

Differences in time of virus appearance in the blood and virus-specific immune responses in intravenous and intrarectal primary SIVmac251 infection of rhesus macaques; a pilot study

ABSTRACT

The findings may indicate that the natural mucosal barrier may have a role in slowing down viral transmission. If these findings are valid, larger animal studies could inform future vaccine designs.

INTRODUCTION

The onset and persistence of inflammatory arthritis (IA) are significantly linked to decreased hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal activity, specifically a suppressed immune-stimulating reaction. The most biologically important steroid hormones are DHEA and its sulfate ester, which are predominantly produced in the human adrenal cortex. Low serum concentrations of these weak androgens can confirm hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal hypofunction more easily than glucocorticoid secretion. The correlation between low early-morning cortisol concentrations and high levels of interleukin-6, as well as glucocorticoids and testosterone, is significant in young women with RA who exhibit reduced levels. According to Masi et al., DHEAS concentrations were reduced in women before men went through menopausal age and normal in a study conducted by Heikilla & Co. However, the results in the latter report may have been due to differences in laboratory testing methods used to determine DHEA levels or RA in Finnish patients. DHEAS concentration within serum and synovial tissue decreases significantly in established RA. It is even more significant in patients who take glucocorticoids. In the latter case, DHA replacement has been suggested as a way to minimize glucocorticoid-induced side effects. The severity of disease in RA was found to be higher than the basal DHEA levels due to decreased acute phase response, and NSAIDs play a similar role in attenuating hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis function. The hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis' hyporesponsiveness to stress and loss of the diurnal rhythm are also common disturbances in various forms of RA, including insulin resistance. We conducted a study in which 87 patients with IA (RA, spondyloarthritis [SpA], or undifferentiated inflammatory arthritis [UIA]) were subjected to this treatment and found that the acute-phase response, previous glucocorticoid usage, current NSAID treatment, duration of disease, and insulin resistance were all contributing factors to lowered serum DHEAS concentrations in IA.

CONCLUSION

By using our newly developed C-ELISA method, we can determine the levels of 3-nitrotyrosine in plasma proteins of a single animal while also measuring changes to their contents due to haemocyte stimulation or phagocytosis via zymosan particle p535. Even though the method remains semi-quantitative in nature, it may not bind all 3-nitrotyrosine residues present in a sample of mixture proteins because adjacent aminoacids hinder antibody binding by binding to them, making it impossible to access some of these residue(i.e., binding only with the appropriate antibody); this is still semi-quantitative. The stress of mussels and oysters that are exposed to environmental variations was detected and quantified using the C-ELISA method.