

Motivation and Aim

The present study was performed to detect the key genes involved in the hypertensive phenotype manifestation in the ISIAH rats with inherited stress-induced arterial hypertension.

ISIAH rats was selected for increased response of systolic arterial blood pressure to a mild emotional stress caused by 30 min restriction in a cylindrical wire-mesh cage.



Kidney genes expression in hypertensive ISIAH rats

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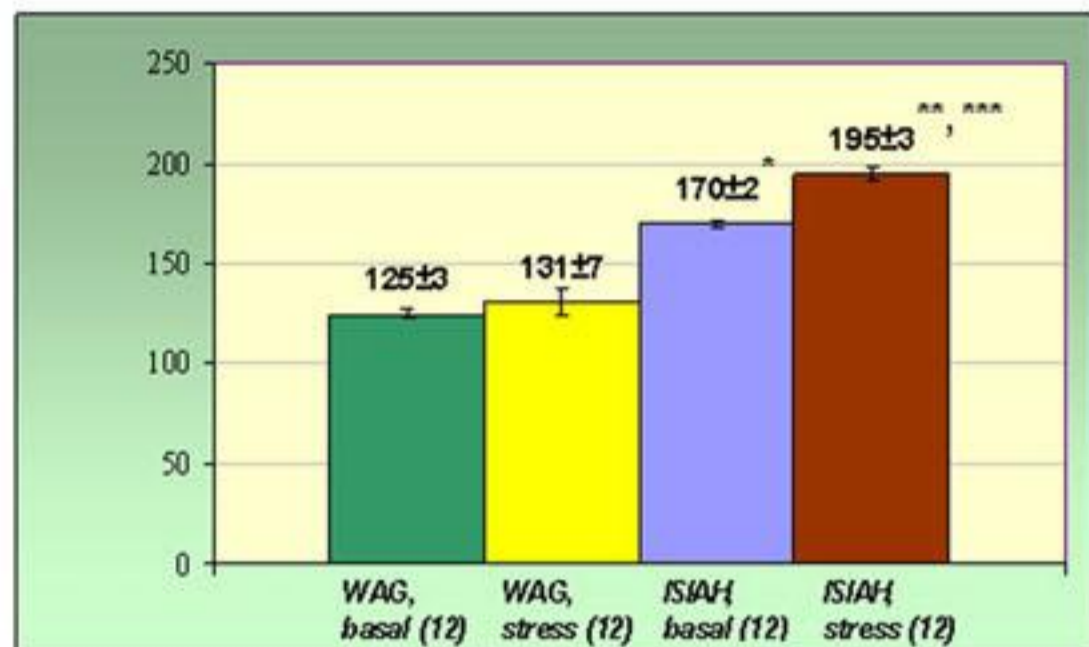
Methods

RT-PCR was performed on ABI PRISM 7000 Sequence Detector System (Applied Biosystems, USA) using a reagent kit with SYBR GreenI and reference dye ROX (Sintol, Moscow) according to manufacturer's recommendations. In each experiment studied cDNA with primers for the target gene (4 Repeats for each sample cDNA) and similar samples with primers for comparing gene (also four repeats) were placed samples in the one plate. Each cDNA sample was analyzed for the two plates. The relative level of gene expression was determined by $\Delta\Delta Ct$.

