Regulatory Action of Protein Tyrosine Kinase in Intracellular Calcium Mobilization in C5a-stimulated Neutrophils

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ABSTRACT

The present study was done to examine the involvement of protein kinase C and protein tyrosine kinase in intracellular Ca²⁺ mobilization in C5a-stimulated neutrophils. Although protein kinase C inhibitors, staurosporine and H-7 inhibited intracellular Ca²⁺ release in C5a-stimulated neutrophils, they did not affect Ca²⁺ influx across the plasma membrane and elevation of [Ca²⁺], C5a-induced intracellular Ca²⁺ release and Ca²⁺ influx were inhibited by protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors, genistein and methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate. ADP-evoked elevation of [Ca²⁺], was inhibited by genistein and methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate but was not affected by staurosporine and H-7. Genistein and methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate reduced the store-regulated Ca²⁺ influx in thapsigargin-treated neutrophils, while the effect of staurosporine and H-7 was not detected. When neutrophils were preincubated wih phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate, the stimulatory effect of C5a on the elevation of [Ca²⁺], was reduced. These results suggest that protein tyrosine kinase may be involved in control of intracellular Ca²⁺ release and Ca²⁺ influx across the plasma membrane in C5a-activated neutrophils.

Key Words: C5a, Protein kinase inhibitors, Intracellular calcium mobilization, Neutrophils

INTRODUCTION

Neutrophils exposure to external stimulating agents result in molecular and functional changes, including phospholipid inositol turnover (Gil et al., 1982), elevation of cytosolic Ca²⁺ (Westwick and Poll, 1986) and tyrosine phosphorylation (Berkow and Dodson, 1990), and these changes are followed by responses, superoxide production and degranulation (Fantone and Ward, 1982). These released reactive oxygen species and lysosomal enzymes

play an important role in host defence mechanisms and inflammatory responses.

Increased intracellular Ca²⁺ may involve in the activation of neutrophil responses including degranulation due to surface stimulation. The rise in [Ca²⁺], is attained by both release of Ca²⁺ from intracellular stores and Ca²⁺ influx across the plasma membrane (Pozzan *et al.*, 1983; Westwick and Poll, 1986). It has been demonstrated that the release of Ca²⁺ from intracellular stores is mediated by InsP3 (Dougherty *et al.*, 1984; Krause *et al.*, 1985). However, the mechanism, which is involved in Ca²⁺ influx, has not been elucidated clearly (Putney, 1986). It has been shown that Ca²⁺ influx in granulocytes does not appear to involve

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voltage-operated, receptor-operated, or second messenger-operated Ca²⁺ channels. Inositol-(1,3, 4,5)tetrakisphosphate (InsP₄) has been reported to be implicated in Ca²⁺ influx (Irvine and Moor, 1986; Lückhoff and Clapham, 1992). On the other hand, the involvement of protein kinases in intracellular Ca²⁺ mobilization are uncertain.

Complement C5a is a potent chemotaxin for neutrophils and macrophages (Goldstein, 1992). It stimulates these cells to produce superoxide anion, to release lysosomal enzymes and alters their surface properties leading to enhanced adhesion and aggregation. The activation processes, which transduces response changes after C5a receptors binding, appear to involve pertussis toxin-sensitive G proteins (Becker et al., 1985).

The present study was done to examine the involvement of protein kinase C and protein tyrosine kinase in intracellular Ca²⁺ elevation, intracellular Ca²⁺ release and Ca²⁺ influx from the extracellular medium in C5a-stimulated neutrophils.

MATERIALS and METHODS

C5a, phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA), staurosporine, 1-(5-isoquinolinylsulfonyl)-2-methyl-piperazine dihydrochloride (H-7), genistein, methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate, fura-2/AM, adenosine diphosphate (ADP) and thapsigargin were purchased from Sigma Chemical Co.. Other chemicals were of analytical grade.

