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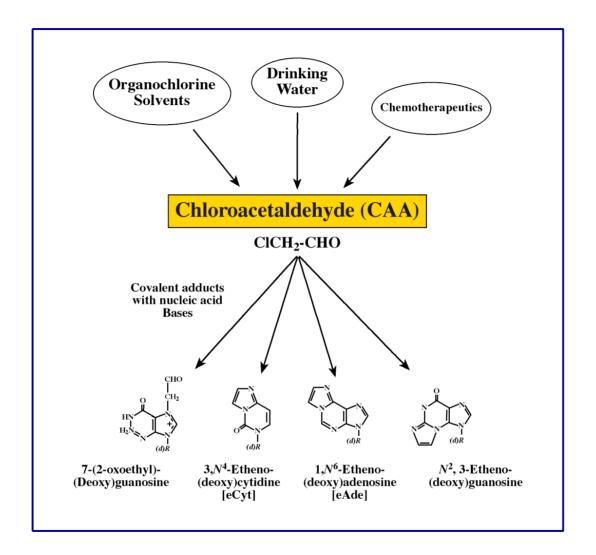
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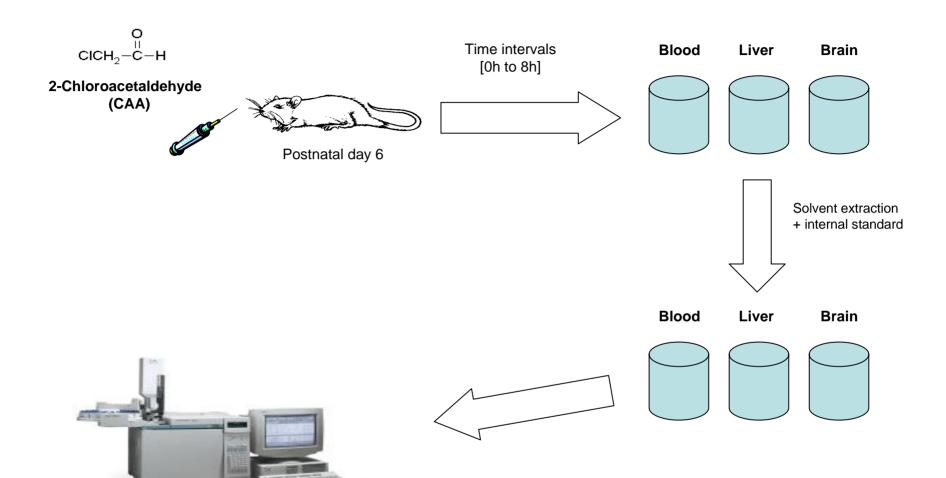
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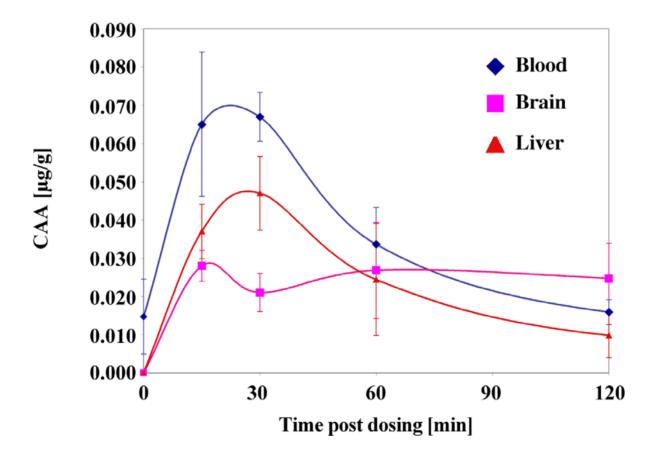
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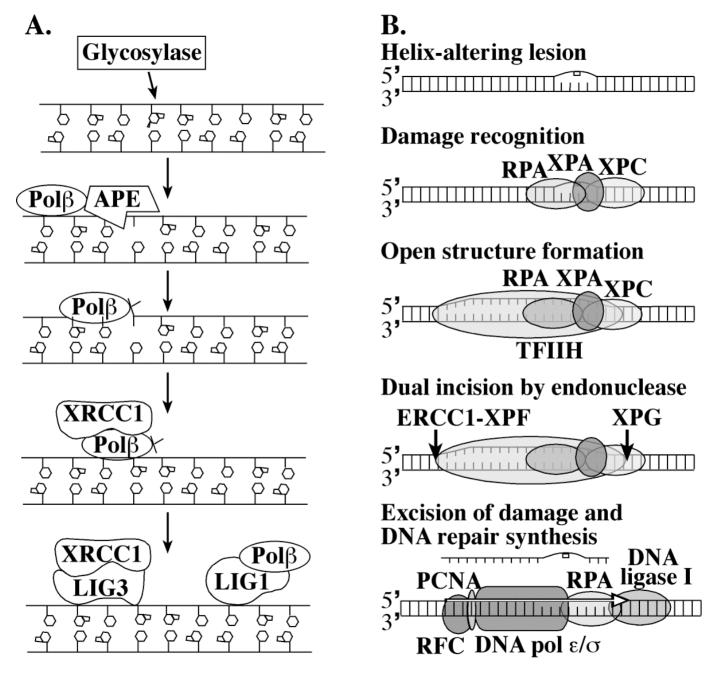
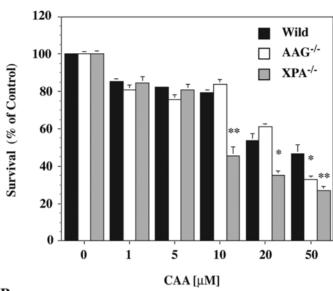
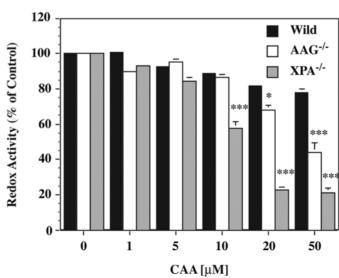


