目的:研究静注免疫球蛋白(IVIG)产生抗补体 活性(ACA)的原因. 方法:用二种方法测定 ACA 活性,高效液相色谱测定 IgG 多聚体、 双聚体、单体及碎片组成,环状免疫扩散法测 定 IgG 亚类和 IgA 含量,显色反应测定前激肽 释放酶激活因子(PKA)和激肽释放酶(KK)活 性. 酶联免疫吸附试验测定针对乙肝表面抗 原的特异抗体 (Anti-HBs). 结果:二种 ACA 方法有相关性,但 ACA 活性与各种 IgG 分子 组成、IgG 亚类和 IgA 含量、PKA 和 KK 无 关. IVIG 热培养后 ACA 活性显著升高, Anti-HBs 活性则明显下降, 而各种 IgG 分子 组成则基本未变. 结论, IgG 分子结构变化增 强 IVIG 自发抗补体活性.

关键词 静脉注射免疫球蛋白;补体激活; 免疫球蛋白G;前激肽释放酶;激肽释放酶; 多聚体

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# Effect of ginsenosides against anoxic damage of hippocampal neurons in culture<sup>1</sup>

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AIM; To study the protective effect of ginsenosides (Gin) against anoxic injury in brain METHODS; On d 12 after plating of cells. the hippocampal cells from newborn rat, the cultures were exposed to anoxic atmosphere  $(95 \% N_2 + 5 \% CO_2)$  for 4 - 24 h. The cellular morphology, survival rate, and effluxes of lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) and K<sup>+</sup> from cells were observed. RESULTS: After 24-h anoxia, the survival rate of cells was decreased from 92  $\% \pm 4$  % before anoxia to 1.0  $\% \pm 2.0$  %; the effluxes of LDH and K<sup>+</sup> were increased from 2.3 $\pm$ 0.6 U L<sup>-1</sup> and 5.56  $\pm$  0.16 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> before anoxia to 36  $\pm$  5 U  $L^{-1}$  and 8.5  $\pm$  0.7 mmol  $L^{-1}$ , respectively. In the Gin group exposed anoxia for 24 h, the survival rate of cells was 4  $\% \pm 4$  %; the effluxes of LDH and K<sup>+</sup> were  $30 \pm 3 \text{ U L}^{-1}$  and

7.9 $\pm$ 0.8 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. All these changes were lower in Gin group than those of control. **CONCLUSION**; Under anoxia the cultured hippocampal neurons were seriously damaged, which may be protected by Gin.

KEY WORDS ginseng; saponins; anoxia; hippocampus; cultured cells

Ginsenosides (Gin), the main active component of ginseng, potentiated the nerve growth facter-mediated nerve fiber production in organ cultures of chicken embryonic dorsal root ganglia and sympathetic ganglia<sup>(1)</sup>. The crude saponin fraction of ginseng root had a proliferative effect on neurite extension of primary cultured neurons of the rat cerebral cortex<sup>(2)</sup>. The Gin has the protective effect against acute cerebral ischemia/reperfusion injury in rats<sup>(3)</sup>. Our previous data showed that the Gin delayed the onset of irreversible

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anoxic damage, markedly improved the recovery of the population spike, and had protective effect against acute hypoxia of rat hippocampal slices<sup>(4)</sup>. In the present paper we studied the protective effect of Gin against acute anoxic injury of hippocampal cells.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Gin (ginseng stem-leaves saponins, Kuandian Pharmaceutical Factory, Dandong) was dissolved in Eagle's  $\dot{M}EM$  (10 g L<sup>-1</sup>) and filtered.

Cell cultures<sup>(5)</sup> Hippocampus was isolated from 1-d Wistar rats and incubated at 36 °C in 0.25 % trypsin for 30 min. The tissue was dissociated by gentle passage through the tip of a flame-narrowed Pasteur pipette, plated in 35-mm collagen-coated dishes (Falon) at a density of  $1 \times 10^5$  cell L<sup>-1</sup> and cultured at 36 °C in 5 % CO<sub>2</sub>+95 % air. Medium contained 94 % Eagle's MEM, 5 % borse serum and 1 % nutrient supplement<sup>60</sup>. On d 3, 5'-fluoro-2'-deoxyuridine 15 mg L<sup>-1</sup> and uridine 35 mg L<sup>-1</sup> were added to inhibit further growth of the non-neuronal cells. Cultures were fed twice a week by replacing 50 % medium with fresh medium.

