并用高压液相电化学检测法和荧光法测定端脑、 升至 64±44 和 38±34 nmol/L 血浆; 脑干内的 NE
间脑、脑干的单胺类递质含量 结果: TS 注入 由 33±7 升至 45±8 nmol/g 湿组织; 端脑、间脑 侧脑 室 后, 血压由 11.59±0 84 升至 14 59 及脑干内的 5-HT 分别由 9±1, 14±2 及 14±3 降 ±0.69 kPa, 心率由 411±21 增至 465±14 次/ 至 5±1, 7±2 和 6±1 nmol/g 湿组织. 结论: 中 分; 外周血中 NE, E 的含量分别由 6±3 和 6±2

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# Electrophysiological effects of felodipine on guinea pig papillary muscles

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AIM: To determine whether felodipine (Fel) has Ca2+ channel blocking effect in mammalian myocardium in comparison with those of nifedipine (Nif) and verapamil (Ver). METHODS: The action potentials (AP), the slow AP and the inward slow Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents of guinea plg papillary muscles were studied using intracellular microelectrodes and voltage-clamp techniques. RESULTS: Fel 1, 3, and 10 µmol·L<sup>-+</sup> concentration-dependently shortened APD<sub>30</sub>, APD<sub>50</sub>, and  $\text{APD}_{\text{S0}}$  of the AP, while  $V_{\text{max}}$  and APA were not affected. The effect of Fel was not reversible on washout. At 0.1, 1, 3, and 10  $\mu$ mol  $L^{-1}$ , Fel depressed V<sub>mex</sub>, APA, APD<sub>30</sub>, APD<sub>50</sub>, and APD<sub>90</sub> of the slow AP in a dose-dependent manner. The inward slow Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents were reduced by Fel 3  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup>. APD<sub>30</sub>, APD<sub>50</sub>, and APD<sub>90</sub> of the first AP after rest were still shortened by Fel. When the stimulation frequency was elevated, the effect of Fel on the AP and slow AP decreased. The effect of Fel 3  $\mu$ mol · L<sup>-1</sup> on the slow AP was abolished in preparation pretreated with trifluoperazine. The threshold concentrations of Nif and Ver for the inhibition of  $APD_{50}$  of the slow AP (P < 0.05) were 0.1 and 1 µmol · L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The effect of Ver 3 µmol+L<sup>-1</sup>on the

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fast AP was not reversible on washout, but that of Nif 3 µmol  $\cdot L^{-1}$  was. When the stimulation frequency was elevated from 0.5 to 2 Hz, the effect of Nif 3 µmol  $\cdot L^{-1}$  on the fast AP was reduced, but that of Ver 3 µmol  $\cdot L^{-1}$  was increased. CONCLUSION: Fel inhibited mainly the resting state of the cardiac Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel. The potency of Fel was about the same as that of Nif and about 10 times more potent than that of Ver.

Felodipine (Fel) is a calcium antagonist in vascular muscles<sup>(1,2)</sup>. Unlike verapamil (Ver) and nifedipine (Nif), Fel was an intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> blocker rather than Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel blocker<sup>(3)</sup>. In vascular muscle Fel was a Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel blocker<sup>(4)</sup>. A WHO Committee proposed that demonstration with electrophysiological techniques of its ability to block Ca<sup>2+</sup> entry into myocardial cells was considered mandatory for a Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel blocker<sup>(5)</sup>. However, we have not seen the reports about the electrophysiological effect of Fel on cardiac tissues. This paper was to determine whether Fel had Ca<sup>2+</sup> blocking effect in mammalian myocardium in comparison with those of Nif and Ver.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Guinea pigs (weighing  $250 \pm s$  31 g) of both sexes were stunned, and the papillary muscle from right ventricle was perfused with Tyrode solution 8 mL  $\cdot$  min<sup>-1</sup> at 35 °C gassed with 95 % O<sub>2</sub> + 5 % CO<sub>2</sub>. The muscle was stimulated at 1 Hz by square pulse (duration: 1 ms; intensity: 2  $\cdot$  threshold). Action potentials (AP) were recorded by microelectrodes filled with KCl 3 mol·L<sup>-1</sup>(resistance of 10 - 30 MΩ). AP and the maximal rate of upstroke ( $V_{max}$ ) were photographed from a storage oscilloscope. Slow AP was induced by isoprenaline 0.2 mg·L<sup>-1</sup> in K<sup>+</sup> 16 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup>. Tyrode solution.

