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Changes in the seahorse of brain due to chronic stress - A critical reviewSupriya ¹, Suresh N.M ²

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Introduction: 75% of general population experience atleast some stress once in every two weeks. Studies have shown that the chronic stress is a risk factor for many of psychological disorders including the cardiac, gastrointestinal disorders and obesity. Many of behavioral studies on humans and animals have shown that hippocampus is most commonly involved at variable levels under the influence of uncontrollable stress. This review provides a brief information on how the chronic stress influences the structural and functional damage on hippocampus.

Objective: The review focuses on the changes occurring in the hippocampus post exposure to chronic stress.

Methods/ Study description: The review of majority of study articles have shown that the stress elevates the Cortisol and alters the hippocampal volume which eventually impairs many of the memory tasks which are dependent on hippocampus.

Results: Chronic Stress clearly exacerbates the cognition pathway by inducing widespread alterations to brain functioning, ranging from large scale network activity and reorganization to altered expression and function of synaptic proteins, including A β protein and Tau-p Protein leading to deleterious effects on Hippocampus in many neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's disease.

Conclusion: Chronic stress acts as a putative link between neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative disease. Hence good and healthy lifestyle changes should be endorsed to reduce stress as a precautionary measure in humans

Key words: Chronic stress, Hippocampus, Cortisol effects, Neurodegenerative disorders, Sea horse of brain.