

waves observed during deep sodium thiopental anesthesia may support the hypothesis of synchronization of neuronal activity during anesthesia.²⁰ However, the mechanism by which the synchronization of the positive sharp cortical waves with MRF unit firings became unmasked during the deep stage of sodium thiopental anesthesia was not elucidated in the present study.

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