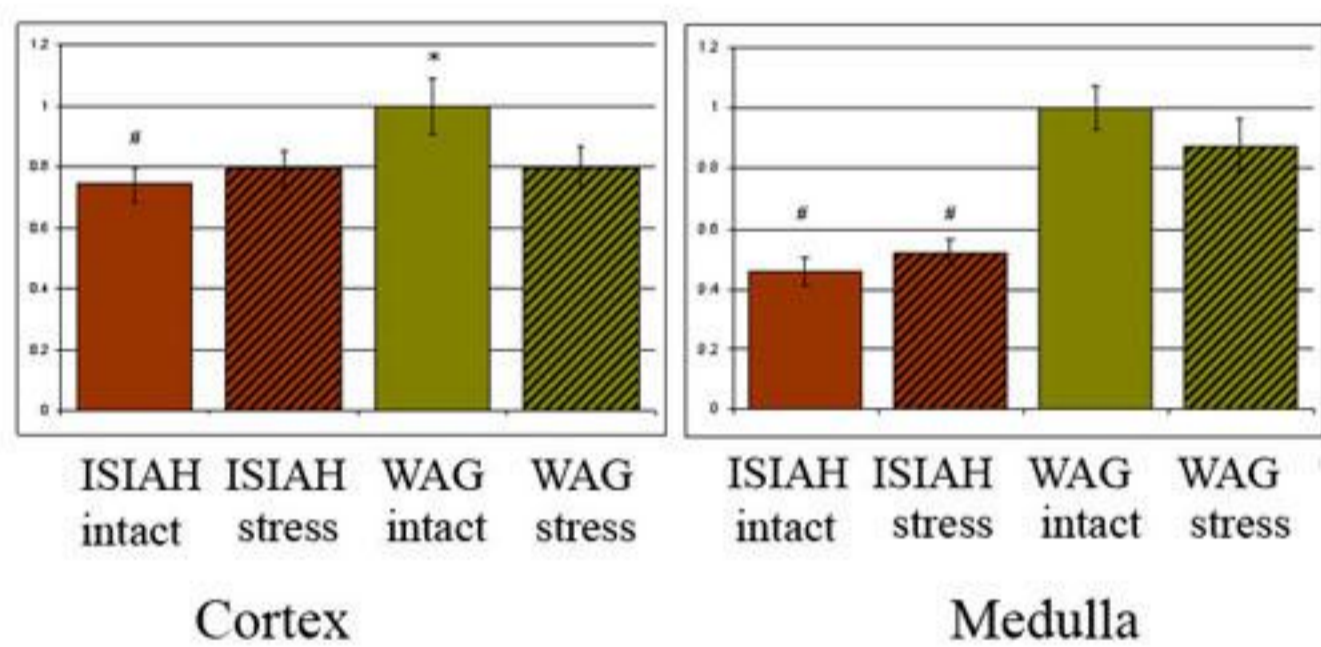
The results of measurement of the normotensive rats of WAG were used as a calibrator. The data obtained by RT-PCR were analysed with 7000 System SDS software application in automatic mode.

Microarray analysis (RatRef-12 expression Bead Chips, Illumina) was performed. Data acquisition and analysis was done by BeadStudio software using gene expression module rank invariant normalization and p value < 0.01. Kidney cortex and medulla were taken from hypertensive ISIAH (n=3) and normotensive WAG (n=3) rats to detect the differentially expressed genes. Obtained data were analysed by web tools DAVID.

