

# The CXCR4/CXCL12 axis contributes to cerebrolysin-induced neuroprotection against staurosporine-treated cortical neurons at 7 days in vitro and prevents inflammation in a N2a cell line exposed to LPS

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## INTRODUCTION

Oxidative stress and inflammation are hallmarks of neurodegenerative diseases, including a reduced repair capacity. Neural progenitor cells (NPCs) from the subventricular zone (SVZ), the dentate gyrus and the olfactory bulb can migrate and differentiate into neurons or glial cells. CXCL12 chemokine binds to CXCR4 and this axis contributes to neuroinflammation.

Following CNS insult, chemokines recruit stem cells for repair while the aberrant CXCR4 activation promotes cell death. In fact, NPCs, endothelial cells, neurons (and glia) express CXCR4, which enhance the homing of stem cells for neuronal repair. CXCL12 attracts neuroblasts and it is also secreted at sites of injury.

## Neuroprotective effects of cerebrolysin

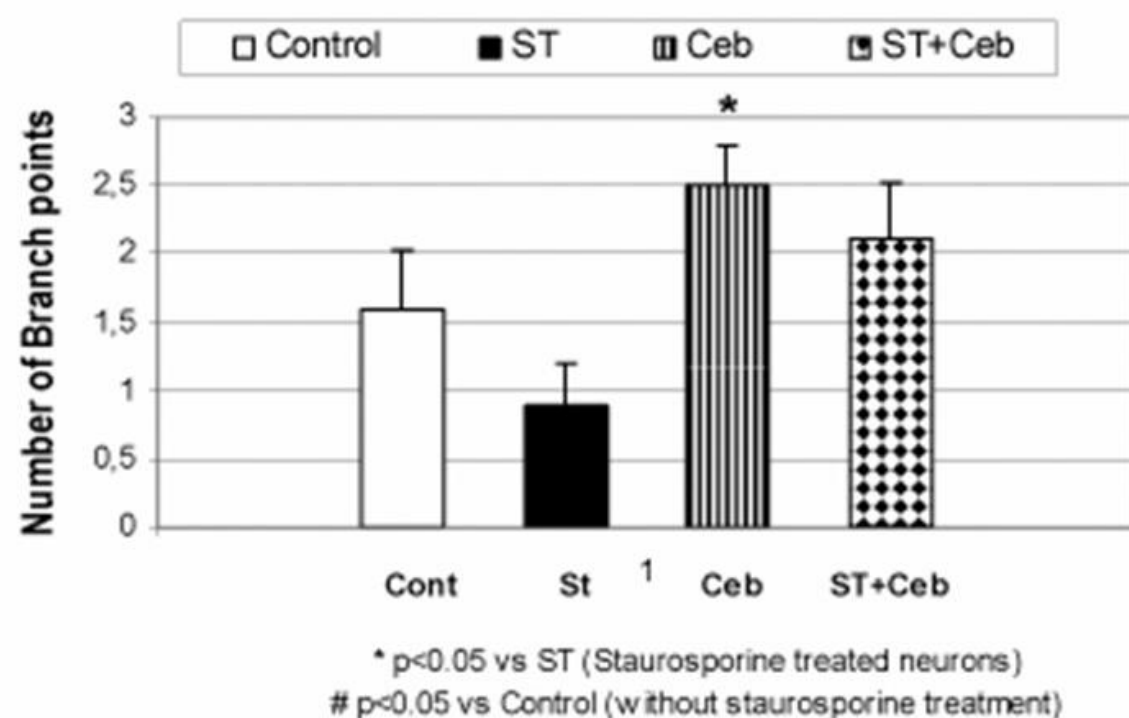
Cerebrolysin (Ceb) contains low-molecular weight neuropeptides from porcine brain proteins and induces neurotrophic BDNF-dependent levels. Ceb was approved for acute ischemic stroke, cognitive impairment and dementia treatment (USA)