Immunocytochemistry Hippocampal cells on d 12 were immunostained using the antiserum of neuronspecific enolase (NSE) according to method of ABC (Vectastain ABC elite Kit, Vector Laboratories). Under a phase-contrast microscope 100 cells were counted.

Anoxia Hippocampal cells on d 12 were divided into control and Gin group. In Gin group cells were pretreated with Gin for 24 b before anoxia. The final concentration of Gin was 100 mg  $L^{-1}$ . The control was added with equal volume of Eagle's MEM. Anoxia was carried out with 95 % N<sub>z</sub>+5 % CO<sub>z</sub> in a humidified atmosphere at 36 °C for 4, 8, 12, and 24 h. Viable cells were counted with phase-contrast microscopy (Japan, NIKON) from 50 microscopic fields (magnification  $\times$  200) after Trypan blue stain (0.4 %, 3 min).

Determination of lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) and  $K^+$  After anoxia for 4 - 24 h, media samples were pooled for each group LDH and  $K^+$  were determined by autoanalyzer (Impact 400, United Gilford Co) and flame photometer (Flame-30c, Japan Spectrophoto).

**Statistics** Statistical analysis was done using *t* test for differences between control and Gin groups.

#### RESULTS

Morphology of 12-d old cultured hippocampal cells, most neurons were pyramidalor polypolar-shaped with high refractile and stereognostic, interconnected by a rich fiber network. Immunohistochemically for enolase, NSE-positive neurons and fine dendrites were identified clearly. The stained neurons comprised more than 90 % of total cells (Fig 1, Plate 1).

Effects of anoxia The swollen neurons at 4 and 8 h were 18 % and 85 % of total cells, respectively. The refraction was lost in part of neurons and some of them became vacuolated (Fig 1C). After 12-h anoxia, most neuronal membranes were ruptured, processes were disintegrated, and finally cells died (Fig 1E). Almost all neurons were dead after anoxia for 24 h (Tab 1).

The effluxes of LDH and  $K^+$  into the bathing medium were gradually increased (Tab 1).

Protective effect of Gin Most neurons incubated with Gin maintained original morphology when exposed to anoxia for 8 h. A distinct glow surrounding the neuronal body, nucleus, and nucleolus was seen clearly. At 4 and 8 h about 6 % and 43 % of total cells became swollen, respectively (Fig 1D). The neuronal damage induced by anoxia for 12 h in Gin group was less than that in control (Fig 1F). In the Gin group, the survival rate of cells was higher than that in control group (Tab 1). In Gin group, cellular effluxes of LDH and  $K^+$  induced by anoxia of 4-24 h were lower than those in control group (Tab 1).

Groups	Before ano xia	After anoxia			
		4 h	8 h	12 h	24 h
LDH (U L <sup>-1</sup> )	·	,			
Control	2.3 $\pm$ 0.6	$14.5 \pm 0.8$	19.2 $\pm$ 0.8	26.7 $\pm$ 1.2	$36\pm 5$
	2.4 $\pm$ 0.4	11.4±1.1	16.8±1.4°	23. $5 \pm 1. 2^{\circ}$	30±3⁵
$K^+$ (mmol $L^{-1}$ )					
Control	5.56 $\pm$ 0.16	$6.00 \pm 0.14$	$6.68 \pm 0.23$	$7.7 \pm 0.3$	$8.5 \pm 0.7$
Gin	$5.57 \pm 0.11$	$5.72 \pm 0.13^{b}$	$6.10 \pm 0.10^{\circ}$	$7.0 \pm 0.3^{b}$	$7.9 \pm 0.8^{t}$
Survival (%)					
Control	$92\pm4$	83.3±2.7	$55 \pm 6$	$23\pm5$	$1.0 \pm 2.0$
Gin	$92 \pm 3$	$87\pm4$	$58 \pm 6^{\circ}$	$27\pm6^{\circ}$	4 土 4 ℃

Tab 1. LDH, K<sup>+</sup> efflux, and survival of hippocampal neurons after anoxia. n = 5 for LDH and K<sup>+</sup> efflux, n = 500 for survival.  $\bar{x} \pm s$ . bP < 0.05, cP < 0.01 vs control.

