

Arylamine N-Methyltransferase

Arylamine N-Methyltransferase Activity from Regenerating Liver after Partial Hepatectomy in Rats

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Abstract : Changes of arylamine N-methyltransferase (AMT) activity during regeneration of rat liver was studied. Cytosolic, mitochondrial and microsomal AMT activities were determined in regenerating rat livers over a period of ten days after 70% (median and left lateral lobes) partial hepatectomy. The enzyme activity in serum, and Km and Vmax values of the hepatic enzyme were also measured. The activities of cytosolic and mitochondrial AMT were found to be significantly increased between the first and the second day of regenerating rat liver, whereas microsomal AMT increased between the first and the third day after partial hepatectomy. On the other hand, the serum AMT activity did not change. The Vmax values of the cytosolic, mitochondrial and microsomal AMT in the regenerating rat liver were significantly increased at the second day after partial hepatectomy, however, the Km values of the above hepatic enzymes did not vary in all experimental groups. Therefore, the above results indicate that the biosynthesis of AMT was increased during the regeneration of rat liver.

Key Words : Arylamine N-methyltransferase, Partial hepatectomy, Regenerating rat liver.

Arylamine N-methyltransferase (S-adenosyl-L-methionine: tryptamine N-methyltransferase, EC 2.1.1.49)[1] tryptamine, melatonin, serotonin, histamine, L-tryptophan methylester, aniline, N-methylaniline, N-methyltryptamine, N,N-dimethyltryptamine, imidazole, pyrrole N-methyl serotonin (xenobiotics) S-adenosyl-L-methionine methyl [2] (phase xenobiotic biotransformation) [2,3].

[4] [5,6], 가

가 가 [7-16]. Arylamine N-methyltransferase(AMT)

가 AMT

10 , 2 Km Vmax

1. S-Adenosyl-L-methionine iodide, tryptamine hydrochloride, DL-dithiothreitol, sodium azide, potassium tetraborate:tetrahydrate, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid disodium:dihydrate, Triton X-100, potassium phosphate monobasic, potassium phosphate dibasic (10 g/100 mL bovine serum albumin) Sigma () [methyl-³H] S-adenosyl-L-methionine England Nuclear () PPO (2,5-diphenyloxazole), Bis-MSB{p-bis-(O-methylstyryl benzene)}, toluene (scintillation grade) Packard ()

2. 4 320 ~ 350 g Sprague-Dawley 5 12 1) 가 : 가 12 , 1 , 2 , 3 , 6 10 (6) 2) : 12 , 1 , 2 , 3 , 6 10 (6)

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12
2 cm
70%가
(original liver)
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3.
12
4 0.25 M sucrose
4
0.25 M sucrose
가
sucrose 가
2~4
5 g 9 0.25 M sucrose
Teflon glass homogenizer
(chamber clearance 0.005~0.007 inches,
Thomas ,) 2~4 400
rpm 5 10
%(w/v)
sucrose density gradient
[17]
2~4

Du
Pont Sorvall () RC-5B refrigerated
superspeed centrifuge OTD-65B ultra-
centrifuge rotor Du Pont
Sorvall () SS-34 T865 rotor ,
sucrose linear density gradient
gradient former (model 570, ISCO,)

4. AMT

200 0.1 M potas-
sium phosphate (pH 7.8) 12
5 mg/mL가 0.25
M sucrose
5 mg/mL가
0.25 M sucrose 1%
Triton X-100

5.

AMT
tryptamine hydrochloride
[methyl-³H] S-adenosyl-L-methionine
S-adenosyl-L-methionine iodide
37 20
N-methyltryptamine
isoamyl alcohol toluene
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mg N-methyl-
tryptamine pmol
Packard
Tricarb 4530, liquid scintillation spec-
trometer (Packard ,)

6. Km Vmax

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1. AMT

AMT

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(double reciprocal plot)

Km Vmax

AMT 1 2

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AMT 1, 2 3

가 (Table 1).

7. AMT (Table 2).

0.5 M per-

chloric acid methanol-ether (3:1)

Greenberg

2. 2 AMT

Km Vmax

Rothstein[19]

biuret 2

AMT Km

8. Vmax

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Student's t-test (Table 3).