In voltage-clamp experiment, papillary muscle less than 0.5 mm in diameter was mounted in a 3-compartment chamber The length of the preparation in the test compartment was limited to less than 0.5 mm to obtain a homogeneous potential distribution. The sucrose gap was established by perfusing the middle compartment with the sucrose solution (mmol·L<sup>-1</sup>: sucrose 275; glucose 5; CaCl<sub>2</sub> 0.05). At the same time, the Tyrode solution perfusing the KC) compartment was replaced by K<sup>+</sup> 137 mmol·L<sup>-1</sup> Tyrode solution (NaCl was replaced by KCl). Voltages clamped by an amplifier (CEZ-1100, Nihon Kohden) and membrane currents were recorded by a storage oscilloscope. When the membrane potential of guinea pig papillary muscle was clamped from the holding potential of -40 to +10 mV, an inward current with low amplitude, slow activation, and slow inactivation was seen. This inward current was sensitive to changes in Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration and to verapamil. These results indicated that the inward current was the slow Ca2\* current. In addition, we used the method<sup>16)</sup> to observe the effect of Fel on the resting state of the Ca2+ channel.

**Drug** Fel and Nif were provided by Prof ZHANG Di-Qun, Division of Medicinal Chemistry, Hebei Medical College. A stock solution of Fel or Nif in ethanol and acetone was used diluted in normal Tyrode solution to obtain the final concentration. The solvent to the final test solution had no direct effect on the parameters observed in this experiment. Ver was purchased from Tianjing Central Pharmaceutical Factory and dissolved with distilled water.

**Data analyses** The analyses of data for significance were performed by t test for paired data.

### RESULTS

Effect of Fel on AP In 6 papillary muscles, Fel 1, 3, 10  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> reduced APD<sub>30</sub>, APD<sub>50</sub>, and APD<sub>90</sub> in a concentration-dependent manner, but had no effect on  $V_{max}$  and APA (Tab 1).

At 10 min after administration of Fel 3  $\mu$ mol  $\cdot L^{-1}$ , APD<sub>50</sub>/ms was shortened from 146 ± 30 (control) to 127 ± 26 (n = 4, P < 0.05). Between 10 and 60 min, APD<sub>50</sub> was reduced to (94 ± 27) ms (n = 4, P < 0.05).

In 4 muscles, the shortening effect of Fel 3

Tab 1. Effects of Fel on AP of guinea pig papillary

muscles. Resting potentials were about -80 mV. n = 6,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ . "P>0.05, "P<0.05, "P<0.01 vs control.

-	$V_{max}/$ 1 $V \cdot s^{-1}$	APA/ mV	APD <sub>30</sub> / ms	APD <sub>50</sub> / ms	APD <sub>90</sub> / ms
0	213 ± 38	116 ± 6	$105\pm16$	$142\pm16$	$173 \pm 16$
1	210 ± 42*	$115 \pm 4^{*}$	$102 \pm 17^{*}$	$137\pm21^{a}$	$173 \pm 21^{\circ}$
3	197 ± 24"	114 ± 3*	$85\pm13^{ m b}$	$119\pm17^{\rm b}$	$157\pm18^{b}$
10	218 ± 41*	109 ± 8ª	$68\pm14^{ m tr}$	$98\pm19^{\circ}$	$136 \pm 20^{\circ}$

 $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> on APD<sub>50</sub>/ms (from 130 ± 40 to 110 ± 30, P < 0.05) was not reversed by washing out for 45 min.

Effect of Fei on slow AP In 6 muscles, Fel 0.1, 1, 3, and 10  $\mu$ mol  $\cdot$  L<sup>-1</sup> concentrationdependently inhibited  $V_{max}$ , APA, APD<sub>30</sub>, APD<sub>50</sub>, and APD<sub>90</sub> of the slow AP (Tab 2). The threshold concentration was 0.1  $\mu$ mol  $\cdot$  L<sup>-1</sup>.

Tab 2. Effect of Fel on slow AP of papillary muscles. Resting potentials were about -50 mV. n = 6,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ .  ${}^{\circ}P > 0.05$ ,  ${}^{b}P < 0.05$ ,  ${}^{c}P < 0.01$  vs control.

