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Role of Oxygen-free radicals on the motility of rat ileum effects of Xanthine plus Xanthine Oxidase

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Abstract:

The major objective of the present study was to characterize the effects of oxidants generated b xanthine (X) plus xanthine oxidase (XO) on isolated rat ileum motility. The effects of three concentrations of X/XO on the basal tone of the rat ileum preparation were studied for 20 minutes. Developed tensions were measured in mg/mg tissues and then expressed as percentage of baseline tension. Also the effects of 2X concentration of X/XO in the presence and absence of superoxide dismutase, catalase, mannital, histidine, and deferoxamine were evaluate. The results were expressed as mean ± SE. Xanthine puls xanthine exidase produced relaxation of ileum. Superoxide dismutase (a superoxide anion metabolizer) and catalase (a hydrogen peroxide scavenger) did not protect ileum from effects of X/XO suggesting that neither superoxide anion nor hydrogen peroxide involse in X/Xo- induced relaxation of ileum. The results of this study suggest that hydrogen peroxide formed extracelluarly by X/XO may enter the cells and interact with intracellular iron of form a highly reactive oxidant. Hydroxyl radical. The finding that two powerful hydroxyl radical scavengers, dimethylthiourea (DMTU) and mannitol offered protection against X/XO-induced relaxation of ileum suggest formation of hydroxyl radical withing the cells. Pretreatment with deferoxamin, a potents iron chelator, reduced the relaxation of ileum, indicating that hydroxyl radical plays an important role in mediating the X/XO -induced relaxation of ileum. In addition. The ability of exogenously administered histidine to reduce relaxation suggests that singlet oxyen is another oxygen derivative which is responsible for relaxation of ileum-induced by X/XO.

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