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Hydrogen may inhibit collagen-induced platelet aggregation: an ex vivo and in vivo study

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Abstract

Objective: Hydrogen selectively reduces hydroxyl radicals and peroxynitrite, and numerous experimental and clinical studies suggest that hydrogen can exert potent cellular protective effects against a wide variety of diseases. Furthermore, there is increasing evidence that antioxidants can modulate platelet activation. The aim of the present study was to investigate the relationship between hydrogen and collagen-induced platelet aggregation.

Methods: For human ex vivo studies, we collected blood samples from six healthy humans and added normal saline or hydrogen-rich saline to blood and platelet-rich plasma. We found that collagen (1 µg/mL)-induced platelet aggregation was significantly inhibited by hydrogen-rich saline compared with a normal saline group ($p=0.044$). For rat in vivo studies, animals ($n=17$) were exposed to either nitrogen-based mixed gas with hydrogen (H₂ gas group; $n=9$) or without hydrogen (non-H₂ gas group; $n=8$). Additionally, another animals ($n=13$) administered either normal (NS group; $n=7$) or hydrogen-rich saline (HS group; $n=6$) (5 ml/kg) via intravenous infusion. Blood samples were drawn from the vena cava before treatment and from the right ventricle after treatment. Collagen (12 µg/mL)-induced platelet aggregation was then measured.

Results: Collagen-induced platelet aggregation was significantly decreased in H₂ gas and HS group rats ($p=0.042$, 0.018 , respectively), while there was no difference in non-H₂ gas and NS group rats before and after treatment.

Conclusion: In summary, these data suggest that hydrogen may inhibit collagen-induced platelet aggregation.

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