## AIM

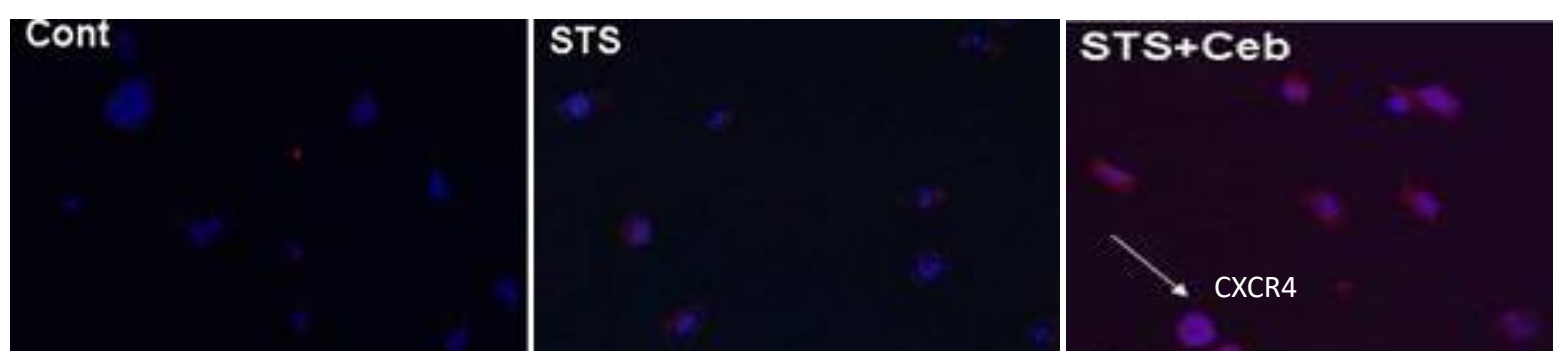
This work study whether Ceb may protect cortical neurons at 7 DIV against staurosporine-induced cell death or LPS-induced inflammation in cortical neurons at 7 DIV and N2a cell line.

For this purpose, extracts from cortical neurons or N2a cells were isolated and the expression of several inflammatory mediators quantified by pCR (IL-1 beta and CXCR4/SDF1) axis

## Cerebrolysin increases neurite length in cortical neurons at 7 DIV



## Nuclear CXCR4 detection in staurosporine- N2a neuroblastome cell line under Staurosporine treatment



**Cont:** Neuroblastome N2a control cells (without treatments)

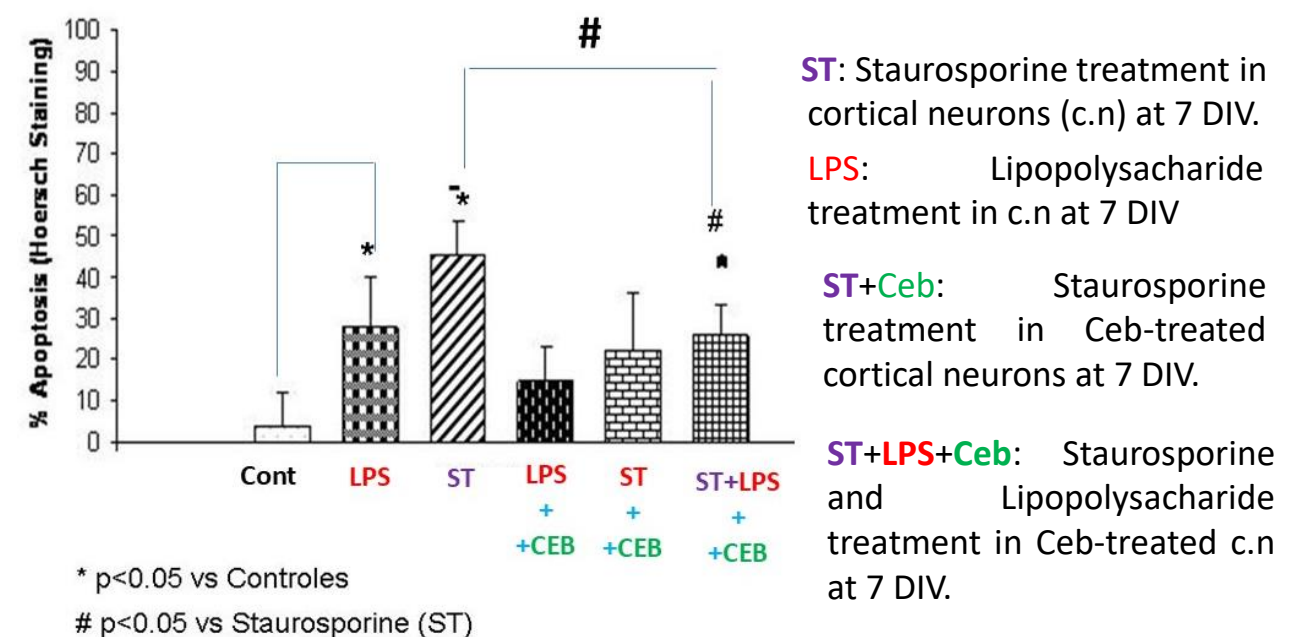
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## REFEREMCES

