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一、中文摘要

Dipyridamole是一個核甘運送的抑制劑，也是一個非選擇性的phosphodiesterase的抑制劑，因此能夠藉由抑制phosphodiesterase的機制來增加細胞內cAMP以及cGMP的濃度。第四型的phosphodiesterase已經在許多實驗中被證實具有抗發炎的功能，本研究所要探討的主題就是，在RAW 264.7巨噬細胞中Dipyridamole是否可以抑制Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) 誘導的iNOS以及COX-2的表現。以LPS處理RAW 264.7巨噬細胞會造成iNOS以及COX-2以劑量依存性及時間依存性表現。若以Dipyridamole前處理細胞則可以阻斷LPS所誘導的iNOS及COX-2表現。藉由抑制IκB phosphorylation、degradation、p65 NF-κB translocation以及reporter gene的轉錄作用的方式來證明Dipyridamole會抑制NF-κB路徑的活化。另外，Dipyridamole也可以抑制LPS在RAW 264.7細胞中所造成的p38 MAPK以及IKK-β的活化。若進一步以p38 MAPK的抑制劑SB203580前處理細胞，則能抑制LPS誘導的iNOS表現以及IKK-β活化，所以LPS是先活化了p38 MAPK，再活化NF-κB的訊息傳遞路徑。另外，Dipyridamole能夠刺激mitogen-activated protein kinase phosphatase 1 (MKP-1) 的磷酸化及活化而使得p38 MAPK去磷酸化及去活化而失去功能。總而言之，本研究證明在RAW 264.7巨噬細胞中，Dipyridamole會先藉由活化MKP-1的方式使得p38 MAPK去磷酸化而失去功能。然而p38 MAPK去活化後，接著就會抑制IKK-β的活化以及後續由NF-κB所調控的訊息傳遞路徑，因而抑制LPS所誘導的iNOS及COX-2表現。本研究的結果支持 dipyridamole具抗發炎作用的假說。

Abstract

Dipyridamole is a nucleoside transport inhibitor and a non-selective phosphodiesterase inhibitor that increases intracellular levels of cAMP and cGMP through phosphodiesterase inhibition. Many phosphodiesterases have been demonstrated to have anti-inflammatory effects in various experimental systems. This study investigates whether dipyridamole inhibits LPS-induced inducible nitric oxide (iNOS) and cyclooxygenase (COX-2) expression in RAW 264.7 macrophages. Treatment of cells with dipyridamole blocked LPS-induced iNOS and COX-2 expression. Dipyridamole inhibited NF-κB activation as demonstrated by inhibition of IκB phosphorylation, IκB degradation, p65 transloction from the cytosol to the nucleus and transcription of the reporter gene. Dipyridamole also inhibited LPS-stimulated p38 mitogen-activated protein kinase (p38 MAPK) and IKK-β activities in RAW 264.7 cells. A p38 MAPK inhibitor, SB 203580, inhibited LPS-stimulated iNOS expression and IKK-β activation suggesting that LPS may activate the NF-κB signaling pathway via upstream p38 MAPK activation. Furthermore, dipyridamole stimulated transient activation of mitogen-activated protein kinase phosphatase 1 (MKP-1), a potent inhibitor of p38 MAPK function. Treatment of cells with 8-Br cGMP, or 8-Br cAMP did not increase the phosphorylation of MKP-1, suggesting the MKP-1 phosphorylation is independent of cAMP or cGMP accumulation. Taken together, these data suggest that dipyridamole exerts its anti-inflammatory effect via activation of MKP-1, which dephosphorylates and inactivates

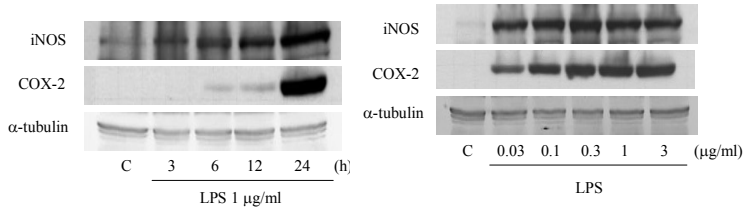
p38 MAPK. Inactivation of p38 MAPK in turn inhibits IKK-β activation and subsequently the NF-κB signaling pathway that mediates LPS-induced iNOS and COX-2 expression in RAW 264.7 cells.Keywords: Dipyridamole, NOS, LPS, NF-kappa B, RAW 264.7 macrophages.