Preparation of human neutrophils

Neutrophils were prepared from fresh whole human blood, anticoagulated with 10% acid-cit-rate-dextrose, by dextran sedimentation, hypotonic lysis of erythrocytes and Ficoll-Hypague density centrifugation (Markert et al., 1984). The neutrophils were suspended in Dulbecco's phosphate-buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.4 at a concentration of $1\times10^7/\text{ml}$. Final suspensions of neutrophils were comprised of about 97% neutrophils as judged by Wright-Giemsa stain, and viability was more than 98% as judged by trypan blue dye exclusion.

Assav of cytosolic free calcium

Fura-2 loading and fluorescence measurement were performed by the method of Luscinskas et al. (1990). Neutrophils (approximately 5×10^7 cells/ml) were loaded with 2 mM fura-2/AM to $1 \,\mu\text{M}/10^7$ cells at 37°C for 10 min in the reaction mixtures contained Hanks' balanced salt solution (HBSS) buffer without calcium and magnesium (HBSS-CMF) and 20 mM HEPEStris, pH 7.4. The suspension was then diluted 5 fold with 0.5% bovine serum albumin containing HBSS-CMF and was further incubated at 37°C for 15 min. After loading, the suspension was centrifuged at 200 g for 10 min, and neutrophils were resuspended in 0.1% bovine serum albumin containing HBSS-CMF. This procedure was performed twice. Neutrophils were finally suspended in bovine serum albumin-free, HBSS-CMF as approximately 5×10⁷ cells/ml. Fluorescence measurement was done with a Turner Spectrofluorometer (Model 430). Preloaded neutrophils (4×106) were suspended in the same reaction mixture in a final volume of 1.0 ml. After preincubation at 37°C for 5 min with compounds, the response was initiated by the addition of C5a. The fluorescence change was read at an excitation wavelength of 340 nm and emission wavelength of 505 nm.

Assay of intracellular Ca2+ release

Intracellular Ca^{2+} release was measured by the modification of the method of Parys et al. (1993) in Ca^{2+} free media contained $4\times10^6/ml$ neutrophils (fura-2 loaded), 1 mM EGTA, 1 mM MgCl₂, HBSS and 20 mM HEPES- tris, pH 7.4 without extracellulary added Ca^{2+} . After 5 min of preincubation with or without protein kinase inhibitors at 37°C, the Ca^{2+} release was initiated by adding C5a. The elevation of cytosolic Ca^{2+} was measured spectrofluorometrically.

Assay of Mn2+ influx

Influx of Mn^{2+} into cells was measured using the fura-2 fluorescence quenching technique (Demaurex *et al.*, 1992). Fura-2 loaded neutrophils $(4 \times 10^6/\text{ml})$ were suspended in Ca^{2+} - and Mg^{2+} -containing HBSS media. After 1 min of stimulation with C5a, Mn^{2+} (0.5 mM) was added

and quenching of fura-2 fluorescence by Mn²⁺ influx was measured at an excitation wavelength of 360 nm and emission wavelength of 505 nm.

Assay of capacitative Ca2+ entry

In thapsigargin (TG)-treated neutrophils, Ca^{2+} entry was measured (Sargeant *et al.*, 1993). The reaction mixtures contained fura-2 loading neutrophils (4×10^6 cell/ml), 200μ M EGTA, 20 mM HEPES-tris and HBSS buffer without calcium, pH 7.4. After 5 min of preincubation with inhibitors, neutrophils were treated with 50 nM TG for 90 sec, and then 1 mM Ca^{2+} was added to induce Ca^{2+} influx.

