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● **ORNITHINE DECARBOXYLASE ACTIVITY IN RAT INTESTINAL MUCOSA WAS STIMULATED BY SIGNALS OF CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM.**
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Feeding plays an important role in regulating ornithine decarboxylase (ODC) activity in small intestine, because ODC activity is increased by feeding mediated through luminal nutrients and humoral factors. The aim of this study is to determine whether ODC activity in rat small intestine is controlled by signals from the central nervous system other than luminal nutrients.

Method. Subdiaphragmatic vagotomy was accomplished under halothane anesthesia one week before experiments. In sham control rats, the vagal fibers were isolated but not cut. ODC activity in intestinal mucosa of ad libitum fed rats or 24 h fasted rats was measured at 4 time points (05:00, 11:00, 17:00, 23:00 h; light period: 08:00 to 20:00 h). In additional rats of 24 h fasted rats, ODC activity in small intestinal mucosa, and liver was measured after intratracheal infusion of 24 μ mol 2-deoxy-glucose at 11:00 h.

Results. Table. ODC activity (CO_2 pmol/mg protein/h) in duodenal and jejunal mucosa of 24 h fasted rats.

	11:00	17:00	23:00	05:00
DUODENUM				
Sham	1.0 \pm 1.1	26.2 \pm 1.1*	4.3 \pm 1.9	4.4 \pm 1.9
Vagotomy	0.9 \pm 0.9	2.2 \pm 1.2#	3.2 \pm 2.0	3.2 \pm 1.9
JEJUNUM				
Sham	1.3 \pm 0.7	2.3 \pm 0.9	24.4 \pm 4.2*	26.9 \pm 3.2*
Vagotomy	1.5 \pm 0.7	1.8 \pm 1.0	23.0 \pm 2.8*	25.1 \pm 3.0*

* $P < 0.01$, compared to the value at 11:00 h. # $P < 0.01$, compared to the value of sham.

ODC activity in the jejunum increased in the dark period when rats eat. In contrast, ODC activity in the duodenum began to increase at 17:00 h when rats do not normally eat. The increase of ODC activity in the duodenum at 17:00 h remained in 24 h fasted rats (Table). The increase in ODC activity in the duodenum at 17:00 h, but not at other time points, was abolished by subdiaphragmatic vagotomy both in ad libitum fed and 24 h fasted groups, whereas vagotomy had no effect on the feeding pattern of the rat. Subdiaphragmatic vagotomy had no effect on ODC activity in the jejunum of the both groups. Infusion of 2-deoxy-glucose into the cerebelloventricle induced glycoprotein of the central nervous system (CNS) and activated neural activity of lateral hypothalamus, which increased ODC activity in the small intestine and liver. Vagotomy attenuated the increase of ODC activity after infusion of 2-deoxy-glucose, but did not abolish. **Conclusions.** The CNS, in addition to luminal nutrient factors, plays an important role, at least in part, via the efferent vagal nerve in the increase in intestinal mucosal ODC activity.

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● **ATP AND 5-HT MEDIATE FAST EXCITATORY POSTSYNAPTIC POTENTIALS (fEPSPs) IN MYENTERIC NEURONS OF GUINEA PIG ILEUM.** J.J. Galligan, Dept. of Pharmacol., Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI 48824, USA.