0.05

Table 1. Activities of cytosolic, mitochondrial and microsomal arylamine N-methyltransferase in regenerating rat liver after partial hepatectomy

Post-hepatectomy days	Arylamine N-methyltransferase activities (pmol N-methyltryptamine min ⁻¹ mg protein ⁻¹)					
	Cytosol		Mitochondria		Microsome	
	Original liver	Regenerating liver	Original liver	Regenerating liver	Original liver	Regenerating liver
0.5	1.30 ± 0.32	1.72 ± 0.46	2.48 ± 0.43	2.93 ± 0.51	2.04 ± 0.34	2.27 ± 0.53
1	1.28 ± 0.28	1.99 ± 0.34 ^b	2.52 ± 0.52	3.42 ± 0.56 ^c	2.01 ± 0.32	3.73 ± 0.61 ^c
2	1.30 ± 0.30	2.07 ± 0.39 ^b	2.50 ± 0.40	3.34 ± 0.38 ^b	2.08 ± 0.35	3.61 ± 0.72 ^b
3	1.28 ± 0.24	1.42 ± 0.37	2.46 ± 0.52	2.87 ± 0.42	2.05 ± 0.39	3.35 ± 0.57 ^b
6	1.31 ± 0.23	1.32 ± 0.26	2.49 ± 0.50	2.63 ± 0.54	2.07 ± 0.36	2.60 ± 0.41
10	1.29 ± 0.21	1.28 ± 0.19	2.47 ± 0.37	2.49 ± 0.46	2.06 ± 0.32	2.19 ± 0.31

The data are expressed as mean ± SD with 5 rats in each group. Significant difference from original livers (b,P<0.01; c,P<0.001).

Table 2. Activity of serum arylamine N-methyltransferase after partial hepatectomy in rats

Post-hepatectomy days	Arylamine N-methyltransferase activities (pmol N-methyltryptamine min ⁻¹ mL ⁻¹)	
	Sham	Hepatectomy
0.5	9.43 ± 0.81	9.36 ± 1.07
1	9.54 ± 0.78	9.69 ± 0.94
2	9.56 ± 0.75	9.92 ± 1.15
3	9.51 ± 0.77	9.84 ± 1.11
6	9.38 ± 0.84	9.46 ± 0.98
10	9.35 ± 0.86	9.30 ± 0.83

The data are expressed as mean ± SD with 5 rats in each group; Sham: sham operation; Hepatectomy: hepatectomized rats.

Table 3. Arylamine N-methyltransferase kinetic parameters from regenerating rat livers determined with tryptamine hydrochloride

Cell fractions	Km (mM)		Vmax (pmol N-methyltryptamine min ⁻¹ mg protein ⁻¹)	
	Original liver	Regenerating liver	Original liver	Regenerating liver
Cytosol	38.3 ± 4.1	37.6 ± 3.6	3.1 ± 0.9	5.3 ± 1.3 ^a
Mitochondria	33.6 ± 3.6	31.4 ± 4.3	5.5 ± 1.2	7.8 ± 1.8 ^a
Microsome	34.9 ± 4.2	34.2 ± 3.8	4.9 ± 1.1	8.2 ± 1.6 ^b

Michaelis-Menten constants for arylamine N-methyltransferase were determined using tryptamine hydrochloride, S-adenosyl-L-methionine iodide and [methyl-³H] S-adenosyl-L-methionine at 37°C for cytosolic, mitochondrial and microsomal fractions of original, and regenerating rat livers at 2nd day after partial hepatectomy. The data are expressed as mean ± SD with 5 rats in each group; Significant difference from original livers (a,P<0.05; b,P<0.01).

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monoamine oxidase[11], alcohol dehydrogenase, aldehyde dehydrogenase, microsomal ethanol oxidizing system[10], glyoxalase [8] aryl sulfotransferase[16] , 가 glutathione S-transferase, glutathione peroxidase[12], xanthine oxidase, superoxide dismutase[9], catalase[7], cholinesterase[13], arylestrase, carboxylesterase[14] rhodanese[15]

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가 가

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1 3
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AMT Km
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AMT
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AMT

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