RESULTS

Effects of protein kinase inhibitors on intracellular Ca²⁺ mobilization

A 20 nM complement C5a caused an increase of intracellular Ca²⁺ level ([Ca²⁺]_i) in fura-2-loaded neutrophils in 1.23 mM Ca²⁺-containing medium. The [Ca²⁺]_i rose to a maximum within

15 sec post addition, and then the $[Ca^{2+}]$ was gradually decreased to the resting level over the subsequent several minutes. The effect of protein kinase inhibition on C5a-induced $[Ca^{2+}]$, increase was studied. A preincubation of fura-2-loaded neutrophils with either 100 nM staurosporine (data not shown) or 50 μ M H-7, a protein kinase C inhibitor, did not affect the elevation of $[Ca^{2+}]$ evoked by 20 nM C5a (Fig. 1). However, protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors, 10μ M genistein and 1μ g/ml methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate, had an inhibitory effect on the stimulatory action of C5a.

The elevation of [Ca²⁺], is attained by both release of Ca²⁺ from intracellular stores and subsequent Ca²⁺ influx from the extracellular medium. Addition of C5a induced the release of Ca²⁺ from intracellular stores in fura-2-loaded neutrophils in Ca²⁺ free media. In 1 mM EGTA containing media without external addition Ca²⁺, 20 nM C5a caused an immediate elevation of [Ca²⁺], which is followed by sustained decrease of [Ca²⁺]. Effects of protein kinase inhibitors on the intracellular Ca²⁺ release

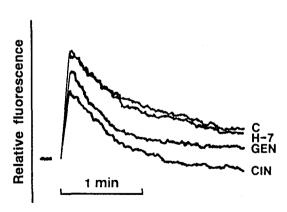


Fig. 1. Effects of protein kinase inhibitors on C5a-e-voked elevation of [Ca²+]. Fura-2 loaded neutrophils (4×10⁶ cells/ml) were preincubated with inhibitors or not (C) for 5 min, and then the response was initiated by the addition of 20 nM C5a. H-7, 50 μM H-7; GEN, 10 μM genistein; CIN, 1 μg/ml methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate. The traces are representative of three experiments.

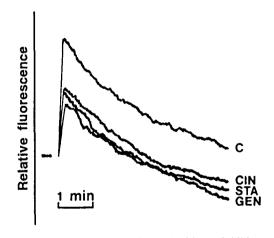


Fig. 2. Inhibitory effects of protein kinase inhibitors on the intracellular Ca²⁺ release. In Ca²⁺-free media, after preincubation of neutrophils with inhibitors or not (C) the intracellular Ca²⁺ release was initiated by adding 20 nM C5a, STA, 100 nM staurosporine; GEN, 10 μM genistein; CIN, 1 μg/ml methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate. The traces are representative of three experiments.

were examined. As shown in Fig. 2, the C5a-induced intracellular Ca²⁺ release was inhibited by 100 nM staurosporine, 10 μ M genistein and 1 μ g/ml methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate.

Mn²⁺ is considered to permeate through the neutrophil Ca2+ influx pathway activated by chemoattractants (Merritt et al., 1989; Demaurex et al., 1992). The experiments were done at an excitation wavelength of 360 nm. In this wavelength. C5a did not cause fluorescence change in fura-2-loaded neutrophils. When added to 20 nM C5a-stimulated neutrophils, 0.5 mM Mn²⁺ caused an immediate and continuous decrease in fluorescence. The involvements of protein kinase C and protein tyrosine kinase in Ca2+ influx across the plasma membrane were investigated. Neutrophils were preincubated with protein kinase inhibitors for 5 min and then were exposed to 20 nM C5a for 1 min prior to Mn²⁺ addition. A 100 nM staurosporine and $50 \mu M$ H-7 did not affect the Mn²⁺ influx induced by C5a (Fig. 3). In contrast, the Mn2+ influx induced by C5a was inhibited by $10 \mu M$ genistein

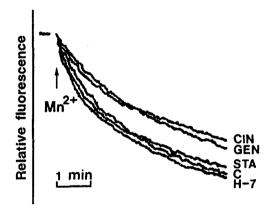


Fig. 3. Effects of protein kinase inhibitors on Mn²⁺ influx. Mn²⁺ influx into the cytoplasm of neutrophil was initiated by adding 0.5 mM Mn²⁺ after 1 min of stimulation with 20 nM C5a. Fura-2 loaded neutrophils (4×10⁶ cells/ml) were preincubated with inhibitors or not (C) for 5 min, and then the response was initiated by addition of 20 nM C5a, STA, 100 nM staurosporine; H-7, 50 μM H-7; GEN, 10 μM genistein; CIN, 1 μg/ml methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate. The traces are representative of three experiments.

and $1 \mu g/ml$ methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate.

