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Arachidonic Acid Metabolites and Inflammation

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Host Defense 2/12  10-11:00am
INFLAMMATORY MEDIATORS

PLASMA DERIVED
- COMPLEMENT CASCADE
  C3a, C5a
- COAGULATION CASCADE
  Thrombin, plasmin

CELL-DERIVED
- VASOACTIVE AMINES
  histamine, serotonin
- OXYGEN METABOLITES
  hydrogen peroxide (H$_2$O$_2$)
  superoxide anion (O$_2^-$)
  hypochlorous acid (HOCl$^-$)
- ARACHIDONIC ACID METABOLITES
  cyclooxygenase-derived
  lipoxygenase-derived
- CYTOKINES
  Interleukins
  Chemokines
  Interferons
  Tumor Necrosis Factor
  Growth Factors
Intended Learning Outcomes: To Understand The

- Primary inflammatory mediators derived from the metabolism of arachidonic acid including their primary cellular source and biological activity.

- Effects of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory compounds on blocking the production of arachidonic acid metabolites during disease.

- Mechanism of aspirin therapy and diets rich in fish containing high levels of omega 3 fatty acids as potentially important in lowering the incidence of cardiovascular disease.
YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT
STIMULI

Cell Membrane Phospholipids

\[ \text{PHOSPHOLIPASE A2} \]

LIPOXGENASE PATHWAY

HETEs [mono & di]

+ LEUKOTRIENE [SRS-A]

\[ \text{Arachidonic Acid} \]

\[ \text{PGG}_2 = \text{PGH}_2 \]

\[ \text{CYCLOOXYGENASE} \]

\[ \text{PGI}_2 \text{ UNSTABLE} \]

\[ \text{PGE}_2 \]

\[ \text{TXA}_2 \text{ UNSTABLE} \]

\[ \text{6-Keto PGF}_1 \alpha \]

\[ \text{PGF}_2 \alpha \]

\[ \text{TXB}_2 \]
Leukotriene Synthesis

Arachidonic Acid → 5-HPETE → Leukotriene A (LTA)

Glutathione-S-transferase

Leukotriene B (LTB) → Leukotriene C (LTC) → Leukotriene D (LTD)
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<th>CELL</th>
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Biological Function

Cyclooxygenase-derived Products:

Prostaglandin E₂/Prostacyclin
- Immunoregulatory
  - Inhibits immune cell activation
  - Inhibits cytokine production
  - Inhibits mast cell activation
- Blocks platelet aggregation
- Increases vasodilation
- Stimulates adenylate cyclase

Thromboxane
- Causes vasoconstriction
- Induces platelet aggregation
**Biological Function**

**Lipoxygenase-derived Products:**

- **Leukotriene B₄**
  - Neutrophil Activation
  - degranulation

- **Mast cell activation**
  - degranulation

- **Leukotriene C,D,E (SRS-A)**
  - Causes smooth muscle contraction
  - Increases vascular permeability
In Vivo Effects of Arachidonic Acid Derived Products

• Regulates Thermostatic Set Point (Fever)
• Regulates Pain (Interacts with pain receptors)
• Regulates Blood Flow
• Regulates Leukocyte Activity
Hypothalamus

Production of Fever

- Viruses
- Bacteria
- Toxins

Phagocytic leukocytes → Activated leukocytes → Endogenous pyrogen

Arachidonic Acid → Prostaglandin E2 → Temperature

Aspirin
NSAIDs

(e.g. Interleukin-1)

Shivering
Sweating
Vasomotor tone
Rheumatoid Arthritis distorts joints

Source: http://www.nih.gov/
Chemotactic Activity of LTB4

BY: Greg Luerman

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Pharmacologic Regulation of Arachidonic Acid-Derived Products

- Modulate Phospholipase activity:
  - Suppress the release of arachidonic acid (no substrate available)
  - Blocks both COX and LO-derived products

- Modulate Cyclooxygenase Activity:
  - Blocks Cyclooxygenase-derived products
  - COX-1 and COX-2 inhibitors

- Modulate specific enzymes down-stream from COX:
  - Thromboxane synthetase inhibitors

- Modulate lipoxygenase activity:
  - Block 5-lipoxygenase enzyme
  - Small molecule receptor antagonists for cysteiny1 leukotrienes
Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Compounds

