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9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.

10. სტატიის პოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენოპა არ უნდა აღემატეპოდეს 5-ს.

11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.

12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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MIRABEGRON INDUCED RELAXATION OF ISOLATED BOVINE CORONARY SEGMENTS: ROLE OF NO AND K+ CHANNEL.

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Abstract.

Background: It was already known that mirabegron, a β 3-adrenoceptor agonist, affected cardiac muscle, data also demonstrated that mirabegron induced a relaxant effect in rat aortic vessels by a mechanism dependent on nitric oxide production. This study examined the possible effects of mirabegron on the coronary vascular tone. Results show that mirabegron induced an acute relaxant effect on coronary segments' contractility, and the relaxation is partly dependent on nitric oxide and K⁺ channel activation. These findings emphasize the need to consider these mechanisms when translating mirabegron's effects to clinical applications.

Objectives: Mirabegron, the first approved β 3-adrenoceptor agonist, has demonstrated positive effects in heart failure. Research indicates that β 3 agonists induce prompt relaxation in rat aortic and human coronary vessels through a pathway mediated by NO. This study examined mirabegron's influence on bovine coronary segments' contractility.

Methods: Using isolated tissue baths, the impact of mirabegron on bovine coronary artery segments' contractility was assessed. The plasma level of NO was measured with a specialized kit. NO was determined by measuring plasma nitrite concentrations by spectrophotometric analysis at 540 nm.

Results: Mirabegron evoked relaxation in bovine coronary artery segments in a dose-dependent manner. However, this effect was inhibited by the presence of potassium chloride (KCl) (70mM) and methylene blue (30μ M). Both potassium channel and NO pathways were found to play a role in the relaxations induced by mirabegron. Furthermore, mirabegron was observed to enhance in vivo nitric oxide (NO) levels, a crucial signaling molecule maintaining cardiovascular equilibrium.

Conclusions: Our findings illustrate that mirabegron induces coronary vessel relaxation through the activation of both NO and K^+ channels. These findings emphasize the need to consider these mechanisms when translating mirabegron's effects to clinical applications.

Key words. Mirabegron, coronary, relaxation, K^+ channels, NO.

Introduction.

Mirabegron, is a highly selective β 3 versus β 1 and β 2 adrenergic receptor agonist currently approved for the treatment of bladder overactivity. It significantly relaxes human and bladder smooth muscle via cAMP-dependent and independent pathways such as K⁺ channel activation and Rho kinase inhibition [1,2]. It also induces relaxation of the prostate [3], β 1 and β 2 adrenergic receptors are distributed in cardiac and vascular tissue, β 1 mediates the inotropic and chronotropic effect of the adrenergic system on the heart, while both β 1 and β 2 mediate the relaxant effect in the vascular tissue [4]. Moreover, results have clearly shown that β 3 adrenergic receptors are also expressed in the heart. The latter induces a negative inotropic effect in the heart ventricle, the mechanism is not fully explained, however, results have shown that the selective β 3 agonist inhibits voltage-gated Ca^{+2} channel. In contrast, $\beta 3$ activation in atrial muscle increases Ca⁺² current which is associated with a positive inotropic effect. In vascular smooth muscle, the involvement of β adrenergic receptors in the relaxation of the arterial smooth muscle has been proven in many studies. For example, Isoprenalineinduced relaxation of vascular smooth muscle is mediated by the activation of $\beta 2$ receptor together with $\beta 1$ receptors [5]. However, studies have demonstrated the involvement of a third β3-adrenergic receptor subtype in the physiological control of smooth muscle and vascular contraction. β3 induced relaxation has been suggested with a variable mechanism in many vascular beds, the possibility was strengthened by peripheral vascular dilation induced by the injection of a selective β 3 agonist BRL 37344 in dogs [6]. The same agonist also induced in-vitro relaxation via the release of NO in rat thoracic and abdominal aorta [7], however, in the carotid artery, β 3 agonist-induced endothelium-independent relaxation [7]. Most importantly, β3-adrenoreceptors were identified in the endothelium of human coronary resistance microarteries, where they mediate an endothelium-dependent relaxation to both endogenous catecholamine and ß3-adrenoreceptor-preferential agonists [8]. Mirabegron, by acting on β 3 adrenoceptor is expected to induce off-label effects on cardiac and vascular tissue [9]. Shen et al, have shown that mirabegron lowers the resistance of the peripheral resistance in dogs [6]. In humans, mirabegron slightly increases blood pressure with the recommendation of periodic examination of blood pressure in elderly hypertensive patients [10]. Thus, the aim of the present study was designed to examine the effect of mirabegron on the contractility of the isolated bovine coronary rings.

