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Vascular disaggregation effects on erythrocytes in patients with arterial hypertension with abdominal obesity.

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ABSTRACT

The high incidence of thrombosis in patients with arterial hypertension with abdominal obesity is determined by the development of their manifestations of vasopathy. In view of the high prevalence in the developed countries of the combination of arterial hypertension with abdominal obesity, it is very important for science and practice to maintain the level of the state with this pathology of the level of vascular control over the process of aggregation by the most numerous population of blood cells - erythrocytes. The aim of the work is to clarify the state of this pathology of disaggregation capacity of blood vessels in relation to erythrocytes in patients with arterial hypertension with abdominal obesity. 55 patients with arterial hypertension of the 1st and 2nd degree with abdominal obesity of the second adult age were examined. The control group is represented by 26 clinically healthy persons of the second adulthood. Biochemical, hematological and statistical methods of investigation were used in the work. In patients under observation, an increase in the amount of cholesterol in erythrocyte membranes, a decrease in the level of total phospholipids in them, and an increase in the processes of lipid peroxidation were found. Increased activity of spontaneous aggregation of erythrocytes was noted in patients. This was accompanied in all patients by a decrease in vascular control over this process. The attenuation of disaggregating vascular control over spontaneous aggregation of erythrocytes should be considered as a consequence of metabolic abnormalities arising in arterial hypertension with abdominal obesity, increased vasospasm and active lipid peroxidation. The found vasopathy in this contingent of patients sharply increased their risk of thrombosis, which can lead to disability and death.

Keywords: arterial hypertension, abdominal obesity, vascular wall, aggregation, erythrocytes.

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INTRODUCTION

In modern society, there is a clear tendency to increase the prevalence and rejuvenate the combination of arterial hypertension (AH) and abdominal obesity [1,2]. The combination of these two pathologies contributes to the frequent development of vascular thrombosis in adults, which leads to widespread disability and mortality [3,4].

A higher incidence of thrombosis in patients with AH and having abdominal obesity is largely due to the formation of vasopathy [5,6]. It is recognized that the blood cells are capable of aggregation. This process strongly determines the activation of hemostasis and thrombosis [7,8,9]. Aggregation of blood cells is inhibited by substances synthesized in the vessel wall and called dezagregantov. The most active of them are prostacyclin and nitric oxide [10,11]. In view of the widespread prevalence of the combination of AH and abdominal obesity, it is of great interest to study the state of vascular control over erythrocyte aggregation in this category of patients.

The aim of the study is to clarify the state of disaggregation capacity of blood vessels in relation to erythrocytes in patients with hypertension with abdominal obesity.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The research was approved by the Ethics Committee of Russian State Social University (record №5 from 12.05.2014).

55 patients with AH of 1-2 degrees were examined, risk 4 [12] with abdominal obesity of the second adult age (mean age 51.2 ± 2.7 years). The control group consisted of 26 clinically healthy people of the second adulthood. All the examinees gave written information consent to participate in the study according to the generally accepted procedure [13].

The activity of lipid peroxidation (LPO) in plasma was estimated by the level of thiobarbituric acid (TBA) -active products by the Agath-Med (Russia) and acyl hydroperoxides (AHP) method by the method of [14]. The antioxidant capacity of the liquid part of the blood was determined by the method of [15].

The activity of LPO in erythrocytes was determined by the level of malonicdialdehyde (MDA) in them and the content of AHP in them in washed and resuspended cells [14]. In washed and resuspended erythrocytes, the cholesterol content was determined by the enzymatic colorimetry method using the "Vital Diagnosticum" (Russia) kit and the total phospholipids for their phosphorus content.

The state of the disaggregation effects of blood vessels on erythrocytes was assessed by its weakening in plasma taken after a temporary venous occlusion [16]. Spontaneous aggregation of erythrocytes in plasma intact and after temporary ischemia of the vessel wall was determined under a light microscope in Goryaev's chamber. The number of erythrocyte aggregates, the number of aggregates and erythrocytes not aggregated [17], was found out.

The results were processed by Student's criterion (t). Statistical processing of received information was made with the help of a program package "Statistics for Windows v. 6.0", "Microsoft Excel". Differences in data were considered reliable in case of $p < 0.05$.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In patients, the activation of LPO in plasma was found - its AHP content exceeded the control by 2.2 times, TBA-active products - 1.4 times, as a result of weakening of the antioxidant activity of plasma by 1.4 times (Table).

In the examined patients, an increased content of cholesterol in the erythrocyte membranes was found with a decrease in total phospholipids in them. This was accompanied by the activation of lipid peroxidation in their erythrocytes due to the weakening of their antioxidant defense (Table).

