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## **ROLE OF KININ RECEPTORS IN THE FIBROMYALGIA-ASSOCIATED PAIN<sup>1</sup>**

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### **Introduction**

The fibromyalgia is a chronic disease characterized as generalized chronic primary pain that causes functional disability and reduction of patients' quality of life since it does not have specific pathophysiology, diagnostic or appropriate treatment. In this way, it is important to elucidate the mechanisms involved with this disease. Evidence has shown the contribution of kinins and their B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> receptors in acute and chronic painful conditions.

### **Objective**

Investigate the involvement of the kinins and its B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> receptors in a fibromyalgia-associated pain model reserpine-induced in mice.

### **Methods**

The fibromyalgia model was induced by subcutaneous (s.c.) administration of reserpine (1 mg/kg, s.c.) once a day for three consecutive days. Nociceptive parameters as mechanical and cold allodynia and spontaneous nociception were evaluated after the reserpine administration in adult male Swiss mice (CEUA: 2770030516/2016/UFSM). The role of kinin B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> receptors was investigated on these parameters using pharmacological antagonism. Moreover, the mechanical allodynia also was evaluated in wild type C57BL/6 mice and kinin B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> receptor knockout mice (208/2014/USP).

### **Results**

The B<sub>1</sub> (DALBk) and B<sub>2</sub> (Icatibant) receptor peptide antagonists reduced the mechanical allodynia induced by reserpine from 0.5 up to 2 h ( $I_{\max}=46\pm7\%$  at 1 h) or from 0.5 up to 1 h ( $I_{\max}=51\pm8\%$  at 1 h) after its administrations, respectively. Likewise, B<sub>1</sub> (SSR240612) and B<sub>2</sub> (FR173657) receptor



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non-peptide antagonists also reduced the mechanical allodynia from 0.5 up to 6 h ( $I_{\max}$  of  $87 \pm 13\%$  at 1 h) and from 1 up to 2 h ( $I_{\max}$  of  $56 \pm 16\%$  at 1 h) after its administrations, respectively. Moreover,  $B_1$  (DALBk) or  $B_2$  (Icatibant) receptor peptide antagonists reduced the reserpine-induced cold allodynia at 1 h after its administration with  $I_{\max}$  of  $57 \pm 20\%$  and  $50 \pm 18\%$ , respectively. Likewise,  $B_1$  (SSR240612) or  $B_2$  (FR173657) receptor non-peptide antagonists also reduced the cold allodynia with  $I_{\max}$  of  $81 \pm 10\%$  and  $86 \pm 18\%$  at 1 h after treatments, respectively. Low doses of kinin  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  receptor agonists caused spontaneous nociception in animals previously treated with reserpine which was prevented by the  $B_1$  antagonist (DALBk;  $I_{\max} = 59 \pm 9\%$ ) or by the  $B_2$  antagonist (Icatibant;  $I_{\max} = 64 \pm 8\%$ ), respectively. The kinin  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  receptor gene deletion also reduced the reserpine-induced mechanical allodynia with maximal inhibitions of  $94 \pm 6\%$  and  $88 \pm 7\%$  at 1 day or 3 days in kinin  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  receptor knockout, respectively.

## Conclusion

Kinins  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  receptors are involved in the fibromyalgia-associated pain. Our results suggested that the  $B_1$  or  $B_2$  receptors might represent a potential target for the treatment of fibromyalgia-associated pain symptoms.

**Keywords:** Reserpine; Mechanical Allodynia; Cold Allodynia; Spontaneous Nociception.

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