Materials and Methods.

Materials: Mirabegron was obtained from a local pharmacy. Methylene blue, DMSO and other constituents of the Krebs solution were obtained from the University of Mosul.

Tissue preparation: In this study, isolated bovine coronary arteries were used to examine the impacts of mirabegron, following established methods as previously described [11,12]. Hearts from male and female bovines were procured from local butcher shops and transported in a container filled with cold Krebs-Henseleit physiological buffer. Initial dissection procedures were carried out to isolate the anterior segment of the proximal coronary artery. Subsequently, the arterial segment was meticulously dissected and cleared of adjacent connective and adipose tissue. The artery was then divided into rings of approximately 5mm length. The segments were prepared for

connection in an isolated tissue bath setup. Each segment was suspended between two hooks in a 25ml organ bath chamber. The first hook was connected to a transducer measuring the force of contraction which was further connected to the amplifier and the Laptop, the lower hook was connected to the bottom with a special glass support. The chambers were filled with about 20 ml of Krebs-Henseleit solution containing the followings in mM: (NaCl 118, KCl 4.8, CaCl₂.H₂O 1.3, NaHCO₃ 25.0, KH₂PO₄ 1.2, MgSO₄.7H₂O, glucose 11.1). The bathes were connected to a circulating bath and thermostat to control the temperature at the physiological level of 37° C. Continuous gassing was maintained with carbogen, 95% O₂ with 5% CO₂. The experiment was recorded with iWorx LabScribe data recording and analysis software. The transducers were calibrated before each experiment using a 10-gram weight [11,12].

Tension recording: The segments were initially precontracted to about 8gm of tension. Then the segments were allowed to relax to the baseline level for about 30 to 40 minutes. Once stabilized the tissue were depolarized with 70mM KCL bath concentration. Such a concentration has been shown to depolarize the tissue and open the voltage gated Ca+2 channel. After about 10 min at the plateau the segments were washed with normal Krebs and the process was repeated twice to improve contractility and for standardization. After washing from high K⁺ Krebs, the tissue was then precontracted with a cumulative concentration of the thromboxane analogue, U46619. The addition started at 100nM and increased to about 1µM to contract the tissue to about 70% of the KCL contraction. Subsequently, a single concentration of mirabegron, 10µM, was added to the bath for about a 2hr duration. In another set of experiments, mirabegron 10µM was added after KCl wash at the baseline for about 1hr followed by a cumulative addition of U46619. Another experiment was done to determine the effect of depolarization with 70mM KCl, and thus the role of K⁺ channel on mirabegron relaxant effect. In all experiments, the control segments were incubated with the solvent control DMSO. To investigate the influence of endothelial factors, particularly nitric oxide (NO), on the impact of mirabegron, the tissues was incubated with methylene blue at a concentration of 30µM. This specific concentration of methylene blue has been shown to effectively inhibit guanylate cyclase (GC) in bovine coronary arteries [13].

Animals: In this present investigation, a total of eighteen albino rats with weights ranging from 200 to 240 grams were utilized. The rats were kept in groups of 2 to 3 per cage, maintaining a controlled environment with a temperature range of 22 to 25°C and humidity levels between 45% and 65%. Adequate provisions of water and food were provided without restrictions. The entire experimental protocol and animal handling procedures were conducted following the ARRIVE guidelines and adopted in previous studies [14-19]. The rats were categorized into three groups, each containing six rats. These groups were defined as follows: the initial control group received solvent by oral administration; the second and third groups were orally administered mirabegron at doses of 2 mg/ kg and 8 mg/kg every day for a duration of 6 days. At the end of the experiment, all rats were humanely euthanized using the decapitation method. The method of the study was approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at the University of Mosul, College of Veterinary Medicine (UM. VET. 2022.066).