- Aspirin (acetysalicylic acid)
- Ibuprofen (propionic acid derivatives)
- Indomethacin (indole derivatives)
- Tylenol (Acetominophen)
- COX-2 Inhibitors (Vioxx, celebrex, Bextra)
COX-2 Inhibitors

- **CELEBREX** (Celecoxib) Pfizer-(Pharmacia)
- **BEXTRA** (Valdecoxib) Pfizer
- **VIOXX** (Rofecoxib) Merck

Osteoarthritis
Rheumatoid arthritis
Primary dysmenorrhea
Pain management
Complications!!
INHIBITS CYCLO-OXYGENASE ENZYME IRREVERSIBLY BY ACETYLATING THE ENZYME AT THE ACTIVE SITE, THUS THE PRODUCTION OF ENDOPEROXIDES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES, INCLUDING PROSTAGLANDINS, THROMBOXANES, AND PROSTACYCLINS WILL BE INHIBITED.
INDOMETHACIN  

IBUPROFEN  

BOTH INHIBIT CYCLO-OXYGENASE ACTIVITY BY BINDING REVERSIBLY TO THE ACTIVE SITE OF THE ENZYME, THUS BLOCKING THE FORMATION OF PROSTAGLANDINS, THROMBOXANES, AND PROSTACYCLINS.
AN ASPIRIN A DAY

Roughly 80 million aspirin tablets are consumed daily in the USA
Of those:
72% are taken for disease prevention
28% are taken for pain
Reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke with……

Aspirin

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THE HOMEOSTATIC BALANCE

PGI₂
ENDOTHELium

TXA₂
PLATELETS

Thrombus Formation

Elastic Lamina

Basement Membrane

Endothelium

platelets

Injury

ADP

Thromboxane

Collagen

Aggregation

Organization

Plaque
Can Aspirin Act As An Anti-thrombogenic Agent?

• Inhibits platelet aggregation by blocking platelet-derived thromboxane production

• Blocks platelet cyclooxygenase for the life of the platelet, as no new protein synthesis occurs

• Blocks endothelial cell-derived prostacyclin

• Suppression of endothelial cell-derived prostacyclin is short lived as endothelial cells can generation new cyclooxygenase enzyme

• Platelet activity is blocked more than endothelial cell activity
COX-2 inhibitors work by blocking COX-2 enzyme which is involved in the inflammation pathway. By sparing COX-1 gastrointestinal toxicity is reduced.

**Diagram:**

- **Physiologic Stimuli** → **COX-1 (constitutive)** → **PG E\textsubscript{2}** (Renal function) → **Thromboxane A\textsubscript{2}** (Platelet function) → **Prostacycline (PGL\textsubscript{2})** (Gastric Protection) → **Inflammation** → **Inflammatory Stimuli**

- **COX-2 (inducible)** → **Pro-inflammatory PGs and other inflammatory mediators** → **Inflammation**
lipid mediators of Inflammation

Stimulus

Phospholipase

Cell membrane Phospholipids

Arachidonic acid
Acute inflammation: lipid mediators

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COX-1+2
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Acute inflammation: lipid mediators

An important role in vascular homeostasis

Endothelium

Prostacyclin PGI$_2$

Anti-thrombotic

Platelets

TXB2

Pro-thrombotic
Acute inflammation: lipid mediators

Therapeutic targets

Endothelium

- COX-2
- Prostacyclin $\text{PGI}_2$
- Anti-thrombotic

Platelets

- COX-1
- TXB2
- Pro-thrombotic

NSAIDs inhibit both COX-1 and COX-2; COXIBs inhibit COX-2
Acute inflammation: lipid mediators

**Therapeutic targets**

- **Endothelium**
  - COX-2
  - Prostacyclin PGI$_2$
  - Anti-thrombotic

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  - COX-1
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* Ibuprofen*

*Ibuprofen* is a classical NSAID and inhibits both COX enzymes.
Acute inflammation: lipid mediators

Therapeutic targets

Endothelium

Platelets

COX-2

Prostacyclin PGI$_2$

TXB2

COX-1

Anti-thrombotic

Pro-thrombotic

COX-1

COX-2

Vioxx®
**Prostacyclin PGI$_2$**  
**TXB2**  

**Endothelium**  
**Platelets**  

**Aspirin**  
- inhibits COX-2 irreversibly  
- All cells but the platelet can resynthesize the enzymes  

**Aspirin**  
- inhibits COX-1 irreversibly  

**Therapeutic targets**  

**Anti-thrombotic**  
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