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Cardiovascular effects of nitregeric system of the pedunculo-pontine tegmental nucleus in anesthetized rats

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خلاصه مقاله:

Objective(s): Nitric oxide (NO) is an important neurotransmitter in central nervous system involved in central cardiovascular regulation. The presence of NO in the pedunculo-pontine tegmental (PPT) nucleus has been shown, but its cardiovascular effect has not been determined. In the present study, the cardiovascular effect of NO in the PPT nucleus was evaluated. **Materials and Methods:** After induction of anesthesia, a polyethylene catheter (PE-50) filled with heparinized saline inserted into the femoral artery, and the blood pressure (BP) and heart rate (HR) were continuously recorded. Animals were then placed in a stereotaxic apparatus and maximum changes of mean arterial pressure (Δ MAP) and heart rate (Δ HR) after microinjection of two doses of NG-nitro-L-arginine methyl ester (L-NAME, 30 and 90 nmol), L-arginine (L-Arg 10 and 50 nmol) and sodium nitroprusside (SNP, 9 and 27 nmol) into the PPT were provided and compared with control group (One-way ANOVA). **Results:** Both doses of L-NAME significantly increased Δ MAP compared to control ($P < 0.01$, respectively). Δ HR only in higher dose (90 nmol) significantly increased compared to control ($P < 0.05$). Two doses of L-Arg (10 and 50 nmol/150 nl) had no significant effect on Δ MAP or Δ HR. Higher dose of SNP (27 nmol) significantly decreased Δ MAP ($P < 0.05$) and its both doses significantly decreased Δ HR compared to control ($P < 0.001$, respectively). Effect of higher dose on Δ HR was significantly higher than the lower dose ($P < 0.05$). **Conclusion:** Our results show an inhibitory effect of the nitregeric system of the PPT on central cardiovascular system.

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blood pressure, L-NAME, Microinjection, Nitric oxide, Pedunculo-pontine tegmental, Sodium nitroprusside