Basal and stress-induced BP levels in WAG and ISIAH rat strains

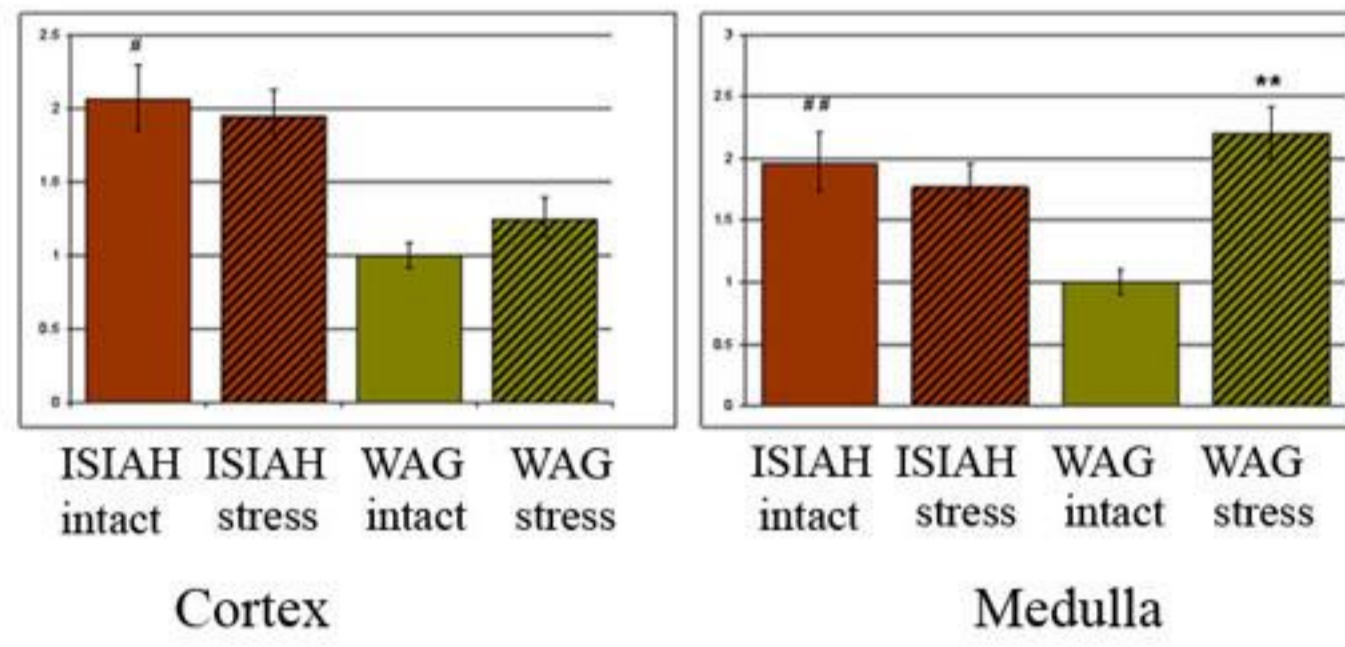


mRNA expression of *Comt* gene in the cortex and medulla of the kidneys of ISIAH and WAG rats (n = 5)



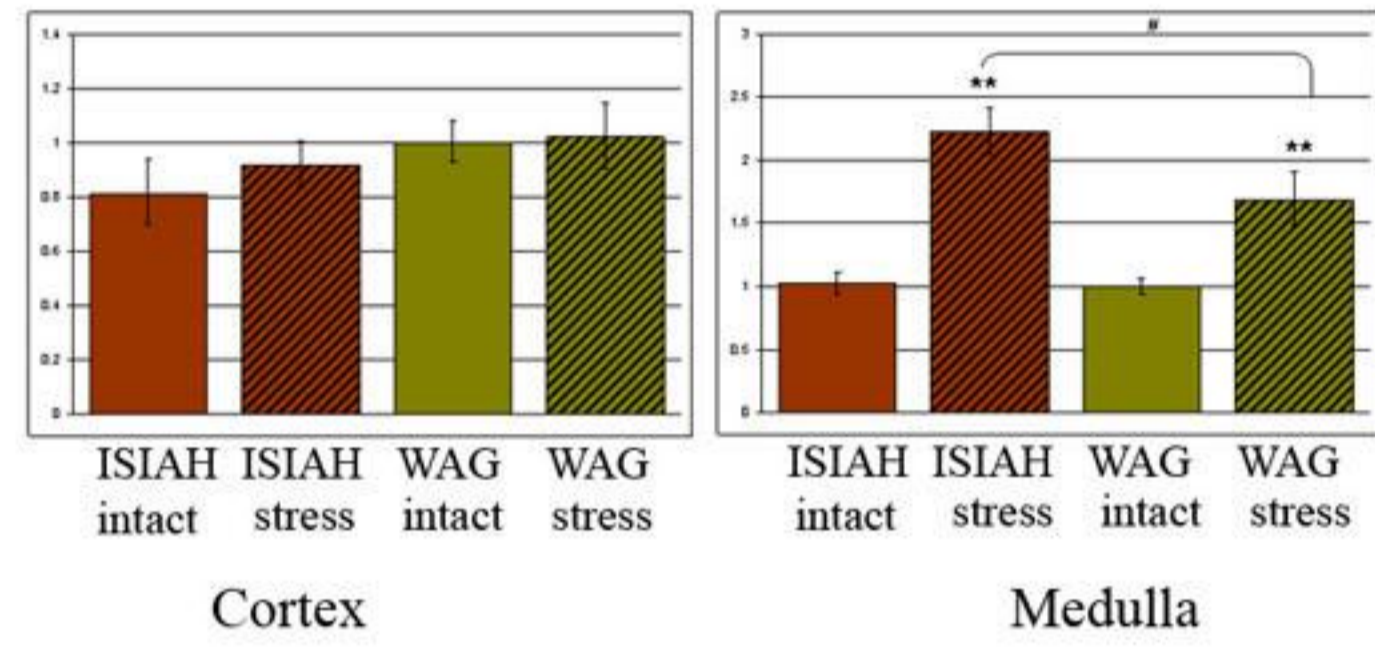
Catechol-O-methyltransferase (*Comt*) - catalyzes the methylation of catecholamines, causing their inactivation. *Comt* an enzyme that is found in many tissues, it has the highest activity in the liver and kidneys.