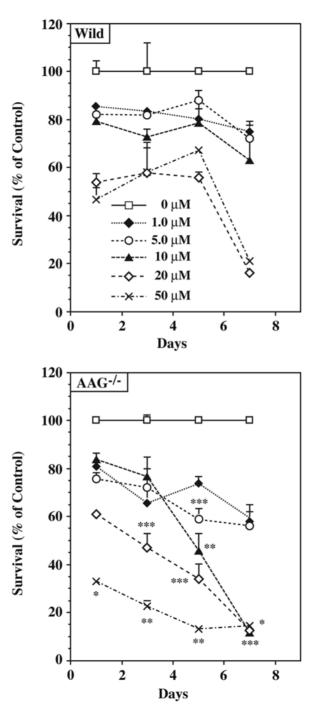
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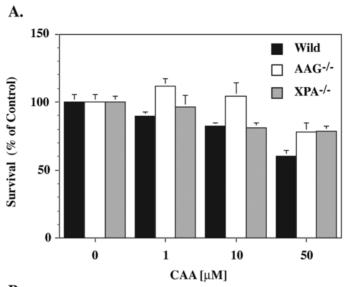


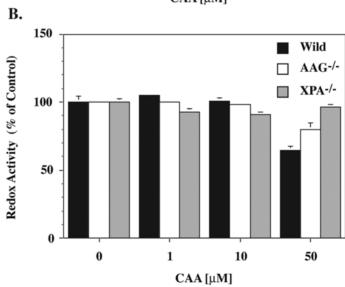


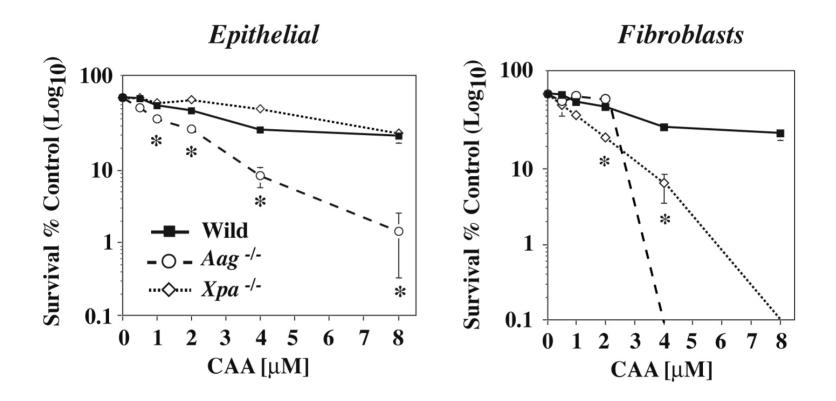
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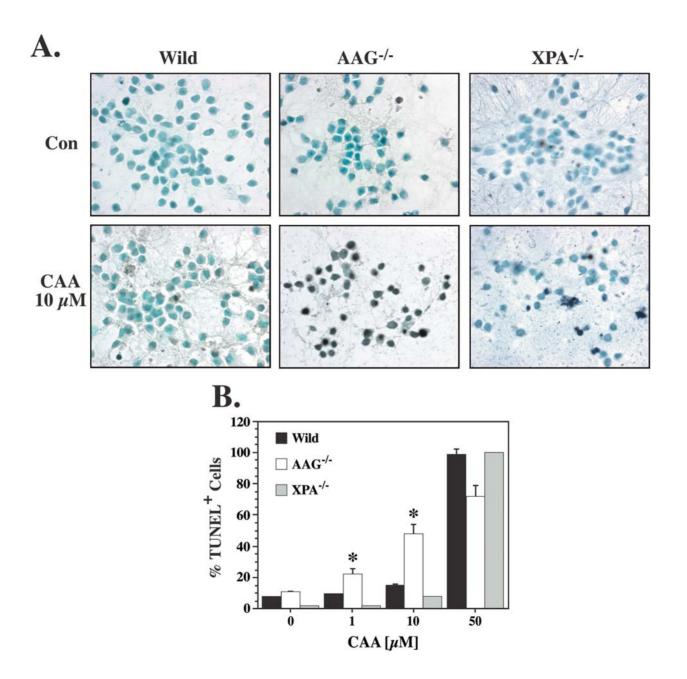