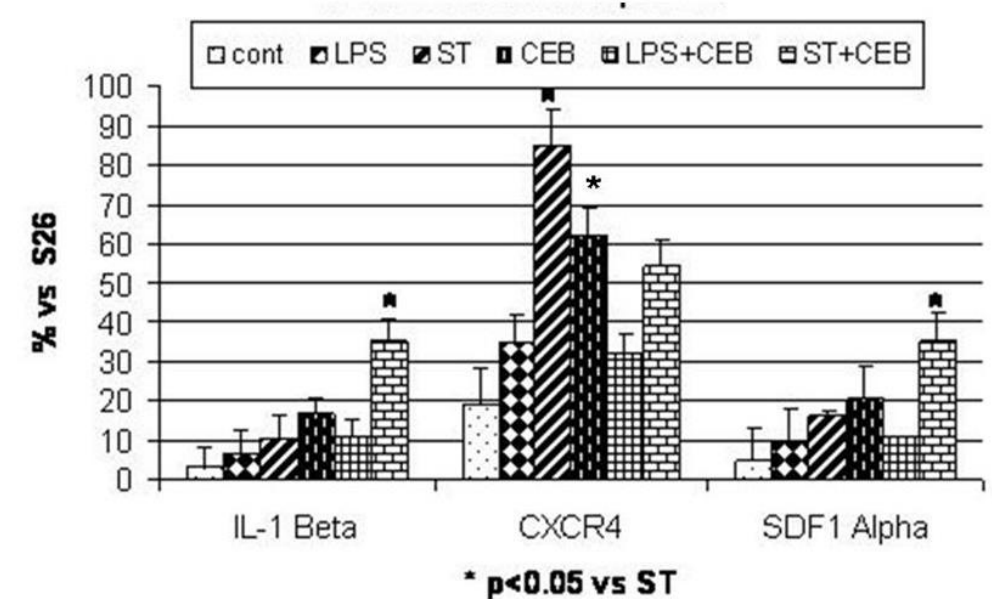
## RESULTS

### Antiapoptotic effects of cerebrolysin in staurosporine-treated cortical neurons at 7 DIV

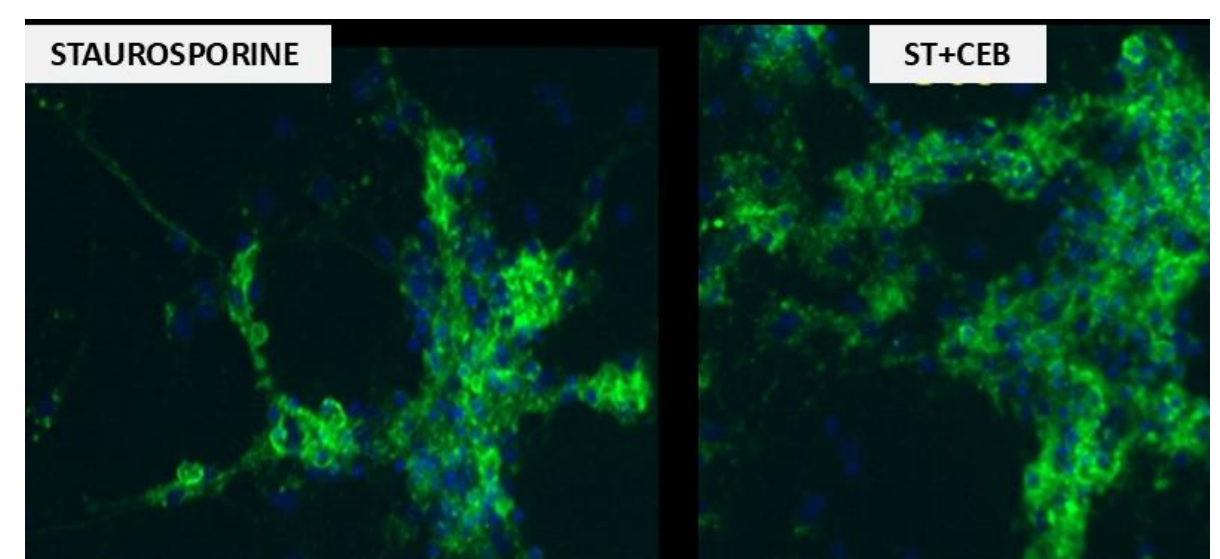


**ST:** Staurosporine treatment in cortical neurons (c.n) at 7 DIV.  
**LPS:** Lipopolysaccharide treatment in c.n at 7 DIV  
**ST+Ceb:** Staurosporine treatment in Ceb-treated cortical neurons at 7 DIV.  
**ST+LPS+Ceb:** Staurosporine and Lipopolysaccharide treatment in Ceb-treated c.n at 7 DIV.

### Ceb mediated antiaapoptotic effects by CXCR4 in cortical neurons under inflammation or apoptosis



### Cerebrolysin increases PSA-NCAM levels in staurosporine-treated cortical neurons (7 DIV)



**ST (Staurosporine):** staurosporine (ST) treatment in cortical neurons at 7 DIV

**ST+Ceb:** Cerebrolysin-treated cortical neurons with Staurosporine (ST)

## CONCLUSION

**CEREBRROLYSIN INDUCES NEURAL PLASTICITY BY INCREASING PSA-NCAM PROTEIN LEVELS**

**CEREBRROLYSIN PREVENTS APOPTOSIS BY INCREASING CXCR4 IN -STAUROSPORINE-TREATED NEURONS AS WELL AS IN N2A TREATED CELLS**