Inhibition of ADP-evoked elevation of intracellular calcium by protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors

Adenosine diphosphate (ADP) evokes a biphase elevation of $[Ca^{2+}]$, and induces proteintyrosine phosphorylation in platelets (Sargeant et al., 1993). In 1.23 mM Ca^{2+} containing media, $10 \,\mu\text{M}$ ADP caused an immediate and sustained elevation of $[Ca^{2+}]$. The elevated $[Ca^{2+}]$ was very slowly decreased. Influence of protein kinase inhibition on ADP-induced elevation of $[Ca^{2+}]$ was examined. Fig. 4 showes that a preincubation of neutrophils with either 100 nM staurosporine or $50 \,\mu\text{M}$ H-7 did not show any significant effect on ADP-induced elevation of $[Ca^{2+}]$, while $10 \,\mu\text{M}$ genistein and $1 \,\mu\text{g/ml}$ methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate inhibited it.

Inhibitory effects of protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors thapsigargin-induced Ca²⁺ influx

Thapsigargin (TG), an inhibitor of the endomembranous Ca²⁺ ATPase, is thought to deplete the intracellular Ca²⁺ stores without in-

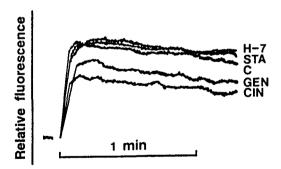


Fig. 4. Inhibition of ADP-evoked elevation of [Ca²+], by protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Fura-2 loaded neutrophils (4×10° cells/ml) were preincubated with inhibitors or not (C) for 5 min, and then the response was initiated by the addition of 10 μM ADP. STA, 100 nM staurosporine; H-7, 50 μM H-7; GEN, 10 μM genistein; CIN, 1 μg/ml methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate. The traces are representative of three experiments.

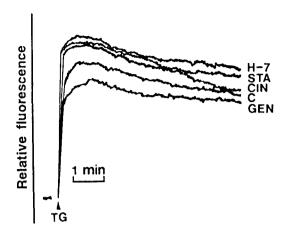


Fig. 5. Inhibitory effects of protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors on thapsigargin-induced Ca²⁺ influx. In Ca²⁺ media, fura-2 loaded neutrophils were preincubation with inhibitors or not (C), and then 50 nM thapsigargin (TG) was added. At 90 sec of post addition of TG, 1 mM CA²⁺ was added to induce Ca²⁺ influx. STA, 100 nM staurosporine; H-7, 50 μM H-7; GEN, 10 μM genistein; CIN, 1 μg/ml methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate. The traces are representative of three experiments.

creasing cellular InsP3 (Jackson et al., 1988). The depletion of intracellular Ca2+ pools appears to induce Ca2+ entry across the plasma membrane (Demaurex et al., 1992; Putney, 1993). In Ca2+ free media, fura-2-loaded neutrophils were treated with TG for 90 sec to deplete intracellular Ca2+ stores and then were exposed to high concentration of Ca2+. TG itself did not cause any recognable change of fluorescence for the stated time. As shown in Fig. 5, the addition of 1 mM Ca2+ to TG-treated neutrophils evoked a marked elevation of [Ca2+]. Effects of protein kinase inhibitors on this capacitative Ca2+ entry were studied. Preincubation with either 100 nM staurosporine or $50\,\mu\text{M}$ H-7 did not have an inhibitory effect on TG-induced Ca2+ influx. However, in the presence of $10 \,\mu\text{M}$ genistein or $1 \,\mu\text{g/ml}$ methyl-2,5dihydroxycinnamate, TG-induced Ca2+ influx was significantly decreased.

