia. It is necessary to pay more attention to delineation of communication between glia and neurons, glial receptors, modulation of synaptic transmission, influence of opioid-induced releasing factors, and others.

Here are some topics possibly important for future research:

- 1) studies of oligodendrocytes, Schwann cells and other types of glia and their modification after drug administration
- 2) investigation of the consequences of increased levels of GFAP, GDNF, BDNF, bFGF
- 3) possible use of minocycline, fluorocitrate and ibudilast (AV411) in a prevention of hyperalgesia and allodynia.

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