二、緣由與目的

我們探討常用來治療腎絲球體腎炎，並能成功的控制血尿和蛋白尿的藥物-dipyridamole 是否具抗發炎作用。我們發現 dipyridamole 可以抑制 LPS 在 Raw 264.7 巨噬細胞誘導的 iNOS 和 COX-2 表現；我們接著研究其分子機制，發現 dipyridamole 可以活化一種 phosphatase, MKP-1，並造成 p38MAPK 的去磷酸化而抑制其活性。由於 p38MAPK 在 IKK 的上游，此一抑制作用可以間接影響 IkB 的磷酸化、抑制 IkB 的降解及後續 NFkB 的活化及 NFkB 所調控的 reporter 基因表現。我們證實了 dipyridamole 可以和 glucocorticosteroid 一樣經由 MKP-1 達到免疫抑制的效果，我們認為此一發現將有助於解釋 dipyridamole 的臨床藥效，具臨床和學術的價值。

三、結果與討論

3.1. LPS induces iNOS and COX-2 expression in RAW 264.7 cell .



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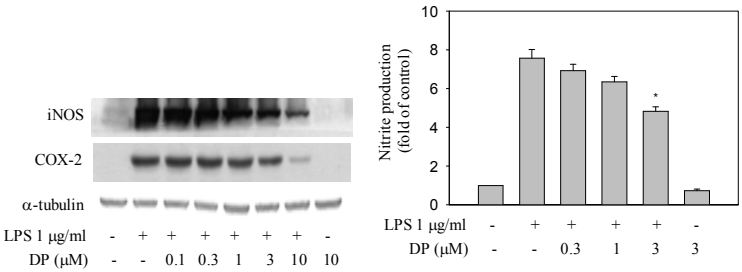

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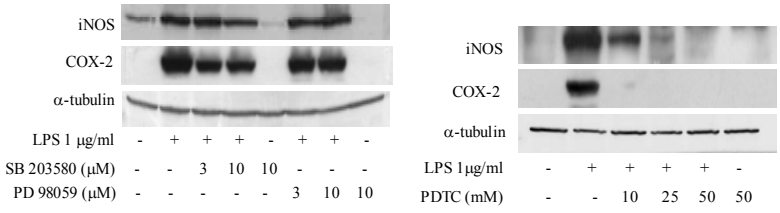

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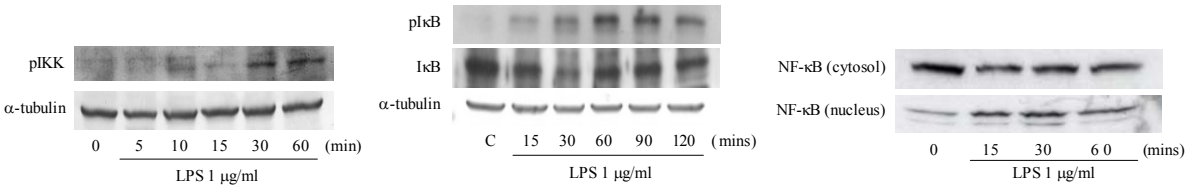

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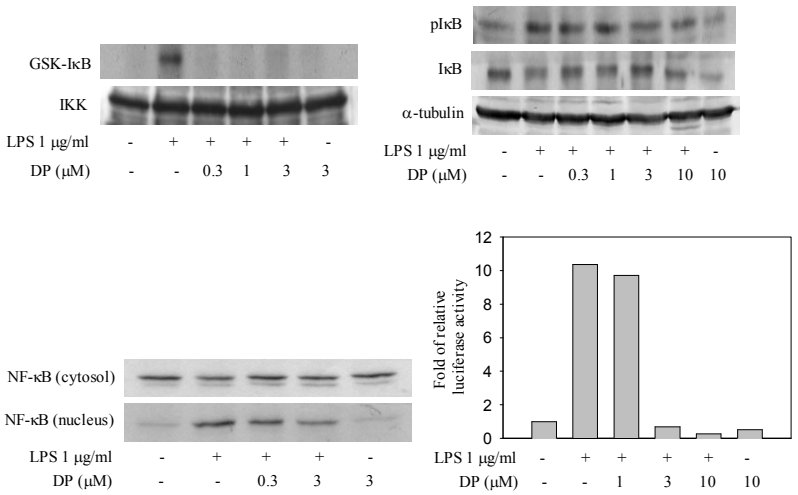