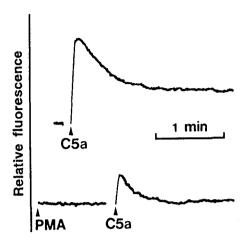


Fig. 6. Effects of protein kinase C activation on C5ainduced elevation of [Ca²⁺], Fura-2 loaded neutrophils were incubated with 0.1 μg/ml PMA for 90 sec, and then 20 nM C5a was added. The traces are representative of three experiments.

Effect of protein kinase C activation C5a-induced elevation of intracellular calcium

It has been suggested that activation of protein kinase C with PMA decrease fMLP-induced elevation of [Ca²+], by blocking of Ca²+ influx from the extracellular medium and by partially inhibition of intracellular Ca²+ release (McCarthy et al., 1989). In 1.23 mM Ca²+ containing media, neutrophils were preactivated by addition of 0.1 µg/ml PMA for 90 sec, and then 20 nM C5a added. PMA itself did not cause any significant fluorescence change. When preincubation with PMA, the eliciting action of C5a on [Ca²+], was markedly inhibited, and a slight increase of [Ca²+], occured (Fig. 6).

DISCUSSION

Changes in cytosolic free calcium concentration appear to play a central role in the activation process, including translocation of protein kinase C. Decrease of intracellular calcium, either by intracellular calcium antago-

nists (Smolen et al., 1981) or by addition of Ca²⁺ chelators such as EGTA (Campbell and Hallett, 1983), reduces aggregation, lysosomal enzyme release and superoxide production in response to various stimulating agents. Elevation of [Ca²⁺] is an early event in the response of neutrophils to agonists, including fMLP, C5a and plateletactivating factor (Westwick and Poll, 1986). The binding of chemoattractants to receptors on the plasma membrane elicites a biphasic increase in [Ca2+]. A rapid and transient initial phase is attributed to release from the intracellular Ca2+ stores, and a sustained phase, which is maintained by influx from the extracellular medium, is followed (Westwick and Poll, 1986; Cobbold and Rink, 1987).

Complement C5a caused an immediate increase of [Ca2+] in fura-2-loaded neutrophils. The elevated [Ca2+], was gradually decreased. Receptor-mediated intracellular calcium mobilization is though to be coupled to phospholipase C activation which promotes phosphoinositide hydrolysis with the formation of InsP3 and DAG (Nishizuka, 1984; Berridge, 1987). The initial intracellular Ca2+ release is mediated by InsP₃. However, the mechanism underlying receptor-mediated Ca2+ influx is uncertain. InsP4 may be responsible for the activation of Ca2+ influx (Lückhoff and Clapham, 1992). In addition, it has been suggested that the decrease in the Ca2+ content of intracellular pool activates a pathway for entry into the pool from the extracellular medium (Demaurex et al., 1992). Activation of C5a receptors evoked both intracellular Ca2+ release and Ca2+ entry across the plasma membrane. Thus, this finding supports that after receptor binding the intracellular Ca2+ mobilization is attained by both intracellular Ca2+ release and Ca2+ influx.

The involvements of protein kinase C and protein tyrosine kinase in the intracellular Ca²⁺ mobilization in C5a-stimulated neutrophils were studied. Staurosporine and H-7 had a different effect on the Ca²⁺ release and influx. They inhibited intracellular Ca²⁺ release but did not affect Ca²⁺ influx. Thus, intracellular Ca²⁺ release in C5a- stimulated neutrophils may be regulated by protein kinase C, while protein kinase C probably does not affect Ca²⁺ influx. Meanwhile, both phase in the elevation of [Ca²⁺]

induced by C5a was inhibited by genistein and methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate. In C5a-stimulated neutrophils, protein tyrosine kinase appears to be involved partly in the elevation of [Ca²⁺], by its regulatory action on intracellular Ca²⁺ release and Ca²⁺ influx across the plasma membrane. Alteration of intracellular Ca²⁺ release alone by protein kinase C may not attribute the elevation of [Ca²⁺].

