



Shared Allergenicity in a Lapin-Model of Delayed Hypersensitivity to Gram Negative Protoplasmic Sonicate Proteins PSP

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ABSTRACT

There were shared allergenicity in delayed type hypersensitivity between the protoplasmic sonicate proteins of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* with that of *Klebsiella oxytoca*. Mild erythema was noted from 6 to 72 hrs post to *P. aeruginosa* (PSP) in *Klebsiella oxytoca* PSP primed rabbits (KOPSP). Mild, moderate to high erythema during 6 up to 72 hrs post to injecting KOPSP in PAPSP primed rabbits. Induration of 5 mm at 72 hrs of PAPSP intradermal ID injecting in KOPSP primed rabbits. While

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induration of 6 to 12 mm of KOPSP ID injected to PAPSP primed rabbits. Consequently there was a high quantitative and /or potency of the allergenic fraction of KO than that of PA. The shared fractions were characterized as delayed allergenicity of bilateral or reciprocal type delayed allergenic nature. Such findings appeared to be novel contribution in bacterial protein allergens, with possible pan shared bacterial families. Preserved protein fraction between these two different gram negative representatives of bacterial families.

Keywords: Bacterial antigens; shared antigenicity; shared immunogenicity.

1. INTRODUCTION

Bacterial antigens (BAG) may express shared antigenicity (SHAG), shared immunogenicity (SHI) and /or shared allergenicity (SHALL). These sharing fractions can be of quality, quantity and /or potency. Unilateral or bilateral and reciprocal or non-reciprocal nature. Shared immunogenicity showed a dual importance in clinical practice of human microbial infections. First it has cross-protection ability that is crucial in immunoprophylaxis of infectious diseases. Second it is problematic in the immunodiagnosis of these diseases. Though, shared allergenicity stands as problematic issue in diagnosis and management of human infectious diseases [1-8]. Thus, the present short communication was aimed at presenting shared delayed skin hypersensitivity between the intracellular proteins of two different gram negative bacteria.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

PSP from *P. aeruginosa* and *K. oxytoca* were prepared, partially purified, identified and quantified as an intracellular bacterial proteins as in [9]. The concentration of PAPSP was 2.71 mg/ml. and that of KOPSP was 1.81 mg/ml. The test immunogens were PAPSP+FCA and KOPSP+ CFA for *P. aeruginosa* and *K. oxytoca* respectively. Specific immune priming of rabbits with test immunogens were made as in [10]. DTH skin test was done and read as in [11]. Homologous skin DTH reactions scored as homologous sensitins injected in rabbits primed with homologous protein. While heterologous shared DTH skin reactions were checked when heterologous sensitins injected in rabbits primed with heterologous proteins [11].

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The ID injection of 0.1 ml. PAPSP sensitin in PAPSP specific immune primed rabbits was showing mild, moderate and high erythema reaction lasted from 6 up to 72 hrs. The induration reaction was evident at 48 hrs and 72

hrs post injection of the sensitin as 10 and 18 mm respectively. This accounts for the homologous delayed hypersensitivity reaction, Table 1 A1. While the ID injection of PAPSP to KOPSP specific immune primed rabbits has showed mild erythema reaction lasted from 6 up to 72 hrs post-injection of the sensitin. The induration reaction was evident at 72 hrs post injection of the sensitin as 6 mm around the injection site. This accounts for the shared allergenicity in skin DTH reaction, Table 1 B-1.

The ID injection of 0.1 ml of KOPSP in KOPSP specific immune primed rabbits was showing an erythema reaction of mild nature as (+) for the duration of time lasted from 6 up to 72 hrs post injection of sensitin with nil induration reactions. This accounts for the homologous DTH reactions Table 1 /A-2. While the ID injection of 0.1 ml of KOPSP to PAPSP specific immune primed rabbits showed mild, moderate to high erythema reaction lasted from 6 up to 72 hrs respectively Table 1/ B-2. Induration reactions were apparent in 6 mm for 48 hrs and 12 mm for 72 hrs post injection of sensitins This accounts for shared DTH reactions with nil necrosis reactions were evident. Results tabulated in Table 1 indicate that there was bilateral shared DTH allergenicity between PSP proteins of *P. aeruginosa* and *K. oxytoca* and the nature of this shared allergenicity be of quantitative rather than qualitative. In which *K. oxytoca* PSP shared allergenicity was more in quantity than that of *P. aeruginosa* PSP in rabbit models.

Changes in the conformation of the allergenic epitopes are mostly, paralleled by change in the nature of their allergenic responses [2]. Protein allergens expressed potential risk for cross reactivity [3]. Modification of corticosteroid from their original core structure may frequently lead to cross-allergenicity to the new form of the corticosteroid [4]. Three patterns of cross allergenicity to proton pump inhibitors were indicated [5]. T cells are taking part in the DTH to quinolones reactions and cross-reactivity to other quinolones [6]. Human adenovirus serotypes

Table 1. Shared heterologous rabbit skin DTH as compared to the homologous rabbit skin DTH reactions

Nature of skin DTH/reactions per hours	Erythema	Induration in mm	Necrosis
A – 1/Homologous PASP in PAPSP primed rabbits			
6	+	-	-
48	++	10	-
72	+++	18	-
A -2/Homologous of KOPSP in KOPSP primed rabbits			
6	+	-	-
48	+	-	-
72	+	-	-
B-1./Heterologous PAPSP in KOPSP primed rabbits			
6	+	-	-
48	+	-	-
72	+	6	-
B -2/Heterologous KOPSP in PAPSP primed rabbits			
6	+	-	-
48	++	6	-
72	+++	12	-

express cross-reactivity in inducing DTH [7]. Leukocyte migration inhibition to various cepham antibiotics displayed cepham shared allergenicity in DTH reactions [8].

Bacterial antigenic epitopes can be with an array of immune potentials such as; immunogenic, autoreactive, immunosuppressive, and /or delayed type hypersensitivity inducing nature [12]. There were marked shared reactivity of burilin of *M. ulcerans* to tuberculin PPD of *M. tuberculosis* as indicated by the induration upon intradermal injection. So that burilin positive patients when analysed in conjugation with either the presence of BCG scar or retesting of BCG vaccination, 12 of 14 BCG vaccinated burilin patients were burilin positive and 6 of the 12 were also PPD positive [13]. It had been reported that there were cell mediated immunity cross reactions of various species of mycobacteria that had been attributed to polymorphism of target bacterial antigens [14].

4. CONCLUSION

The present short communication was focusing onto sharing in delayed hypersensitivity inducing epitopes from intracellular proteins of *P. aeruginosa* and *K. oxytoca* with rather difference in quantity of the allergenic fractions. Both of which produce erythema and induration to variable degrees with absence of necrosis up to 72 hrs post to sensitin injection through ID route. Shared delayed hypersensitivity induced by intracellular bacterial protein that was functionally mapped in this short communication can be characterized as in the followings;

1. The shared allergenic epitope is in or on protoplasmic sonicate protein with an intracellular location with possible oligo-amino acid sequence nature.
2. Function as delayed type allergen.
3. Response produces erythema and induration but not necrosis.
4. Express quantitative differences among different protoplasm sonicate proteins
5. This shared allergenic epitope is of bilateral reciprocal nature.
6. Attributed to T cell dependent hypersensitivity reactions, [1,12].
7. Such sharing delayed allergenic epitopes between bacteria that belongs to different gram negative families. It might be a pan shared preserved protein fraction, which may stand as a novel finding.

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It is not applicable.

ETHICAL APPROVAL

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COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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