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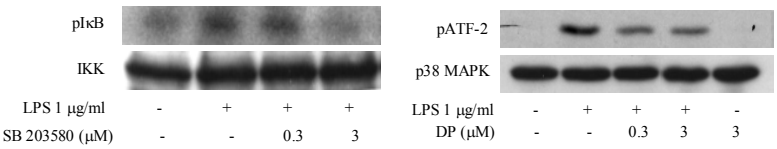
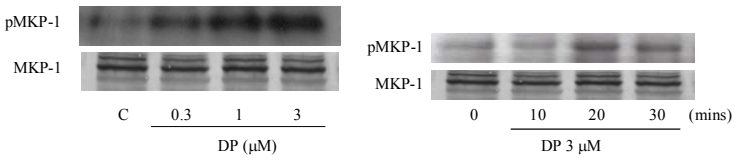
Dipyridamole inhibits LPS-activated p38 MAPK in RAW 264.7 cells.



3.7. Dipyridamole increases MKP-1 phosphorylation in RAW 264.7 cells.



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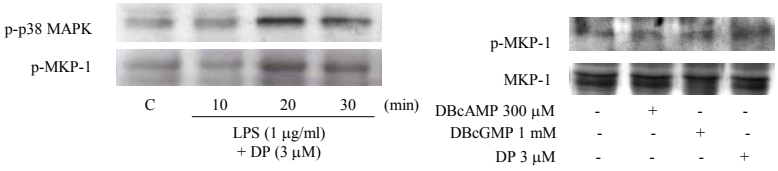

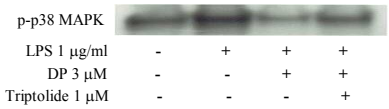

討論：

Dipyridamole is a non-selective phosphodiesterase inhibitor, which has been shown to improve proteinurea in membranous glomerulonephritis, mesangial IgA glomerulonephritis, and segmentary and focal hyalinosis glomerulonephritis (Harmankaya et al., 2001). Inhibition of proteinuria in glomerulonephritis has been attributed to platelet response (Camara et al., 1991). However, there is no consistent evidence supporting dipyridamole as an effective antithrombotic agent in cardiovascular and renal diseases. Because many PDE inhibitors suppress the LPS-stimulated cytokine production (Yoshigawa et al., 1999), we have sought to resolve the question of whether dipyridamole exerts an anti-inflammatory effect. LPS is a bacterial endotoxin, which induces the expression of a number of proteins associated with inflammation. LPS-induced iNOS and COX-2 expression are key mediators in inflammatory responses. In the present study, we investigate whether dipyridamole has an effect on LPS-induced iNOS and COX-2 expression. We present evidences showing that dipyridamole inhibits iNOS and COX-2 expression in LPS-stimulated RAW 264.7 cells. Because inhibition of p38 MAPK by a pharmacological specific inhibitor, SB203580, is enough to suppress the IKK-β activity, these data suggest that dipyridamole inhibits p38 MAPK activation leading to an inhibition of IKK-β and the NF-κB signaling pathway, and subsequently suppresses LPS-induced iNOS and COX-2 expression in RAW 264.7 macrophages. In addition to these novel findings, we demonstrated that dipyridamole stimulates MKP-1 activation, which lead to p38 MAPK and IKK-β inactivation and NF-κB specific transcription.

Our data agree with many other reports showing phosphodiesterase inhibitors are immunoregulators and can be used as an anti-inflammatory agent (Bielekova et al., 2000; Burnouf et al., 2002). Dipyridamole exerts beneficial effects on glomerulonephritis (Camara etal., 1991) and blocks the lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced increase in monocyte-associated tissue factor activity (Brozna et al., 1990). LPS-activation of p38MAPK and NF-kB signal transduction pathways may contribute to inflammatory responses and disease progression. In this study, we demonstrated that dipyridamole activates MKP-1, which in turn inactivates these proinflammatory signaling pathways. Our results support the notion, that dipyridamole can serve as a anti-inflammatory agent as well.