### DISCUSSION

In the present study we developed the dissociated cell cultures of hippocampal neurons from new born rats using split inhibitor to suppress proliferation of non-neuronal cells. From the NSE immunocytochemistry, it proved that the neurons occupied more than 90 % in cultures of 12 d, and considered that it was relatively pure neuronal cultures. Our results showed that the cultured hippocampal neurons were very sensitive to anoxia and the morphological changes induced by anoxia were similar to those observation on anoxic damage of embryonic hippocampal neurons<sup>(7)</sup>. These results also proved that anoxic damage of hippocampal neurons from newborn rat was very severe and more serious as the time of anoxia went on. Whereas the morphological changes of cultured neuron pretreated with Gin were improved and the number of survival cells was higher than those of anoxic control. These findings directly proved that Gin had protective effect on hippocampal cells during anoxia.

As a stable enzyme marker, LDH is plentiful in central nervous system. Under normal conditions, the efflux of LDH from neu-

rons are very low, but it was obviously increased after anoxic damage<sup>(8)</sup>. In our experiment on the efflux of LDH and  $K^+$ , the results measured were similar to Sher's report<sup>(9)</sup>. With the prolongation of anoxic time, the increases of LDH and K<sup>+</sup> effluxes were corresponding to the loss of surviving cells in culture, which indicated that the permeability of the membrane of hippocampal neurons was increased and the severe damage of cerebral cells The elevation of extracellular K<sup>+</sup> did exist. during anoxia was correlated to anoxic membrane depolarization of neurons<sup>(10)</sup>. For the effluxes of LDH and K<sup>+</sup> were suppressed in Gin-treated cells, it seems that Gin can protect neuronal membrane against anoxic damage. These findings also confirmed that the protection of ginsenosides on post-anoxic recovery of synaptic transmission<sup>(4)</sup> was associated with decreased K<sup>+</sup> efflux, preventing from anoxic depolarization in hippocampal neurons.

In summary, the present results showed that the Gin can attenuate the morphological changes of hippocampal neurons induced by anoxia. improve the cell survival and reduce the effluxes of LDH and  $K^+$  during anoxia. It suggests that the Gin exerts direct protective effect on cerebral cells during anoxia. As to the underlying mechanisms of this protection, further investigation would be needed.

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### 人参皂苷抗海马培养细胞缺氧损伤的作用`

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目的: 观察人参皂苷抗脑细胞缺氧损伤的作 方法: 将12 d 培龄的海马细胞置于95 % N<sub>2</sub>+5 % CO<sub>2</sub>中4-24 h, 比较人参皂苷组和对 照组细胞形态学. 存活率及 LDH 和 K<sup>+</sup>流出 的变化. 结果:缺氧24 h 后,对照细胞存活率 从缺氧前92 % ±4 %降至1.0 % ±2.0 %; LDH 和 K+ 漏出量分别由2.3±0.6 U L-1和 5.56±0.16 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> 增至36±5 U L<sup>-1</sup>和8.5  $\pm 0.7 \text{ mmol } L^{-1}$ ;此时,人参皂苷组细胞存活 率为4 %±4 %; LDH 漏出量为30±3 U L<sup>-1</sup>, K-含量为 7.9±0.8 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>、 与对照组相 比,人参皂苷组受损程度明显减轻、 结论:人 参皂苷具有抗海马细胞缺氧损伤的作用.

关键词 人参;皂苷类;缺氧症;海马;培养的 细胞

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