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# РАННІ МЕХАНІЗМИ ПАТОГЕНЕЗУ ПСЕВДОГЕПАТОРЕНАЛЬНОГО СИНДРОМУ ЯК ОСНОВИ ПОГІРШЕННЯ ПЕРЕБІГУ НИРКОВОЇ ТА ПЕЧІНКОВОЇ НЕДОСТАТНОСТІ ЗА УМОВ УВЕДЕННЯ 2,4-ДИНІТРОФЕНОЛУ

РАННИЕ МЕХАНИЗМЫ ПАТОГЕНЕЗА ПСЕВДОГЕПАТОРЕНАЛЬНОГО СИНДРОМА КАК ОСНОВЫ УХУДШЕНИЯ ТЕЧЕНИЯ ПОЧЕЧНОЙ И ПЕЧЕНОЧНОЙ НЕДОСТАТОЧНОСТИ В УСЛОВИЯХ ВВЕДЕНИЕ 2,4-ДИНИТРОФЕНОЛА

## EARLY PATHOGENESIS MECHANISMS OF PSEUDOHEPATORENAL SYNDROME AS THE BASIS TO DETERIORATE THE COURSE OF KIDNEY AND LIVER FAILURE UNDER CONDITIONS OF 2,4-DINITROFENOL ADMINISTRATION

**Анотація.** У дослідах на 120 білих нелінійних щурах-самцях масою 0,16–0,20 кг при гіпонатрієвому раціоні харчування за моделювання тканинної гіпоксії з позицій доказової медицини наведено теоретичне узагальнення та нове вирішення наукової задачі щодо ранніх механізмів патогенезу псевдогепаторенального синдрому як основи погіршення перебігу ниркової та печінкової недостатності при роз'єднанні окиснення і фосфорилювання за умов уведення 2,4-динітрофенолу.

**Ключові слова:** 2,4-динітрофенол, нирки, печінка, цитокіни, синдром втрати іонів натрію, мелатонін, окисномодифіковані білки .

**Аннотация.** В опытах на 120 белых нелинейных крысах-самцах массой 0,16–0,20 кг при гипонатриевом рационе питания в условиях моделирования тканевой гипоксии с позиций доказательной медицины представлено теоретическое обобщение и новое решение научной задачи относительно ранних механизмов патогенеза псевдогепаторенального синдрома как основы ухудшения течения почечной и печеночной недостаточности при расщепление окисления и фосфорилирования при введении 2,4- динитрофенола.

**Ключевые слова:** 2,4-динитрофенол, почки, печень, цитокины, синдром потери ионов натрия, мелатонин, окислительномодифицированные белки.

**Summary:** From the positions of probative medicine the work presents theoretical substantiation and a new approach to solve the scientific task concerning early pathogenesis mechanisms of pseudohepatorenal syndrome as the basis to deteriorate the course of kidney and liver failure with breaking oxidative phosphorylation under conditions of 2,4-dinitrofenol administration. The experiments were conducted on 120 albino outbred male rats with the body weight of 0,16–0,20 kg fed on low-sodium diet with tissue hypoxia modeling.

**Key words:** 2,4-dinitrofenol, kidneys, liver, cytokines, sodium ions loss syndrome, melatonin, oxidative modified proteins.

**nnotation.** 2,4-dinitrofenol administration is known to cause the development of acute tissue hypoxia [1] due to the break of oxidative phosphorylation resulting in renal disorders with disturbance of the main energy-dependent process — reabsorption of sodium ions and proteins in the proximal portions of the nephron, and liver lesions [4]. Cytokines, the products of protein oxidative modification, may promote the development of early mechanisms of liver and kidney lesions with the formation of syndromes of translocation and sodium ions loss with urine. The antioxidant melatonin is reasonable to be used as means of pathogenic correction.

#### **Objectives**

To specify early mechanisms of liver and kidney lesions under conditions of low sodium diet with acute tissue hypoxia caused by 2,4-dinitrofenol administration with elaboration of ways to correct pathogenesis of the lesions detected by means of melatonin use.

#### Materials and methods

Acute tissue hypoxia was modeled by means of single intraperitoneal injection of 0.1% 2,4-dinitrofenol solution in the dose of 3 mg/kg in the experiment conducted on 120 male albino outbred rats with the body weight of 0,16-0,20 kg [3].

Rats' resistance to acute hypoxia was estimated by the time of their position loss on the "high-altitude plateau" of acute hypobaric hypoxia and the time of general animal stay from the moment of reaching the "height" of 12000 m to the appearance of the second agonic inspiration (life time or reserve time), as well as by the time of restoration of the position from the beginning of the descending moment. There were three groups of animals divided: highly, average, and low resistant [2]. All the following study was conducted on the average resistant rats.

The portions of the liver and kidney tissues during 48 hours were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin solution, followed by dehydration procedure in the ascending ethanol battery and paraffin coating at the temperature 58°C. To estimate protein oxidative modification histological sections were stained with bromphenol blue. Computed spectrometry was made by means of Color-Pic computer program (Graphic Art Tools, 2004). Histochemical technique to determine the ration between

the principal and acid groups of proteins was based on the measurement of intensity of red and blue spectrum colours during computer-spectral analysis of microscopic objects digital images and calculation of R/B coefficient, as the ratio between the staining intensity in the portion of red spectrum (R) and in the portion of blue one (B) [4].

