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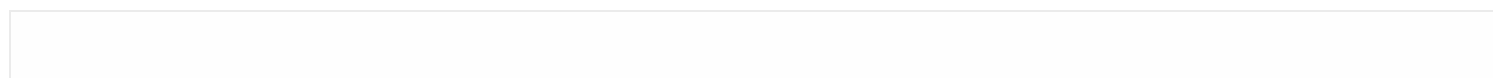


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EDITORIAL REVIEW

Catecholamine Cardiotoxicity

The paper reviews the cardiac toxicity of three catecholamines, norepinephrine, epinephrine and isoproterenol. The pathogenesis of the catecholamine-induced myocardial necrosis is multifactorial; the role of relative hypoxia, coronary microcirculatory effect, membrane permeability alteration, catecholamine oxidation products and various contributory pathogenetic factors is reviewed. The Ca^{2+} overload theory, advanced by Professor Fleckenstein, is supported in addition to the experimental observations, by its successful application in clinical cardiology. Catecholamines play an important role in experimental reperfusion and ischemic myocardial injuries. Attempt was made to define the terms of 'stress cardiomyopathy' and 'catecholamine cardiomyopathy'.

The sequence of events demonstrated by our morphologic functional correlative studies with catecholamines during the past quarter century, might represent a common pathway in the evolution of cardiac changes in humans who develop myocardial lesions without narrowing or obstruction of coronary arteries. These studies furthermore disclosed the unique nature of isoproterenol in producing 'infarct-like' myocardial necrosis.

Introduction

Catecholamines are important regulators of myocardial contractility and metabolism. Their effect is elicited through hypothetical α and β receptors, the former mediating vasoconstriction, the latter initiating vasodilatation and cardiac muscle cell stimulation. The coronary vascular bed contains both receptors. β -receptors, situated in the cardiac muscle cell sarcolemma, are the regulatory component of the adenylate cyclase-cyclic AMP (cAMP) system. Through the activa-

tion of cAMP and by regulating coronary microcirculation, catecholamines play a prominent role in cardiac physiology. While catecholamines have been used effectively in clinical medicine for the treatment of pump failure, excessive release or administration of catecholamines exceeding physiological doses may deplete the energy reserve of cardiac muscle cells that leads to complex biochemical and subsequent structural changes that continue from reversibility, called also degeneration irreversibly onto necrosis [93]. This paper deals with the cardiac toxicity of three catecholamines, two of which (norepinephrine and epinephrine) are naturally occurring (endogenous) and one isoproterenol is a synthetic (exogenous) catecholamine (see 107 for details). It reviews the pathogenesis of catecholamine-induced myocardial necrosis as well as the role of catecholamines in human myocardial disease.

Cardiotoxic effect of epinephrine and norepinephrine

Soon after the discovery of epinephrine, Josué showed that this agent produces myocardial hypertrophy [53]. The epinephrine-induced myocardial alteration was designated as myocardial necrosis [80] or myocarditis [38]. In the late fifties, several publications appeared indicating that norepinephrine is also cardiotoxic [62, 72, 112, 121]. These experimental works focused attention to the human myocardial changes following therapeutic norepinephrine administration [122].

The isoproterenol-induced myocardial necrosis

In 1959, we discovered that the synthetic catecholamine isoproterenol produces massive

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