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- **LOCALISATION OF THE CORTICAL CENTRES FOR HUMAN OESOPHAGEAL SENSATION USING MAGNETOENCEPHALOGRAPHY.** P.L.Furlong, \*O.Aziz, K.Singh, Ian Holliday, G.Barnes, G.F.A.Harding & \*D.G.Thompson. Depts Vision Sciences & \*Medicine, Aston & \*Manchester Universities, U.K.

**Background:** Although mapping of Cortical Evoked Potentials can provide some information about the topography of oesophageal afferents, the precise anatomical representation of oesophageal sensation on the cerebral cortex remains unknown. **Aims:** 1) To identify the anatomical representation of afferents arising from the oesophagus on the cortex. 2) To determine evidence for viscerotopic representation of proximal and the distal oesophageal afferents. **Methods:** 1. **Oesophageal stimulation:** In 3 healthy volunteers, two series of 50 stimuli were applied at a frequency of 0.2Hz by rapidly inflating a 2cm silicone balloon to volumes which were clearly perceived but not painful, either 3cm below the upper oesophageal sphincter or 5cm above the lower oesophageal sphincter at a frequency of 0.2Hz. A series of 50 sham inflations were also performed at each site. 2. **Signal Detection:** A 19 channel magnetometer was used to identify the magnetic field waveforms generated by the cerebral cortex during oesophageal stimulation. Recording was made over the parieto-temporal and the frontal cortices bilaterally. Each subject was studied on at least two occasions to obtain evidence for reproducibility. Global field power analysis of the averaged magnetic field waveforms was performed to identify strong dipolar field patterns. Inverse Solution Algorithms were then applied to determine the three dimensional representation of the calculated dipole sources. This technique has been shown to identify cortical sources accurately with an error margin of 2-5mm. 3. **Coregistration with Magnetic Resonance (MR) Scans:** Three fiducial points (nasion and two preauriculars) were digitised using a magnetic positioning system (Polhemus Navigation System), allowing the location of the head to be accurately determined with respect to the magnetometer. The same fiducial points were marked on MR scans using radio-opaque markers to allow co-registration of magnetometry and MR data in each subject. **Results:** Stimulation of either the proximal or the distal oesophagus evoked reproducible early and late magnetic field wave forms from both hemispheres at a latency of 150msec to 223 msec and 178msec to 311msec respectively. Sham stimulation failed to evoke cortical magnetic fields. Co-registration of calculated dipoles with the MR scans indicated that the early waveforms from the proximal and the distal oesophagus were evoked by two distinct neural sources located in the primary somatosensory cortex close to the vertex, the source for the proximal oesophagus being more medial and superficial than that of the distal oesophagus. In contrast, the late wave forms for both oesophageal regions were localised to a similar area of the insular cortex. **Conclusions:** The centre for human oesophageal sensation is viscerotopically located in both primary somatosensory cortices with secondary representation in the insular cortex.

- **CHARACTERIZATION OF P<sub>2</sub> RECEPTOR-MEDIATED CONSTRICTION OF SUBMUCOSAL ARTERIOLES IN GUINEA PIG ILEUM.** J.J.Galligan, A.Herring and T.Harpstead. Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, Michigan State University., E. Lansing, MI 48824

Sympathetic nerve stimulation causes constriction mediated by ATP acting at P<sub>2</sub> receptors in submucosal arterioles. In the present study, the P<sub>2</sub> receptor subtype mediating this response was characterized. A computer-assisted video monitoring system was used to measure drug-induced changes in arteriolar diameter (40-80 μm) in small pieces of submucosa *in vitro*. Intracellular microelectrodes were used to record membrane potential of arteriolar smooth muscle. The rank order potency for constriction caused by several ATP analogs was (EC<sub>50</sub>, μM): α,β-methylene ATP (0.3) > β,γ-methylene ATP (4.1) = 2-methylthioATP (4.5) > ATP (12) > ADP (150) > AMP (>300). Constrictions caused by α,β-methylene ATP were competitively blocked by suramin (K<sub>B</sub> = 3.2 μM) and noncompetitively blocked by pyridoxalphosphate-6-azophenyl-2',4'-disulfonic acid (PPADS, 0.3-3 μM). Norepinephrine (NE)-induced constrictions were unaffected by suramin (100 μM) or PPADS (3 μM). α,β-methylene ATP (1 μM) depolarized arteriolar smooth muscle by 35 ± 2 mV (resting membrane potential, -81 ± 4 mV, n = 4). Extracellular solutions with 0 added calcium blocked constrictions caused by α,β methylene ATP (0.1-1.0 μM) but not those caused by NE (3-10 μM). Nifedipine (0.3-1 μM) blocked constrictions caused by 40 and 60 mM KCl but not those caused by α,β methylene ATP (0.1-3 μM). These data indicate that P<sub>2X</sub> receptors mediate ATP-induced constriction of submucosal arterioles. Although activation of P<sub>2X</sub> receptors causes smooth muscle depolarization, calcium entry through voltage-operated, nifedipine-sensitive calcium channels does not contribute to P<sub>2X</sub>-mediated vasoconstriction. P<sub>2X</sub>-mediated vasoconstriction is caused by calcium entry through ATP-gated channels. (Supported by the American Heart Association, DK40210 and NS01738)

- **INCREASED OESOPHAGEAL SENSITIVITY TO DISTENSION DURING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STRESSFUL CONDITIONS.** F. Galeazzi, M.G. Lucà, G. Mastropalo and Remo Naccarato Department of Gastroenterology - University of Padova - ITALY

Patients with oesophageal complaints often refers their symptoms to stressful events, but the oesophageal dysmotility patterns evoked by physical and mental stress are rarely related to symptoms. The aim of this study was to evaluate whether the sensitivity of the oesophagus to distension is altered after mental and physical experimental stress.

**METHODS.** In 8 patients (4 males, 17 - 51 yrs) referred for oesophageal symptoms (6 heartburn, 1 non cardiac chest pain and 1 dysphagia) with normal upper g.i. endoscopy and oesophageal manometry, a stepwise distension (2 ml every 10 seconds up to 20 ml) of the oesophagus was performed with a latex balloon (4x2x2 cm) 10 cm above LOS. Sensory (first perception of distension) and pain thresholds were assessed in basal conditions and two more times in the same session, in a random order: 1) after physical stress (cycles of 45-second immersion of non dominant hand in iced water followed by 15 seconds at room temperature until patient's tolerance) and, 2) after a mental test (sequence of logical and practical operations for 30 minutes while having a dichotomous listening disturbance). Blood pressure and heart rate were monitored during the tests and 20-minute recovery periods were allowed between the stressors.

**RESULTS.** Blood pressure and heart rate increased by 17.7% and 11% and by 9.7% and 14.8% during the cold stress the mental stress respectively. The sensory and pain oesophageal thresholds (ml of balloon inflation) significantly decreased with the two stressful events as follows:

	Basal	Cold Stress	Mental Stress
Sensory Threshold	9.0 ± 2.0	6.2 ± 2.3 *	6.2 ± 2.3 *
Pain Threshold	16.6 ± 4.7	10.9 ± 4.0 **	14.2 ± 5.8 **

(M ± SD) \* p < 0.005 vs basal values; \*\* p < 0.02 vs basal values

**CONCLUSIONS.** Physical and mental experimentally induced stress reduce the sensory and pain oesophageal thresholds, being the perception of distension is not influenced by the specific type of stress applied. The mental and the physical stresses seem more active on sensory and pain thresholds respectively. It is possible that in stressful situations patients' oesophageal symptoms are not only due to changes in motility patterns but also to an high increase in oesophageal sensitivity.

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