Acetylcholine (ACh), acting at nicotinic receptors, is the principle fast excitatory neurotransmitter in the gut but ATP and 5-HT can mimic fEPSPs. Receptors for ATP and 5-HT are present on myenteric neurons but it is unclear if ATP or 5-HT contribute to fEPSPs. The purpose of these studies was to identify noncholinergic fEPSPs in myenteric neurons. Conventional electrophysiological methods were used to record from neurons in the myenteric plexus. Drugs were applied by superfusion, iontophoresis or pressure ejection from a pipette positioned near impaled neurons; fEPSPs were evoked by single focal stimuli (0.5 ms, 0.2 Hz). Control and drug-treated responses were a computer average of 8-12 fEPSPs. Membrane potential was adjusted to -90 mV to limit action potentials. Data were obtained from 31 neurons exhibiting fEPSPs (mean = 21 ± 1 mV). In 7 cells, fEPSPs were reduced more than 80% by hexamethonium (C6, 100 μ M); in 24 cells, fEPSPs were reduced by only $34 \pm 4\%$. C6-resistant responses were completely blocked by tetrodotoxin (0.3 μ M). In 13 cells, C6-resistant fEPSPs were reduced by the P₂ receptor antagonist suramin. Suramin at 3, 10, 30, 100 and 300 μ M reduced C6-resistant fEPSPs by $30 \pm 7\%$, $49 \pm 5\%$, $66 \pm 8\%$, $68 \pm 5\%$ and $77 \pm 6\%$, respectively. The 5-HT₂ receptor antagonist, ondansetron (1 μ M) reduced C6-resistant fEPSPs more than 70% in 11 neurons. C6 blocked ACh depolarizations but not those induced by ATP or 5-HT. Ondansetron (1 μ M) blocked 5-HT depolarizations but not those caused by ACh or ATP. Suramin (100 μ M) did not affect ACh or 5-HT responses. These data indicate that ACh, 5-HT, and ATP are mediators of fEPSPs in myenteric neurons of guinea pig ileum. (Supported by DK40210)

● **IDENTIFICATION OF SELECTIVE AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS FOR HUMAN BOMBESIN RECEPTORS USING STABLY TRANSFECTED CELL LINES.** E. Gibril, J.E. Mrozinski, T. Griffin, D.H. Coy, R.V. Benya, J.F. Battey, R.T. Jensen. NIH, Bethesda, MD and Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

The mammalian BN-related peptides gastrin-releasing peptide (GRP) and neuromedin B (NMB) as well as their receptors, are widely distributed in the CNS and GI tract. It has been proposed these peptides mediate numerous functions such as control of temperature, growth, release of many GI hormones, motility, pancreatic secretion and lung development. However, their physiological importance remains unclear in humans because of lack of specific information on the pharmacology of the human receptors. In the present study we have made stable cell lines containing hGRP receptors (hGRP-R) and NMB receptors (hNMB-R) by transfecting Balb 3T3 cells with full length human receptor clones. Interaction with hGRP-R was assessed using [¹²⁵I]-[Tyr]²⁷BN and with hNMB-R with [¹²⁵I]-[Tyr]²⁷NMB. Receptor activation was measured by determining changes in [³H]IP. Ten different naturally occurring BN-related agonists and 26 different antagonists representing the 6 known classes of BN-receptor antagonists were assessed. For hGRP-R, BN, alytesin, ranatensin, PG-L and litorin, all had equal high affinity (1nM) $>$ GRP $>$ NMB, NMB-32. With hNMB-R, NMB, NMB-32, litorin, all had equal high affinity $>$ BN, alytesin $>$ GRP. Changes in [³H]IP showed a similar result. In terms of selectivity, the agonists fell into 3 groups; GRP, NMC had $>$ 150-fold higher affinity for hGRP-R, NMB had $>$ 60-fold higher for hNMB-R, and ranatensin, alytesin, litorin had relative high affinity for each. Each antagonist had no agonist activity at concentrations up to 3 μ M. For hGRP-R the highest affinity antagonists were [D-F, Phe⁶, D-Ala²⁴]BN(6-13)methyl ester, [D-Phe⁶]BN(6-13)ethyl amides, N-Ac-GRP(20-26)ethyl ester, [D-Phe⁶, D-Ala²⁴, ψ 26-27, D-Pro²⁶, Pro²⁷]GRP(19-27), [D-Phe⁶, ψ 13-14, Cpa¹⁴]BN(6-14)K(0,9-3nM) $>$ [D-Arg¹, D-Trp^{7,9}, Leu¹]SP $>$ [Tyr¹, D-Phe¹²]BN. For hNMB-R, no antagonists had $<$ 1 μ M affinity. Similar results were obtained on studies of the ability of these analogues to inhibit [³H]IP stimulated by BN or NMB. Each of the high affinity hGRP analogues had $>$ 500-fold selectivity for hGRP-R. These results show for the first time the pharmacology of human BN receptors. In general, they closely resemble results with the guinea pig and mouse but differ from the rat. These results demonstrate GRP is much more selective for hGRP-R and NMB for hNMB-R than any of the nonmammalian peptide agonists. Furthermore, a number of potent highly selective hGRP-R, but not hNMB-R antagonists exist will should be useful for exploring the function of this receptor *in vivo*.

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