	$V_{\rm max}/$ -1 V·s <sup>-1</sup>	APA/ mV	APD <sub>30</sub> / ms	APD <sub>50</sub> / ms	APD <sub>90</sub> / ms
0	12.5±2.7	89 ± 10	$125\pm24$	149 ± 31	165 ± 28
0.01	12.4±2.4ª	$88\pm10^{\rm a}$	$125\pm26^{\rm a}$	$147\pm30^{\circ}$	166 ± 26*
0.1	9.4±2.9 <sup>b</sup>	$84\pm10^{\rm b}$	$118 \pm 23^{\circ}$	$140\pm30^{\rm b}$	155 ± 29°
1	$8.5 \pm 2.7^{b}$	$82 \pm 8^{b}$	$108 = 26^{b}$	$127 \pm 32^{b}$	$142 \pm 34^{1}$
3	7±4 <sup>b</sup>	$81 \pm 11^{b}$	97 ± 29 <sup>6</sup>	$113 \pm 40^{b}$	$130 \pm 41^{b}$
10	6±4 <sup>b</sup>	77 ± 13 <sup>ь</sup>	84 ± 30 <sup>ь</sup>	$98\pm42^{b}$	116 ± 45 <sup>b</sup>

Effect of Fel on inward slow Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents Fel 3  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> decreased the slow Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents/  $\mu$ A from 12 ± 4 (control) to 7.3 ± 2.7 (n = 6, P < 0.01).

Under control conditions,  $APD_{30}$ ,  $APD_{50}$ , and  $APD_{90}$  of the first AP after 10 min of rest were longer than those of the pre-rest AP during regular stimulation. Fel 3  $\mu$ mol · L<sup>-1</sup> shortened not only  $APD_{30}$ ,  $APD_{50}$ , and  $APD_{90}$  of the pre-rest AP but also those of the first AP after rest (Tab 3).

At a stimulation frequency of 0.5 Hz, Fel 3  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> reduced APD<sub>50</sub> by (26 ± 8) ms (n = 4). When stimulation frequency/Hz increased from 0.5 to 1 and 2, Fel 3  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> reduced APD<sub>50</sub>/ms by 19 ± 9 and 17 ± 6 ms, respectively. In the slow AP experiment, at stimulation frequencies/ms 0.2,

Fel µmol·L <sup>-1</sup>	APD/ms						
	Regular stimulation			1 st beat after rest			
	APD <sub>30</sub>	APD <sub>50</sub>	APD <sub>90</sub>	APD <sub>30</sub>	$APD_{50}$	APD <sub>90</sub>	
0	107 ± 31	131 ± 36	159 ± 37	119 ± 25	146 ± 25		
3	90 ± 27 <sup>b</sup>	$115 \pm 30^{b}$	144 ± 34 <sup>6</sup>	90 ± 14°	116 ± 14'	$143 \pm 12$	

Tab 3. Effect of Fel 3  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> on AP durations during regular stimulation of 1 Hz and the first AP durations aftr 10 min of rest. n = 4,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ . <sup>b</sup>P < 0.05, <sup>c</sup>P < 0.01 vs control.

0.5, and 1, Fel 3  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> reduced APD<sub>50</sub>/ms by 11 ± 4, 8 ± 4, and 5 ± 4 (n = 3), respectively.

In the slow AP experiment, the effect of Fel 3  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> on V<sub>max</sub>, APA, APA<sub>30</sub>, APD<sub>50</sub>, and APD<sub>90</sub> were abolished in preparation pretreated with trifluoperazine 10  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup>(Tab 4).

**Comparison with Nif and Ver** In the slow AP experiments, the threshold concentrations of Fel, Nif and Ver for the inhibition of APD<sub>50</sub> (n = 3 - 6, P < 0.05) were 0.1, 0.1, and 1 µmol · L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The effect of Nif 3 µmol · L<sup>-1</sup> on APD<sub>50</sub> of the AP was reversed on washout, but Fel and Ver 3 µmol · L<sup>-1</sup> was not. When the stimulation frequency/Hz was elevated from 0.5 to 1 and 2, Fel 3 µmol · L<sup>-1</sup> reduced APD<sub>50</sub>/ms by  $26 \pm 8$ ,  $19 \pm 9$ , and  $17 \pm 6$ , Nif 3 µmol · L<sup>-1</sup> reduced it by  $27 \pm 15$ ,  $25 \pm 15$ , and  $16 \pm 11$ , and Ver 3 µmol · L<sup>-1</sup> reduced it by  $9 \pm 4$ ,  $14 \pm 4$ , and  $15.6 \pm 0.8$  (n = 3 - 4), respectively.