Functional state of the kidneys was examined by water diuresis simulated by tap water injected intragastrically through a metal probe and heated to 37°C in the volume of 5% out of body weight. The volume of diuresis (V) was estimated in ml/2 hours · 100 g. After water load with the aim to obtain plasma the animals were decapitated under mild ether narcosis, the blood was taken into tubes with heparin. Glomerular filtration rate was estimated by endogenic creatinine clearance calculated by the formula:

$$C_{cr} = U_{cr} \cdot V/P_{cr}$$

 $C_{cr} = U_{cr} \cdot V/P_{cr},$  where  $U_{cr}$  and  $P_{cr}$  stand for creatinine concentration in the urine and blood plasma respectively. The concentration of sodium and potassium ions in the urine and blood plasma was estimated by photometry, protein concentration in the urine was detected by sulfosalicylic method. Proximal and distal reabsorption of sodium ions was examined (T<sup>p</sup>Na<sup>+</sup>, T<sup>d</sup>Na<sup>+</sup>). The calculations were made by the formulae:

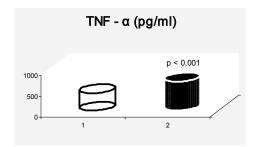
$$T^{b}Na^{+} = (C_{cr} - V) \cdot PNa^{+}$$
 $T^{d}Na^{+} = (PNa^{+} - UNa^{+}) \cdot V.$  [8]

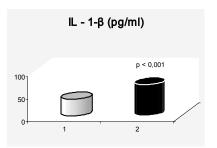
Blood cytokines were detected by immunoenzymatic method. Exogenic melatonin was injected in the single dose of 3,5 mg/kg [4].

Statistical calculation of the data obtained was made by the computer program "Statgrafics" and "Excell 7.0". All the experiments were conducted according to the European Council Convention on vertebrate animal protection used in experiments and other scientific research (dated 18.03.1986), the European Union Direction No 609 (dated 24.11.1986), the Orders of the Ministry of Public Health of Ukraine No 960 (dated 23.09.2009) and No 944 (dated 14.12.2009).

#### **Results and Discussion**

The results of the experiment demonstrated increased concentration of tumour necrosis factor-α, interleukin-1β, interleukin-6 in the blood plasma (fig.1) 2 hours after 2,4-dinitrofenol injection in the dose of 3 mg/kg under conditions of low sodium diet.





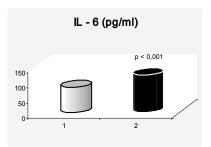


Fig.1. Concentrations of tumour necrosis factor-α, interleukin-1β, interleukin-6 in the blood plasma 2 hour after 2,4-dinitrofenol injection in the dose of 3 mg/kg under conditions of low sodium diet with water-induced diuresis in the volume of 5% out of body weight. 1 — control; 2–2,4-dinitrofenol injection; p — difference probability as compared with the control

Under conditions of 2,4-dinitrofenol injection urination reduced, the concentration of potassium ions, proteins in the urine increased, GFR was inhibited. Creatinine concentration in the blood plasma and urine did not change. The transport of sodium ions under conditions of 2,4-dinitrofenol injection was characterized by increased concentration of sodium ions in the urine. Proximal reabsorption of sodium ions was characterized by the tendency to inhibition, and distal reabsorption of this electrolyte was reliably decreased. The concentration of sodium ions in the blood plasma was not changed.

Fig.2 presents forest-diagram of the comparative characteristics of melatonin protective effect upon the epithelial cytoplasm R/B coefficient of the proximal tubules, sodium ions excretion, sodium ions clearance, concentration index of sodium ions 2 hours after 2,4-dinitrofenol

injection in the dose of 3 mg/kg under conditions of low sodium diet with water-induced diuresis in the volume of 5% out of body weight. The control for all the experiments is presented by a horizontal line and assumed as 1. As it is seen from the diagram the most protective effect under conditions of the experiment was produced by melatonin upon the concentration index of sodium ions.

2,4-dinitrofenol injection caused an average twice reduction of ATP level in the renal tubules at the expense of breaking oxidative phosphorylation. ATP deficiency caused disorders of the main energy-dependent process of the renal tubules — sodium ions reabsorption, leading to the development of the examined cation loss. The above mentioned facts are evidenced by the increased concentration of sodium ions in the urine. The tendency to reduce proximal reabsorption of sodium ions is stipulated

