

Effect of 3,6-dimethamidobenzopyridone citrate on Ca^{2+} in rabbit platelet *in vitro*

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AIM: To study the effect of 3,6-dimethamidobenzopyridone citrate (1-65) on the cytoplasmic $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ in rabbit platelet. METHODS: Measurement of the cytoplasmic $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ of platelets *in vitro* by using Quin 2-AM fluorescence technique. RESULTS: The decrease of $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ (1 mmol.L⁻¹ 1-65 (10, 20 and 30 μmol.L⁻¹) reduced the rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ induced by thrombin and flunarizine from 142 ± 22 nmol.L⁻¹ and 124 ± 18 nmol.L⁻¹ to 118 ± 20, 78 ± 12 and 40 ± 10 nmol.L⁻¹ respectively and 108 ± 15, 77 ± 14 and 37 ± 14 nmol.L⁻¹ respectively. In the presence of citric acid (2 mmol.L⁻¹ 1-65 (10, 20 and 30 μmol.L⁻¹) reduced the $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ induced by thrombin from 52 ± 1 nmol.L⁻¹ to 34 ± 9, 19 ± 6 and 11 ± 5 nmol.L⁻¹ respectively. In addition, 1-65 (10, 20 and 30 μmol.L⁻¹) also reduced the $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ induced by thrombin from 91 ± 13 nmol.L⁻¹ to 84 ± 15, 58 ± 15 and 28 ± 19 nmol.L⁻¹ respectively. CONCLUSION: 1-65 inhibited not only the $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ release but also the influx of Ca^{2+} in activation platelet.

3,6-Dimethamidobenzopyridone citrate (1-65) was synthesized by Prof. A. N. Shu, Department of Chemistry, Lanzhou University in 1984. The antiplatelet aggregation action of 1-65 might be related to inhibition of the release of cytoplasmic free calcium. In the present study we studied the effect of 1-65 on the

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cytoplasmic free calcium ($[Ca^{2+}]_i$) concentration. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Reagents 1-65 synthesized by Prof. A. N. Shu, Department of Chemistry, Lanzhou University dissolved in 5% glucose solution. Quin 2-AM was from Wako Pure Chemical Industry Japan. Flunarizine was obtained from Ciba-Geigy, USA. Thrombin from Biotek, USA. Verapamil from Merck was from Beijing Pharmaceutical Factory. All other reagents were AR and dissolved in triple distilled water.

Preparation of platelets: Blood was collected from the central artery of rabbits pinna into plastic tubes containing volume of acid-citrate-dextrose (ACD) and spun to obtain platelet-rich plasma (PRP). The PRP was acidified to pH 6.6 with citric acid (0.15 mol.L⁻¹) and spun (900 × g for 10 min). The platelet pellet was suspended in buffer A containing NaCl 145, KCl 5, MgCl₂ 1, NaH₂PO₄ 0.5, HEPES 10, dextrose 2, citric acid 2 mmol.L⁻¹ and BSA 2.3% (pH 6.5). It was spun again at 900 × g for 10 min and resuspended at 2 × 10¹¹ platelets.L⁻¹ in buffer B containing NaCl 145, KCl 5, NaH₂PO₄ 1, NHEPES 10, dextrose 2 mmol.L⁻¹ pH 7.4.

Measurement of cytoplasmic $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ in acellular platelets: The concentration of $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ was measured using Quin 2

fluorimetry. The induced rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ was measured separately in the presence of $CaCl_2$ (1 mmol.L⁻¹) and citric acid (2 mmol.L⁻¹). For the latter, Quin 2-AM loaded platelet suspensions were incubated with citric acid for 5 min. with citric acid (2 mmol.L⁻¹) before activation. The measurement of $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ in presence of $CaCl_2$ (1 mmol.L⁻¹) in combination of Ca^{2+} release and influx of Ca^{2+} . The rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ in the presence of citric acid (2 mmol.L⁻¹) reflected Ca^{2+} release. The difference between the two measurements was the effect of citric acid.

Statistics: All data were expressed as mean ± S.E.M. p value was evaluated by t-test.

RESULTS

In the presence of $CaCl_2$ (1 mmol.L⁻¹) in rabbit

the rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ was 67 ± 12 nmol

Thrombin $50 \mu\text{mol/L}$ and

verapamil 200 nmol/L caused a rise in

$[Ca^{2+}]_i$ from the resting level to 210 ± 32 nmol

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1-65 was closely related to the inhibition of the rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$.

In this study the effects of 1-65 on Ca^{2+} release and influx of Ca^{2+} induced by thrombin were observed separately. The results showed that 1-65 inhibited not only the Ca^{2+} release but also the inflow of Ca^{2+} in activation platelet. Since the agonist-induced rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ in platelet is a combination of Ca^{2+} release from Ca^{2+} store and influx of extracellular Ca^{2+} (7) these findings lead to the conclusion that the principle of antiplatelet of 1-65 is mainly due to the inhibition in both Ca^{2+} release and influx of Ca^{2+} .

Because myocardial cell in intake storage and release of Ca^{2+} is similar to platelet. Therefore the anti- Ca^{2+} mobilization action in platelet of 1-65 may help to elucidate its protective effects on myocardial injury by ischemia and reperfusion (8).

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Table 1: $[Ca^{4+}]_i$ Influx

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1-65	142 ± 22	118 ± 20 ^a	78 ± 12 ^c	40 ± 10 ^f	63 ± 11 ^f	124 ± 18	108 ± 15 ^a	210 ± 32
verapamil	142 ± 22	118 ± 20 ^a	78 ± 12 ^c	40 ± 10 ^f	63 ± 11 ^f	124 ± 18	108 ± 15 ^a	210 ± 32

The rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ over resting levels induced by thrombin in the presence of egtagic acid 2 mmol/L was not diminished by verapamil but was diminished by 1-65 (Tab 1).

1-65 markedly inhibited the influx of Ca^{2+} induced by thrombin (influx was calculated as the difference in the rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ noted when platelets were activated in the presence of $CaCl_2$ 1 mmol/L and egtagic acid 2 mmol/L) (Tab 1).

DISCUSSION

An early platelet response to activation is a rise in cytoplasmic $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ which plays an important role in stimulus-response coupling. This has been demonstrated at 1-65 markedly inhibited the rise in $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ induced by calcimycin and thrombin in presence of extracellular Ca^{2+} (total 1 mmol/L). This suggested that the antiplatelet action of

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