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The kinetics of autophagy in the lung following acute spinal cord injury in rats

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Abstract

Background context

Lung injury is a major cause of respiratory complications following an acute spinal cord injury (ASCI), which are associated with a high mortality rate. Autophagy has been shown to be involved in a variety of lung diseases; however, Whether autophaphy is activated in the lung following ASCI remains unknown.

Purpose

The objective of this study was to investigate the induction of autophagy in the lung after ASCI.

Study Design

This is an experimental animal study of ASCI investigating kinetics of autophagy in the lung following ASCI.

Methods

One hundred and forty-four rats (N = 144) were divided into two groups: 1) a sham (n =