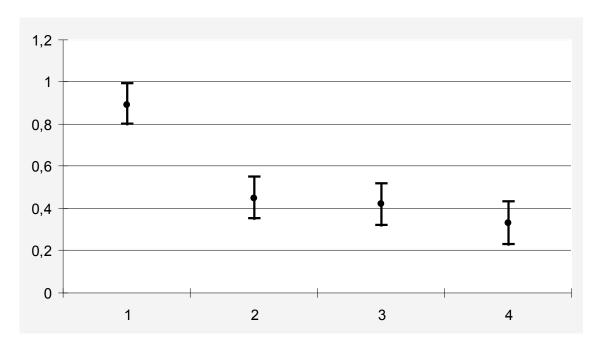


Fig. 2. Forest-diagram of the comparative characteristics of melatonin protective effect upon the epithelial cytoplasm R/B coefficient of the proximal tubules, sodium ions excretion, sodium ions clearance, concentration index of sodium ions 2 hours after 2,4-dinitrofenol injection in the dose of 3 mg/kg under conditions of low sodium diet with water-induced diuresis in the volume of 5% out of body weight. 1—epithelial cytoplasm R/B coefficient of the proximal tubules (standard units); 2—sodium ions excretion—(mkmol/2 h × 100g); 3—sodium ions clearance (ml/2h × 100g); 4—concentration index of sodium ions (standard units). The control for all the experiments is presented by a horizontal line and assumed as 1.

by "obscured" lesions of the proximal nephron portion [2], and a reliable decrease of the examined cation distal reabsorption is caused by the fact, that transport processes in the distal tubule are more energy-dependent than in the proximal nephron portion. At the same time, the degree of loss syndrome was not considerable, as the concentration of sodium ions in the blood plasma was not changed, and not considerable activation of rennin-angiotensin-aldosterone system caused only reliable decrease of diuresis, increased concentration of potassium ions in the urine with the tendency to inhibit glomerular filtration.

Barrier lesions of the intestine and liver against the background of energy-deficiency resulted in the translocation of endotoxin from the intestinal lumen into the blood, which in its turn, caused increased concentration of tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$ , interleukin-1- $\beta$ , interleukin-6 [1], which in their turn, provoked additional reactions of renal tubules lesions with intensification of sodium ions loss syndrome.

On the basis of the data obtained a generalized scheme of pseudohepatorenal syndrome pathogenesis under conditions of 2,4-dinitrofenol injection can be suggested [5], reflecting a theoretical substantiation and new solution of a scientific task concerning early mechanisms of pseudohepatorenal syndrome pathogenesis as the basis to deteriorate the course of renal and liver failure with breaking oxidative phosphorylation under conditions of 2,4-dinitrofenol injection (fig.3).

Under conditions of low sodium diet 2 hours after modeling tissue hypoxia and 2,4-dinitrofenol injection increased concentration of TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$  and IL-6 in

the blood plasma was found, increased degree of oxidative modified proteins in the liver and kidneys of rats by R/B coefficient was detected, causing lesions of the liver and kidneys, disorders of energy metabolism with the development of the syndrome of translocation and sodium ions loss with urine and its secretion increase. Melatonin due to its antioxidant properties demonstrated its protective effect upon the course of pseudohepatorenal syndrome under conditions of tissue hypoxia, revealing its protective influence upon the degree of oxidative modified proteins in the liver and kidneys of rats, reduced the level of R/B coefficient in the proximal, and distal portions of the nephron, accumulating tubules of the renal papillae and protein mass of hepatocyte cytoplasm as compared with the readings under 2,4-dinitrofenol intoxication.

**Note:** ENa<sup>+</sup> — excretion of sodium ions, T<sup>b</sup>Na<sup>+</sup> — proximal reabsorption of sodium ions, T<sup>b</sup>Na<sup>+</sup> — distal reabsorption of sodium ions, CNa<sup>+</sup> — clearance of sodium ions, TNF- $\alpha$  — tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$  — interleukin-1- $\beta$ , IL-6 — interleukin-6, R/B — R/B coefficient of the quantitative content of protein oxidative modification products, ATP — adenosine triphosphate,  $\uparrow$  — quantitative increase of the examined parameter,  $\downarrow$  — quantitative decrease of the examined parameter.

#### Conclusion

From the positions of probative medicine the experimental work, conducted on outbred mature male rats, presents theoretical substantiation and a new approach to solve the scientific task concerning early pathogenesis

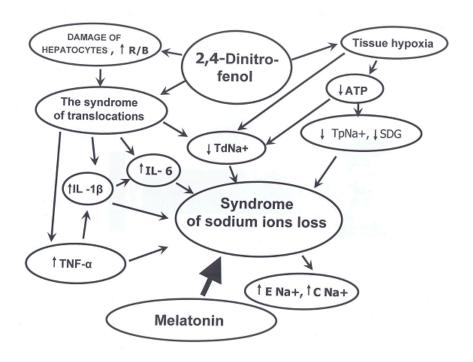


Fig. 3. Generalized scheme of pseudohepatorenal syndrome pathogenesis under conditions of 2,4-dinitrofenol injection

mechanisms of pseudohepatorenal syndrome as the basis to deteriorate the course of kidney and liver failure with breaking oxidative phosphorylation under conditions of 2,4-dinitrofenol administration.

### Prospects of further research

To specify the role of antiinflammatory cytokines in pathogenesis of pseudohepatorenal syndrome under conditions of 2,4-dinitrofenol injection.

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