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Background : It has been suggested that vitamin D plays a beneficial role in renal disease progression. We investigated the effects of paricalcitol (19- nor- 1,25- hydroxyvitamin D₂) on renal dysfunction and tissue injury in gentamicin (GM)- induced nephropathy.

Methods : Male Sprague- Dawley rats were treated with gentamicin (100 mg/kg/day, i.m.), in which one group was co- treated with paricalcitol (0.03 ug/kg/day, s.c.) and the other was not. Fourteen days later, the expression of α 1 subunit of Na,K- ATPase, type 3 Na⁺/H⁺ exchanger (NHE3), aquaporin 1 (AQP 1) and transforming growth factor β (TGF β) was determined in the kidney by semiquantitative immunoblotting and immunohistochemistry. Renal eNOS and nNOS expression was determined by Western blot analysis.

Results : GM treatment resulted in a renal dysfunction evidenced by an increase of serum creatinine concentration along with a decrease of its clearance (Ccr). The urine volume was increased and urine osmolality and urine to plasma osmolality ratio (U/Posm) decreased, indicating an impaired urinary concentrating ability. Ccr was improved and urine volume decreased by paricalcitol treatment, although U/Posm was not significantly changed. GM treatment decreased the expression of Na,K- ATPase α 1, NHE3 and AQP1 in the cortex and outer medulla. The protein expression of eNOS was increased, while that of nNOS decreased in the cortex. The expression of TGF β was increased in the cortex. Paricalcitol treatment attenuated the altered expression Na,K- ATPase α 1, NHE3, AQP 1, NOSs, and TGF β in the GM treated rats. Immunohistochemistry showed similar results as the immunoblot study.

Conclusion : Paricalcitol treatment may prevent GM- induced downregulation of renal AQPs and sodium transporters, possibly through preserving the activities of NO systems and inhibiting the TGF β expression.

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