#### DISCUSSION

Fel did not affect  $V_{max}$  and APA of the AP, but significantly shortened APD<sub>30</sub>, APD<sub>50</sub>, and APD<sub>90</sub>, suggesting that the effect of Fel was not associated with the fast Na<sup>+</sup> channels, but with the currents participating in the plateau phase and phase 3. In the slow AP and voltage studies, Fel had a blocking effect on the cardiac  $Ca^{2+}$  channels.

The cardiac calcium channel has three different states: resting state, open state, and inactivated state. The results showed that Fel had an apparent effect on the resting state of the channel. In frequency-dependent experiment, when the stimulation frequency was elevated, the effect of Fel on the AP and slow AP decreased. With regard to the implication of the effect, this partialy explained the reason of the high selectivity of Fel for the vascular muscles. In vivo, the frequency of the pulse in the vasculer muscle was apparently lower than that in myocardial muscle. The lower the stimulation frequency was, the stronger the effect of So Fel had a high selectivity for the Fel was. vascular muscle.

Calmodulin plays an important role in regulating the inward slow  $Ca^{2+}$  currents in heart cells<sup>(7)</sup>. Trifluoperazine is one of the most potent inhibitors of calmodulin. In this paper, the effect of Fel was mediated by its inhibition of calmodulin. The binding of Fel to calmodulin with a binding constant of  $1 - 10 \ \mu \text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  has been demonstrated<sup>(3,8)</sup>. This provided a basis for Fel to inhibit

Tab 4. Effects of Fel 3  $\mu$ mol·L<sup>-1</sup> on slow AP in papillary muscles pretreated with trifluoperazine (TFP). Resting potentials were about ~ 50 mV. n = 4,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ . \*P>0.05, \*P<0.05 vs control or TFP group.

Paramete <b>r</b> s	Control	Fel/ 3 µmol·L <sup>-1</sup>	Control	TFP/ 10 μmol·L <sup>-1</sup>	TFP + Fe
APD <sub>30</sub> /ms	83 ± 5	72 ± 3 <sup>b</sup>	80 ± 16	83 ± 15*	
APD <sub>50</sub> /ms	$100.8 \pm 2.9$	$89.2 \pm 1.9^{b}$	$102 \pm 17$	$104 \pm 15^{*}$	$106 \pm 22^{\circ}$
APD <sub>90</sub> /ms	$120 \pm 5$	101 ± 7 <sup>b</sup>	123 ± 8	125 ± 5°	128 ± 8°
APA/mV	81 ± 8	75 ± 8 <sup>b</sup>	87 ± 8	84 ± 5ª	80 ± 8°
$V_{ m max}/ m V\cdot s^{-1}$	$11.6 \pm 2.0$	$7 \pm 4^{b}$	$12.0 \pm 2.4$	$12 \pm 3^{\circ}$	$10\pm5^{\circ}$

calmodulin.

The very poor recovery of the Fel effect suggested that Fel had no effect on the slow Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel at the outer surface of the membrane, but it was more likely that Fel exerted its effect by interacting with the Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel at the inner surface of the cell membrane.

The frequency-effect relationship of Fel and Nif was contrary to that of Ver. In addition, the effect of Nif was reversible, but Fel was not, suggesting that although Fel and Nif were both belong to dihydropyridine derivative, there were some 2.4|-2.44differences in the site and mechanism of the effect of both drugs. The above results showed that Fel had an inhibitory effect on the cardiac Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels, mainly acted on the resting state of the channel. The potency of Fel was about the same as that of Nif and about 10 times more potent than that of Ver.

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非洛地平对豚鼠右心室乳头状肌的电生理作用 平,史念慧,贡沁燕,杨藻宸 (上海医科大学 郑 基础医学院药理教研室,上海 200032,中国)

# 关键词 非洛地平;乳头状肌;动作电位;膜片箝 技术: 硝苯啶: 维拉帕米

|2 965.1 R 964 A 目的: 证明非洛地平(Fel)对心肌钙通道是否有阻 断作用,与硝苯啶和维拉帕米作一些比较。 方 法:利用细胞内微电极和单蔗糖电压钳方法研究 Fel 对豚鼠右心室乳头状肌动作电位, 慢反应动作 电位和慢钙电流的作用。 结果: Fel 呈浓度依赖 性抑制动作电位的持续时间,慢反应动作电位的0 相除极速度、幅度及持续时间和慢钙电流。 Fel 的作用不易冲洗掉,刺激频率增加,Fel作用减 弱。 Fel 对心肌钙通道静息态有作用。 用三氟拉 嗪处理标本后, Fel 作用消失 结果: Fel 对心肌 钙通道具有阻断作用。 这种作用主要是对静息态 钙通道的作用