Serum Nitric oxide: A blood sample was collected using the beheading method sacrifices. The blood was allowed to stand for approximately 30 min and then centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 15 min. Serum nitric oxide level was measured using commercial kit Elabscience® based on the Griess reaction assay [20]. The samples were measured using a spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 550 nm. The measurement of the overall concentration of nitric oxide (NO) in serum involves assessing the combined levels of nitrite (NO_2^{-}) and nitrate (NO_3^{-}) . These substances are stable end-products of NO metabolism and serve as indirect indicators of NO presence. The total quantity of NO is typically the sum of the concentrations of nitrite and nitrate. To determine NO concentration, a method relying on the measurement of nitrite concentration in serum was employed, following Griess's reaction. In this process, nitrate was transformed into nitrite and subsequently converted into nitric acid, which reacted with Griess's reagent to produce a visible color change. The concentration of nitrite was determined through spectrophotometric analysis at 540 nm, using a standard curve as a reference. The results indicating NO content were expressed in micromoles.

Data and statistical analysis: The collected data were analyzed using a two-way ANOVA test. Results are presented as mean±standard error (SE). In cases where the ANOVA was significant, a post-hoc Bonferroni test was performed. The significance level was set at a P value less than 0.05, indicating a statistically significant mean difference. The levels of significance are denoted as follows: *** means p< 0.001, ** means p<0.01, and * means p<0.05. The results of relaxation were compared with values obtained from the DMSO solvent control. Statistical analysis for all experiments was conducted using GraphPad Prism 5 software.

Results.

Isolated tissue bath experiments: As previously demonstrated, a preliminary experiment on sheep bladder segments showed that mirabegron induced significant relaxation of bladder segments (Figure 1). More notably, 30min incubation with mirabegron significantly inhibited the contraction of isolated coronary vessels (Figure 2A), mirabegron also induced significant relaxation of the isolated bovine coronary rings precontracted with U46619 (Figure 2C) starting after approximately 30min of drug incubation. Incubation with methylene blue (30µM) abolished the inhibitory effect of mirabegron on coronary tone (Figure 2B). The rate of relaxation was determined by calculating the percentage change from the contraction induced by U46619, within a period of approximately 2 hours. Additionally, the rate of contraction was calculated as a percentage of KCl contraction. The presented values for each repetition represent the mean \pm SEM, and negative values denote relaxation. The rate of relaxation induced by mirabegron was compared to a control containing DMSO (at a concentration of 0.1% v/v) over a 2-hour interval. This comparison was conducted using a twoway analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by a Bonferroni post-hoc test. Significance was attributed to instances where the P-value was below 0.05. The symbols *** p-value < 0.001, ** p-value <0.01, and *p-value <0.05.

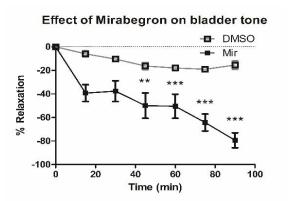


Figure 1. The effect of Mir $10\mu M$ on isolated bladder segments. The figure shows the significant relaxant effect of mirabegron(Mir) $10\mu M$ (n=5) in sheep bladder tissue precontracted with U46619.