mRNA expression of *Egfr* gene in the cortex and medulla of the kidneys of ISIAH and WAG rats (n = 5)

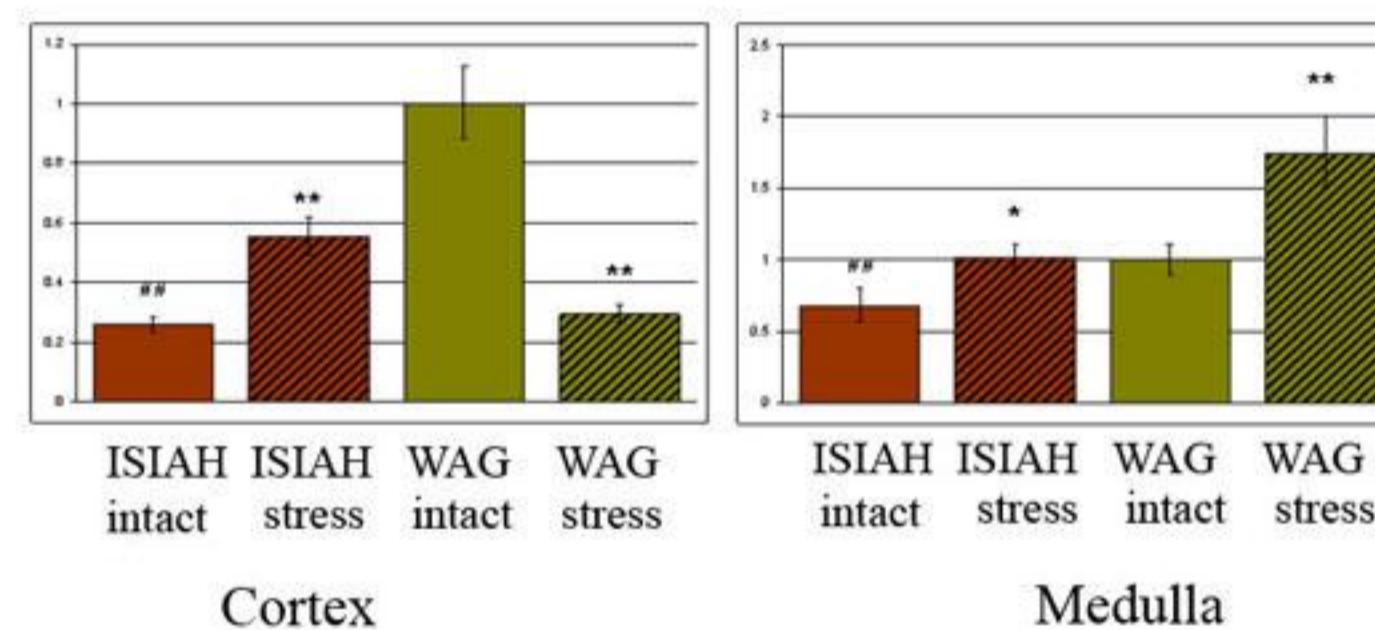


Egfr - (epidermal growth factor receptor) - is important regulators of cell proliferation and transformation. *Egfr* expression was demonstrated in renal vessels in particular in the afferent and efferent arterioles and in the cylindrical epithelium and mesangium. *Egfr* can transactivate vasoconstrictors such as: ANG II, endothelin, 1- β adrenergic agents and induces intracellular calcium mobilization.

mRNA expression of *a-ENaC* gene in the cortex and medulla of the kidneys of ISIAH and WAG rats (n = 5)