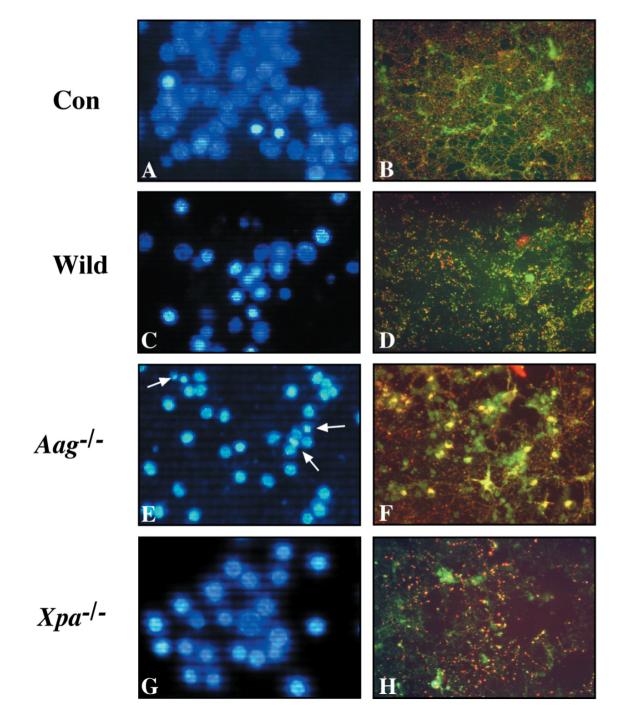


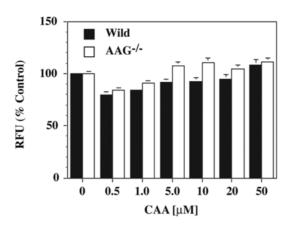


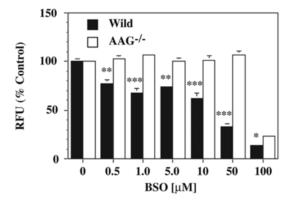


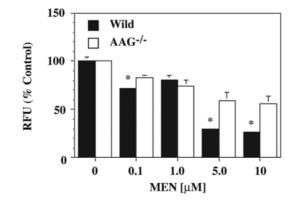


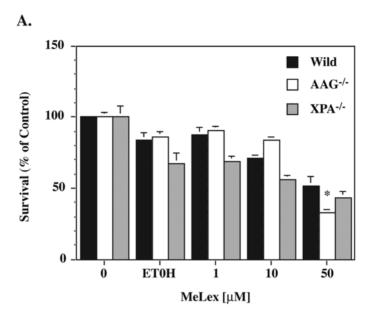


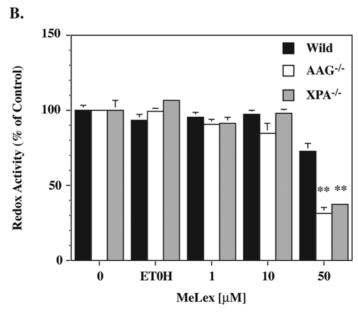












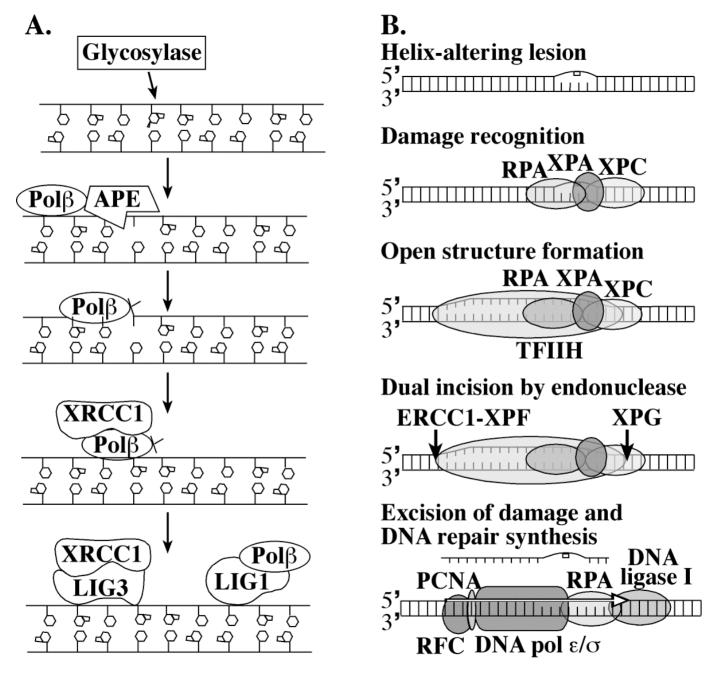
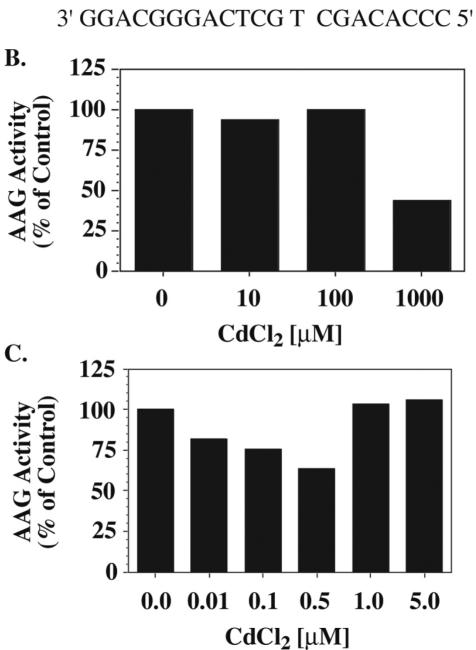
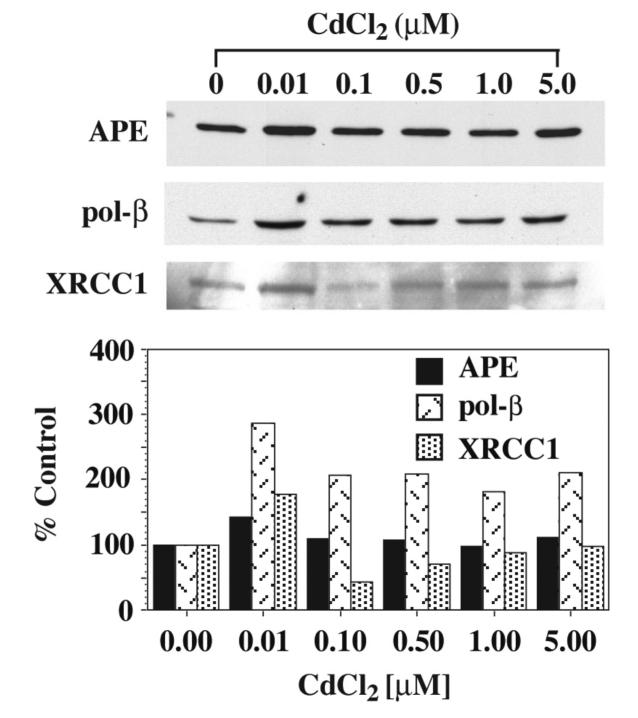


Figure 1. Enzymatic Steps of BER (A) or NER pathways (B).

A. 5' CCTGCCCTGAGC A_E GCTGTGGG 3' 3' GGACGGGACTCG T CGACACCC 5'





SUMMARY

- 1. Kinetic studies indicate that the uptake of 2-chloroacetaldehyde (CAA) into the liver and brain of rats is rapid (~30 min) following an oral dose. Conversely, clearance of CAA was rapid for the liver (paralleled blood), but substantially delayed in the brain with near steady-state levels observed >4h post dosing.
- 2. Mature neurons that are deficient in base-excision (BER) or nucleotide-excision (NER) repair were more sensitive to the acute and long-term effects of CAA than DNA repair-proficient neurons. However, NER-deficient neurons appeared to be more sensitive to CAA than BER-deficient neurons. The relative insensitivity of astrocytes to CAA (or Me-Lex, MAM) suggests that CAA specifically targets neurons.
- 3. Like neurons, epithelial cells or fibroblasts derived from the kidney or skin of BER- and NER-deficient mice were also similarly sensitive to CAA.
- 4. Low concentrations of metals (e.g., Cd) influence neuronal BER, which may significantly enhance CAA-induced neurotoxicity.
- 5. These studies demonstrate that BER and NER play a vital role in protecting neurons from CAA-induced toxicity by removing DNA lesions (i.e., ethenobase). The inability of CAA to significantly influence neuronal GSH metabolism or the viability of astrocytes is strong evidence in support of this hypothesis.

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