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# Effect of ELF-MF (50 Hz, 0.5 mT) on psychomotor behavior of rats caused by acute administration of MK-801

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MK-801 can mimic the cognitive, negative, psychotic, and physiological features of schizophrenia, including increased hyperlocomotion and altered behavioral flexibility. As N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonist, it is widely used to test the "glutamate hypofunction hypothesis of schizophrenia". An extremely low-frequency magnetic field (ELF-MF) can stimulate NMDA receptor activity, but its effect on dysregulated glutamine transmission is unknown. Therefore, this study addresses the effect of continuous exposure to ELF-MF (50 Hz, 0.5 mT) for 7 days on rat psychomotor behavior induced by acute administration of MK-801 (0.25 mg/kg, i.p.). During the experiment, adult male Wistar rats were placed near the on/off generator of ELF-MF, injected with MK-801/saline immediately after 7-day sham/ELF-MF exposure, and subjected to the open field test for 2 hours. Their behavior was analyzed using the ANY-maze software and expressed as travel distance, time in movement, and average speed while in motion in 30-min intervals. The results show that (1) acute administration of 0.25 mg/kg MK-801 significantly increased travel distance and time in movement from 60 to 120 min and average speed while in motion from 60 to 90 min compared with saline-injected animals; (2) 7-day exposure to ELF-MF had no significant effect on the behavior of saline- and MK-801-injected animals compared with the corresponding controls. Therefore, it can be concluded that this regime of ELF-MF exposure does not affect the psychomotor behavior of rats caused by the pharmacological modification of glutamine transmission with the applied MK-801 dose.

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