ADP induces protein-tyrosine phosphorylation and the elevation of [Ca²⁺] in platelets, which is inhibited by protein tyrosine kinase inhibitors, genistein and methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate (Sage et al., 1989; Sargeant et al., 1993). The inhibitory effects of protein kinase inhibitors on ADP-evoked elevation of [Ca²⁺], were also observed in this study. Thus, the participation of protein tyrosine kinase in the intracellular Ca²⁺ mobilization is suggested. However, it is unlikely that protein kinase C may be involved in the elevation of [Ca²⁺], induced by ADP.

Thapsigargin (TG) is known to deplete the intracellular Ca2+ stores without inositol phosphate formation. It is postulated that TG-induced depletion of intracellular pools appears to enhance tyrosine phosphorylation and promote Ca2+ entry across the plasma membrane (Vostal et al., 1991; Sargeant et al., 1993). The addition of 1 mM Ca2+ to TG-treated neutrophils in Ca2+ free media caused a marked elevation of [Ca2+]. The inhibitory effects of genistein and methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate indicate that protein tyrosine kinase may control Ca2+ entry in neutrophils. Meanwhile, the implication of protein kinase C in the store-regulated Ca2+ entry is not suggested. These results suggest that protein tyrosine kinase play an important regulatory role in intracellular Ca2+ mobilization in neutrophils rather than protein kinase C. It has been reported that activation of protein kinase C inhibits agonist-stimulated elevation of [Ca2+] in neutrophils by blocking influx of bivalent cations from the extracellular medium and by stimulating Ca2+ efflux (McCarthy et al., 1989). In addition, protein kinase C activation leads to decreased InsP3 formation and therefore decreased intracellular Ca2+ release (Della Bianca et al., 1986). The present finding is coincided with previous data. Complement C5a-stimulated elevation of $[Ca^{2+}]_i$ in neutrophils could be attenuated by protein kinase C activation.

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C5a에 의해 자극된 호중구에서 세포내 칼슘동원에 대한 Protein Tyrosine Kinase의 조절작용

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본 연구는 C5a에 의해 자극된 호중구에서 세포내 칼슘유리와 세포외부로부터 칼슘유입에 있어 protein kinase C와 protein tyrosine kinase의 관여 여부를 조사하였다.

Protein kinase C 억제제인 staurosporine과 H-7은 C5a에 의해 자극된 호중구에서 세포 내 칼슘유리를 억제하였으나, 세포막을 교차한 칼슘유입이나 세포내 칼슘농도 증가에 영향을 나타 내지 않았다. C5a에 의한 세포내 칼슘유리와 칼슘유입은 protein tyrosine kinase 억제제인 genistein과 methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate에 의해서 억제 되었다. ADP에 의해 야기된 세포내 칼슘농도의 증가는 genistein과 methyl-2,5-dihydroxycinnamate에 의해서 억제되었으나 staurosporine과 H-7의 영향은 받지 않았다. Genistein과 methyl-2,5-dihydroxy-cinnamate는 thapsigargin을 처리한 호중구에서 칼슘유입을 감소시켰으나 이에 대한 staurosporine과 H-7의 효과는 나타나지 않았다. 호중구를 phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate로 전처치하였을때 세포내 칼슘증가에 미치는 C5a의 자극 효과는 감소하였다.

이상의 결과로 부터 protein tyrosine kinase는 C5a에 의해 활성화된 호중구에서 세포내 칼슘유리와 세포막을 교차한 칼슘유입의 조절에 관여할 것으로 추정된다.