

Inhibition of rat intestinal Cl⁻ secretion by 4,5-dimethylresorcinol

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4,5-ジメチルレゾルシノールによるラット腸の塩素イオン分泌の阻害

[Abstract]

Wood creosote, a mixture of phenolic compounds, inhibits enterotoxin-induced intestinal fluid secretion, suggesting that one of its constituents suppresses transepithelial Cl⁻ secretion from the intestinal mucosa. To identify an active constituent in wood creosote that inhibits intestinal Cl⁻ secretion through Cl⁻ channels, we first examined its effect on Cl⁻ secretion using a cultured cell line transfected with complementary DNA encoding a Cl⁻ channel and a Cl⁻-sensitive fluorescent dye. We next assayed chromatographic fractions of wood creosote for the inhibitory activity on Cl⁻ secretion using a Ussing chamber. We found that 4,5-dimethylresorcinol, identified by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry, inhibited intestinal Cl⁻ secretion dose-dependently when added to a serosal, but not mucosal, surface of rat jejunum, a half-inhibitory concentration being 3.8 µg/ml (28 µmol/l). It was strongly suggested that this effect was due to inhibition of Cl⁻ channels.

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