

P-1086 - IMPACT OF ANTIPSYCHOTICS ON THROMBOXANE PRODUCTION IN-VITRO

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Introduction: Thromboxane (TX) A₂ and the activation of its receptor have been shown to modulate vasoconstriction, platelet aggregation, but also dopaminergic and serotonergic signaling. As dopaminergic and serotonergic systems play a crucial role in the pathophysiology of schizophrenia and as these systems are main targets of antipsychotics, we hypothesized that antipsychotics might also influence TXA₂ production.

Methods: We measured levels of TXB₂, the metabolite of the very unstable molecule TXA₂, in the stimulated blood of 10 healthy female subjects in a whole blood assay using the toxic shock syndrome toxin-1 (TSST-1) and the monoclonal antibody against the surface antigen CD3 combined with the protein CD40 (OKT3/CD40) as stimulants. Blood was either supplemented with antipsychotics (chlorpromazine, clozapine, and its metabolite N-desmethylozapine with four different concentrations each) or not.

Results: Under TSST-1 as well as OKT3/CD40 stimulation, mean TXB₂ concentrations were significantly ($p < 0.05$) decreased by clozapine over all of the applied concentrations.

N-desmethylozapine led to a decrease in TXB₂ levels under TSST-1 stimulation only.

Chlorpromazine did not show any significant influence on TXB₂ production.

Conclusions: Clozapine might, complementary to serotonin and dopamine receptor binding, act on the dopaminergic and serotonergic system via a modulation of TXA₂ production. Additionally, side effects of clozapine such as orthostatic hypotension may be a result of the reported TXA₂ changes.