In patients marked activation of the process of spontaneous aggregation of erythrocytes was noted (Table). This was confirmed by an increase in their total involvement in aggregates (by 61.8%), an increase in the number of these aggregates (by 44.4%) and a decrease of 58.1% in non-aggregated red blood cells.

The surveyed patients showed a decrease in the disaggregation capacity of blood vessels in relation to erythrocytes (Table). It was found that in the plasma obtained after temporary venous occlusion, the number of erythrocytes in the aggregates exceeded the control by 76.1%, the number of these aggregates was increased by 52.8%, with a decrease in the number of non-aggregated red blood cells by 65.2%.

Table: Registered indicators in the surveyed

Registered parameters	Patients, n=55, M±m	Control, n=26, M±m
Acylhydro peroxides plasma, D ₂₃₃ /1ml	3.19±0.07	1.42±0.09 p<0.01
TBA-compounds, umol / l	5.21±0.11	3.56±0.07 p<0.01
Antioxidant activity plasma, %	22.5±0.15	32.9±0.12 p<0.01
biochemical parameters of erythrocytes		
cholesterol of erythrocytes, umol/10 ¹² erythrocytes	1.32±0.009	1.04±0.004 p<0.01
common phospholipids of erythrocytes, umol/10 ¹² erythrocytes	0.54±0.007	0.75±0.003 p<0.01
Acylhydro peroxides of erythrocytes, D ₂₃₃ /10 ¹² erythrocytes	4.61±0.19	3.08±0.10 p<0.01
Malonicdi aldehyde of erythrocytes, nmol/10 ¹² erythrocytes	1.63±0.09	1.14±0.05 p<0.01
catalase of erythrocytes, ME/10 ¹² erythrocytes	7420.2±11.3	11196.0±22.4 p<0.01
Superoxi dismutase of erythrocytes, ME/10 ¹² erythrocytes	1600.1±1.96	1986.0±7.01 p<0.01
aggregation of erythrocytes in intact plasma		
sum of all the erythrocytes in an aggregate	67.8±0.14	41.9±0.10 p<0.01
quantity of aggregates	13.0±0.18	9.0±0.06 p<0.01
quantity of free erythrocytes	151.8±0.95	240.0±0.23 p<0.01
aggregation of erythrocytes in plasma after temporary venous occlusion		
sum of all the erythrocytes in an aggregate	57.4±0.18	32.6±0.14 p<0.01
quantity of aggregates	10.7±0.14	7.0±0.07 p<0.01
quantity of free erythrocytes	184.8±1.16	305.3±0.18 p<0.01

Note: p - reliability of differences in the indices of a group of patients and a control group.

Great importance in the development of rheological disorders and the risk of thrombosis in individuals with AH and abdominal obesity belongs to an increase in erythrocyte aggregation [18, 19]. In the case of a combination of hypertension and abdominal obesity, depression of the antioxidant activity of the

plasma ensues, which increases the activity of LPO in it [20]. This inevitably damages the erythrocyte membranes [21]. The development of these phenomena in combination with the lipid imbalance revealed in red blood cells leads to their hyperaggregation. At the same time, the disaggregating effects of blood vessels on erythrocytes decrease [22,23]. This was observed in the patients observed for the growth of erythrocyte aggregation in plasma after temporary venous occlusion [24]. Apparently, the increase in erythrocyte aggregation in hypertensive patients with abdominal obesity is primarily caused by a weakening of the disaggregating properties of their vessels [25,26] and a decrease in the number of negative proteins on the erythrocyte membranes [27]. Depression of the antioxidant properties of plasma causes increased peroxidation processes in it and as a result oxidative damage to endotheliocytes and globular plasma proteins [28,29]. With the development of a deficiency of vascular dezagregantov, there is an intensification of the connection of erythrocytes with each other and as a result of this the growth of aggregates [30, 31]. In addition, the depression of synthesis in the vessels of prostacyclin and nitric oxide forms an imbalance in the erythrocytes of the activity of adenylatecyclase and phosphodiesterase [32,33]. This lowers the level of cyclic adenosine monophosphate in their cytoplasm and increases Ca^{2+} , which also stimulates erythrocyte aggregation [34,35].

CONCLUSION

In previous studies, a high incidence of thrombosis in patients with arterial hypertension and abdominal obesity was noted. This required a survey of this contingent of patients. In the work it was revealed that in case of arterial hypertension with abdominal obesity the weakening of antioxidant protection of plasma and the increase in it of lipid peroxidation damaging all elements of the vascular wall are noted. With arterial hypertension and abdominal obesity, a decrease in the disaggregating vascular properties was found with respect to spontaneous aggregation of erythrocytes increasing under these conditions. It becomes clear that as a result of this, these patients have a dramatic increase in the risk of vascular thrombosis, which can lead to disability and mortality.

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