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Effect of OKY-046, a New Thromboxane A₂ Synthetase Inhibitor, on Experimental Asthma in Guinea Pigs.

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The effect of OKY-046, a newly synthesized thromboxane A₂ (TxA₂) synthetase inhibitor, on IgE antibody-mediated experimental asthma in guinea pigs was investigated. OKY-046 clearly improved asthmatic respiratory disorders and inhibited the *in vitro* antigen-induced contraction of sensitized lung parenchyma. OKY-046 also inhibited the contractions of lung parenchyma caused by LTC₄, LTD₄ and LTE₄ but not by histamine. OKY-046 inhibited an elevation of concentration of TxB₂ in lung perfusate after infusion of LTC₄. OKY-046 had no effect on the antigen-induced release of histamine but it inhibited the release of SRS-A from lung tissues.

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Inhibition of Delayed Hypersensitivity Reactions by a New Agent, Cis-1-Methyl-4-Isohexylcyclohexane Carboxylic Acid (IG-10). II.

The Mechanism Regarding the Action on Lymphokines.

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The mechanism of inhibitory effect of IG-10 on delayed hypersensitivity reactions was studied in guinea pigs. IG-10 inhibited skin reactive factor-induced erythema dose-dependently. O_2^- generation from macrophages was not inhibited by IG-10. IG-10 significantly inhibited the activity of macrophage inhibitory factor. IG-10 inhibited macrophage chemotaxis induced by macrophage chemotactic factor and N-formyl-methyonyl-leucyl-phenylalanine but not by E. coli culture filtrate. The inhibitory action of IG-10 was relatively dependent on exogenos Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} , and was antagonized by dbc-GMP.

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Immunopharmacological Studies on Wen-Qing-Yin, a Chinese Blended Medicine: Effects on Type IV Allergic Reactions and Humoral Antibody Production.

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The effect of Wen-Qing-Yin on type IV allergic reactions and humoral antibody production were investigated. Although Wen-Qing-Yin did not affect the effector phases of type IV allergic reactions in mice, it inhibited the induction phases significantly. Wen-Qing-Yin significantly inhibited local graft vs host reaction in mice. Humoral antibody production was inhibited or tend to be inhibited by Wen-Qing-Yin. These results suggest that the therapeutic effect of Wen-Qing-Yin on Behçet's syndrome may be related an inhibitory action on the early phase of the cellular immune response.