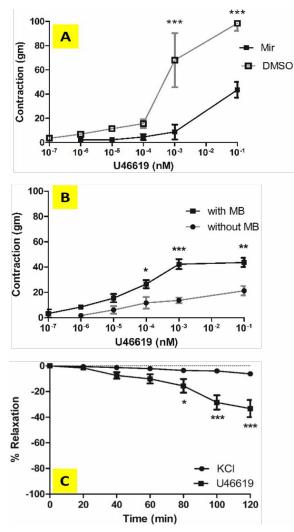


Figure 2. (A) Effect of mirabegron (Mir) incubation for 30 minutes on the contractile response of the isolated bovine coronary segments to U46619-induced contraction (n=6). (B) Effect of mirabegron (Mir) incubation for 30min on the contractile response of the isolated bovine coronary segments to U46619-induced contraction incubated with MB 30 μ M for 30min then mirabegron 10 μ M for another 30min (n=6). (C) The effect of depolarization with 70mM KCl on mirabegron relaxation in isolated bovine coronary segments (n=7). The presence of 70mM KCl significantly attenuated the relaxation caused by mirabegron when compared to precontraction induced by U46619.

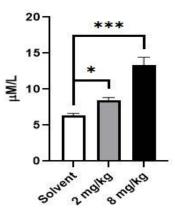


Figure 3. Shows the levels of total serum concentration of NO (NO_3^-/NO_2^-) in both the solvent-treated group as a control, and the mirabegron treated group. In the mirabegron group, the serum NO concentrations were significantly higher in comparison to the control group. Moreover, the total concentration of NO in the serum of rats treated with 8 mg/kg was higher those treated with 2 mg/kg (*=p<0.05, ***=p<0.001).

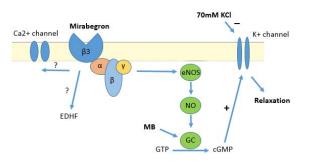


Figure 4. Suggested mechanism of mirabegron relaxation in bovine coronary vessels. Mirabegron activates eNOs in the endothelium, increases NO, and induces relaxation via K^+ channel activation. MB inhibits GC activation and inhibits mirabegron relaxation. The addition of 70mM KCl also inhibits K^+ channel activation and thus mirabegron relaxation. eNOs, endothelial nitric oxide synthase; GC, guanylyl cyclase; cGMP, cyclic 3',5'-guanosine monophosphate; MB, methylene blue.

Serum Nitric oxide (NO) level: The assessment of serum total NO level indicated a significant distinction between the rats subjected to mirabegron treatment and those exposed solely to the solvent (Figure 3). Results also revealed significant differences in serum NO levels between the rats treated with 2 mg/kg and those administered 8 mg/kg of mirabegron daily (p < 0.001). This comparison was conducted utilizing one-way ANOVA followed by a Welch and Brown-Forsythe test.

Discussion.

Mirabegron exhibited a relaxation effect on the bovine coronary artery that progressed over time. Typically, relaxation commenced within approximately 30 minutes following the addition of the drug. However, the relaxation process was gradual, reaching its peak response approximately 120 minutes after initial pre-contraction using U46619 depolarization. This

relaxation phenomenon is likely attributed to mirabegron's capability to stimulate the generation of nitric oxide (NO). methylene blue 30µM was able to significantly inhibit mirabegron relaxation, providing evidence for NO-dependent relaxation [13]. Experimental evidence suggests that methylene blue with such concentration was able to inhibit bovine coronary relaxation to organic nitrates by direct inhibition of endothelial nitric oxide synthase enzyme eNOs [13]. Consistent with the isometric study, the examination of NO level in the plasma of animals treated with mirabegron showed that the drug increased NO significantly and the effect was dose-dependent (Figure 3). Similarly, studies have shown that other β adrenergic agonists like epinephrine, in response to stress and exercise, terbutaline and isoproterenol-induced coronary relaxation via NO-mediated pathway. Physiologically, the coronary blood flow increases when β -adrenergic receptors are stimulated [21]. Coronary vasodilation is suggested to compensate for the increase in oxygen demand due to the increased cardiac inotropic and chronotropic effect of catecholamine, the latter can activate $\beta 1$ and B2 adrenergic receptors with a resultant increase in cAMP and vasorelaxation, the present observations are consistent with β 1 and β 2 activation results since it suggests that the activation of β 3 would also activate additional adrenergic pathway in the coronary circulation mediated via NO production. ß3 activation also promotes circulation in the ischemic limb in the murine diabetic model and pancreatic circulation [22].