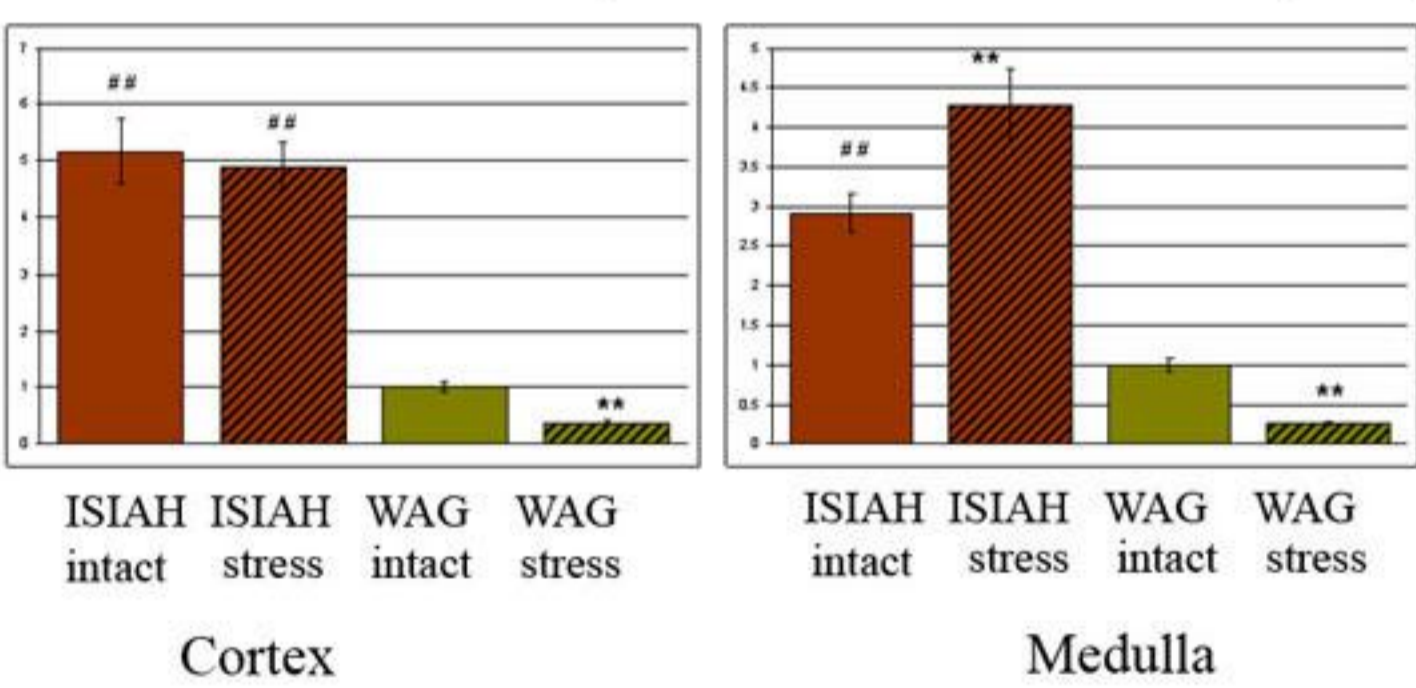


mRNA expression of *b-ENaC* gene in the cortex and medulla of the kidneys of ISIAH and WAG rats (n = 5)