The results of our inhibitor studies suggest that the LPS-induced iNOS and COX-2 expressions is a consequence of the activation of p38 MAPK, IKK, and NF-κB in RAW 264.7 cells. Activation of the transcription factor, NF-κB, is responsible for the altered transcription of iNOS and COX-2 in macrophages and many other cell types (Huttunen et al.,

1999; Mohamed et al., 1999; Li et al., 2000). Consistently, we have found that NF-κB activation plays an important role in LPS-induced iNOS expression. This notion is supported by the data herein: *1)* Pretreatment of cells with PDTC inhibited LPS-mediated iNOS induction; *2)* Treatment of RAW cells with LPS increased p65 NF-κB translocation from the cytosol to the nucleus; *3)* LPS treatment phosphorylated and degraded IκB in the cytosol; and 4) Treatment of RAW cells with LPS enhanced NF-κB-specific transcription as demonstrated by the expression of reporter gene, luciferase activity.

NF-κB can be activated in response to a broad range of stimuli and conditions, including interleukin-1 (IL-1) and tumor necrosis factor-α (TNF-α) (Bowie and O'Neill, 2000). LPS triggers a signaling pathway resulting in the production of inflammatory cytokines, which include TNF α and IL-1. Thus, LPS activation of NF-κB may well be an indirect effect due to the release of cytokines. Indeed, LPS induces TNF α secretion through nuclear factor kappa B in human vascular muscle cells.

The intracellular signaling mechanisms by which LPS induce NF-κB remain to be determined. LPS may activate protein tyrosine kinase, p21 Ras, protein kinase C-βII (PKC βII), or p42/44MAPK. In agreement, we previously found that protein tyrosine kinase, p21 Ras, and p38 MAPK are involved in LPS-induced iNOS expression in A549 cells (Lin et al., 2001). LPS stimulation of human monocytes activates several intracellular signaling pathways that include the p38 mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) pathway (Guha and Mackman, 2001). Lipoteichoic acid activation of NF-κB is mediated through protein tyrosine kinase (Kengatharan al., 1996). Activation of NF-κB in human monocytes involves PKC and PI-3K (D'Addario et al., 1999; Diaz-Guerra et al., 1999). Thus, LPS may activate tyrosine kinase, PI-3K, PKC, and p38 MAPK, which in turn activate IκB kinase (IKK), resulting in NF-kappaB (p50/p65) translocation and the induction of many genes encoding inflammatory mediators including iNOS. However, given the addition of MEK-specific inhibitor, PD 98059, fails to normalize the LPS-induced iNOS expression, and the facts that many other pathways could contribute to the activation of NF-κB, which may play a role in the NF-κB dependent induction of iNOS expression. It is possible that other signaling pathways other than those highlighted in the present study may also contribute to the activation of LPS in RAW264.7 cells.

In conclusion, our results suggest that dipyridamole may have anti-inflammatory effects. Our results clearly demonstrated that dipyridamole inhibits LPS-induced inflammatory mediator expression in RAW 264.7 macrophages through p38 MAPK, IKK, and NF-κB dependent mechanisms. Whether dipyridamole exerts these effects in clinical treatment warrant further investigation.

四、計畫成果自評

本計畫主持人的研究興趣以細胞內的訊息傳遞為主，研究重點為探討過度糖化最終

產物(AGEs)在糖尿病併發症的角色，AGEs 可以誘發 iNOS 及 COX-2 的表現。2004 年(2004)我們在腎臟學門排名第二的 Kidney Int 2004;65:1664-1675 發表了 rosiglitazone，一種 PPAR-γ的 ligand,可以抑制 AGEs 所誘導的 iNOS 表現;及另一篇發表於 Pharmacol Res 的 SCI 文章。除此之外，我們還有二篇文章已經刊登於 Annals New York Acad Sci。

本研究我們證實了 dipyridamole 可以和 glucocorticosteroid 一樣經由 MKP-1 達到免疫抑制的效果，我們認為此一發現將有助於了解 dipyridamole 的臨床藥效，我們將進一步探討 dipyridamole 對 mesangial cell 釋放 MCP-1 的影響。總而言之，本研究有助於我們更深入了解 dipyridamole 的作用機轉與抗發炎的訊息傳遞路徑。

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