It is well accepted that mirabegron induces relaxation of the human and rat urinary bladder via activation of \$\beta3 adrenergic receptors [23], the latter could also be related to the activation of the bladder urothelium to produce NO as a signaling molecule, mirabegron also induces smooth muscle relaxation via nitric oxide-dependent pathway in different vascular beds like thoracic and abdominal aortic vessels [24]. Similarly, in vitro studies with experimental \$3 agonists provide further evidence for β 3 induced endothelium-dependent relaxation. It was also observed that the β adrenergic blocker, nebivolol, by activation of $\beta 3$ adrenoceptor agonist, could induce endotheliumdependent vascular tissue relaxation [25], the relaxation was inhibited in genetically modified \$\beta3\$ deficient rats. In vivo, studies have also shown that β 3 agonist-induced coronary vasodilation with additional cardiac inotropic effect [25]. By contrast, in rat carotid artery β 3 adrenoceptor agonist-induced endothelium-independent relaxation, the reason could be related to the difference in vascular bed and the role of NO in carotid artery relaxation [26]. It is well known that NO could have an additional relaxant effect via direct activation of Kca channels [27]. Accordingly, the study examined the role of the K⁺ channel in mirabegron relaxation, Data have shown that the relaxation to mirabegron is partly dependent on the contractile agent since mirabegron-induced relaxation of vessels precontracted with U46619 significantly more than the vessels precontracted with 70mM KCl. In fact, by enhancing the K⁺ level extracellularly the efflux of ions through the K+ channel would be reduced due to a reduction in electrochemical gradient with resultant cell depolarization and the opening of the voltage-gated Ca⁺² channel. The outcomes of these findings indicate the involvement of potassium (K⁺) channels in the relaxation induced by mirabegron. Moreover, the addition of KCl to the extracellular compartment would prevent cellular hyperpolarization and thus inhibit the role of other endothelium-derived hyperpolarizing factors, the latter need to be examined in further study [28]. Similarly, previous data also suggest a role of the K⁺ channel in mirabegron-induced relaxation in lung tissue precontracted in hypoxic conditions [29]. The involvement of K⁺ channels has also been suggested as a downstream signal for β 3 induced relaxation in rat aorta [30]. BRL 37344 a selective agonist for the β 3 receptor also induced endothelium-dependent relaxation of human coronary vessels. These results collectively suggest a role for β 3 receptors in smooth muscle hyperpolarization. The signalling pathway of β 3 activation in coronary vascular tissue is summarized in Figure 4.

By contrast, in the pulmonary artery CL 316 243 induced endothelium-independent relaxation via increased synthesis of cAMP while in the mammary artery, SR 58611A induced NO-dependent and independent relaxation [31]. Interestingly, in myocytes isolated from the portal vein, β 3 agonists activate voltage-gated channels through stimulation of cAMP with subsequent phosphorylation and inactivation of the channel [32]. Ca⁺² increased intracellularly by either increased influx from voltage-gated and store-operated channels or even released from the intracellular store upon stimulation by an agonist, KCl addition to the bath would activate Ca⁺² influx from the voltage channel, mirabegron was approved to inhibit Ca⁺² channel in the cardiac muscle such mechanism could play a role in coronary vasodilation. Moreover, the NO released from the endothelium could also inhibit the Ca⁺² channel. The effect of mirabegron on the Ca⁺² channel needs further study.

Previous results suggested an inhibitory effect of β 3adrenoceptors on human heart contractility [33], vascular β 3 adrenergic receptors like those in the heart could serve as a brake at sympathetic overstimulation, thus mirabegron-induced relaxation might contribute to a beneficial clinical hemodynamic effect via activation of β 3 receptor and increased NO especially in those with coronary artery diseases. In conclusion, the findings of the present study recommend more investigation concerning the role of β 3 in coronary pathophysiology and examination of the effects of selective β 3 agonists [31].

Conclusion.

Our findings illustrate that mirabegron induces coronary vessel relaxation through the activation of both NO and K^+ channels. These findings emphasize the need to consider these mechanisms when translating the effects of mirabegron in clinical applications.

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