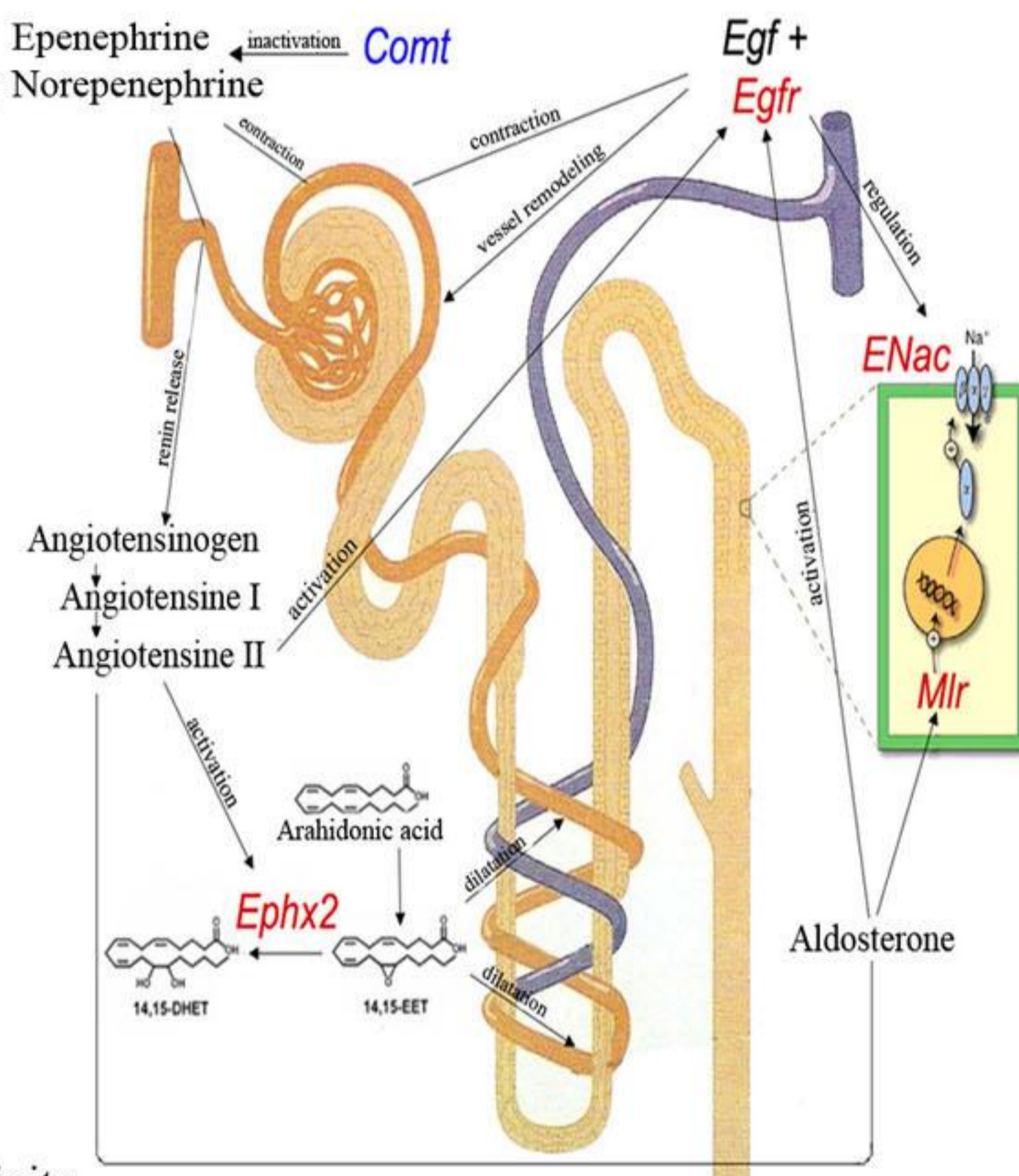


ENaC (sodium channel) - a class of ion channels, whose main function is the regulation of sodium reabsorption. It is involved in the maintenance of sodium balance, extracellular fluid volume in the body, and blood pressure.

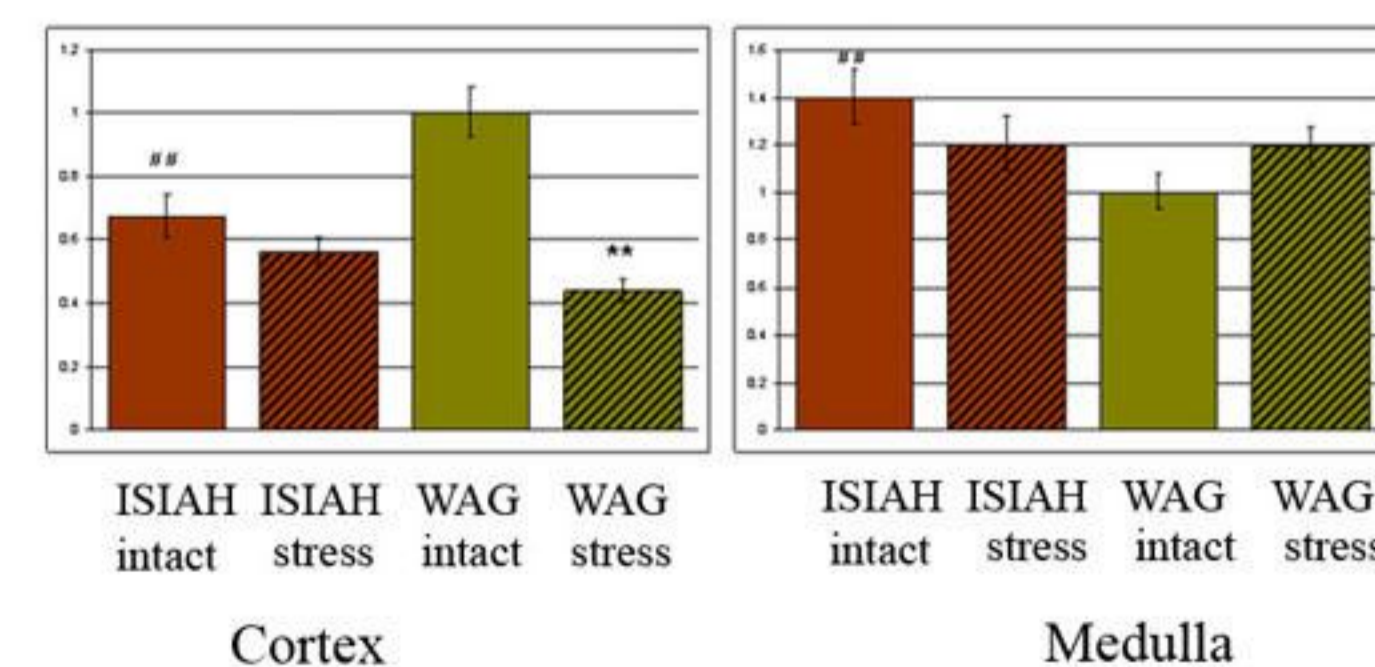
mRNA expression of *Ephx 2* gene in the cortex and medulla of the kidneys of ISIAH and WAG rats (n = 5)



Ephx2 coding soluble hydrolase (sHE). sHE catalyzes degradation of endogenous epoxy lipid (derivatives of arachidonic acid metabolism), such as epoxyeicosatrienoic acids (EETs) to their inactive derivatives - diols. sHE has the highest activity in the kidney. EETs are vasodilators, controls blood pressure and renal hemodynamics by adjusting the ion transport in the tubules of the kidney. EETs also inhibit platelet aggregation, increases fibrinolysis and has anti-inflammatory activity.



mRNA expression of *Mlr* gene in the cortex and medulla of the kidneys of ISIAH and WAG rats (n = 5)



Aldosterone interacts with its mineralocorticoid receptor (*Mlr*) and directly upregulates the mRNA levels of *ENaC*.

Conclusion

Gene symbol	Gene	mRNA expression ISIAH/WAG	Gene symbol	Gene	mRNA expression ISIAH/WAG
cell adhesion molecule					
<i>Cldn16</i>	claudin 16	0.51	<i>Cldn9</i>	claudin 9	0.30
<i>Cldn9</i>	claudin 9	0.39	<i>RT1-A1</i>	RT1 class Ia, locus A1	7.82
<i>RT1-A1</i>	RT1 class Ia, locus A1	6.09	<i>RT1-Ba</i>	RT1 class II, locus Ba	0.27
<i>RT1-CE15</i>	RT1 class I, CE15	8.43	Tyrosine metabolism		
	<i>Aox1</i>		<i>Aox1</i>	aldehyde oxidase 1	0.25
	<i>Comt</i>		<i>Comt</i>	catechol-O-methyltransferase	0.22

Gene Ontology

Kidney cortex (n=3) 126 differentially expressed genes
25 related to ion binding
Kidney medulla (n=3) 65 differentially expressed genes
15 related to ion binding