

# 行政院國家科學委員會專題研究計畫進度報告

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心電生理特性、抗心律不整效力及不整脈誘發性之測定，包括 carvedilol 及 thalidoporphine 與 liriiodenine 等新衍發物

† 八十六年度及以前的一般國科會專題計畫(不含產學合作研究計畫)亦可選擇適用，惟較特殊的計畫如國科會規劃案等，請先洽得國科會各學術處同意。

Second year: Electrophysiological modulation by thlidoporphine

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### 一、中文摘要

1. 本實驗室工作群長期致力於由天然植物萃取有效之化合物。經評估後，目前有兩大類化合物，一為 thalidoporphine，一為 liriiodenine，兩者皆具有適宜之心肌收縮促進效果及抗心律不整效力。
2. 因此本群體計劃之目的在(1)將此兩大類化合物予以改變部份結構，使具有部份拮抗作用(2)且能維持充份之心臟收縮促進效果及抗心律不整效力。
3. 本子計劃之主要工作在執行(1)第一年：先界定 carvedilol 是否有直接抗心律不整效力，或對心臟電生理特性有直接影響，若有，其機轉為何？(2)其次，第二年：將予界定 thalidoporphine 各類衍生物之抗心律不整之效力及對心臟傳導系統之影響(3)第三年：將予界定 liriiodenine

各類衍生物之抗心律不整之效力及對心臟傳導系統之影響。

4. 方法：(1)心臟電生理特性之評估：以 Langendorff 灌流之離體心臟作評估，以自製特別之電極導線放入心房、心室及希氏束處，記錄並刺激，以得到各項組織之電生理特性資料。  
實驗：(2)動物：一般正常 hamster 及心衰竭品種 hamster。
5. 第二年計劃結果顯示：結果顯示心衰竭 hamster 的心臟傳導系統有顯著房室結之傳導延長現象，其 AH 間距由  $44 \pm 3$  延長到  $56 \pm 4$  ms，而 Wenckebach 週期由  $149 \pm 9$  延長到  $195 \pm 13$  ms。而若在實驗前每天投予 thalidoporphine 4.5mg/day 則可有效縮短這些延長現象。此外，thalidoporphine pretreatment 能有效延長心房的 refractory period。然而不論是正常或心衰竭 hamster 的離體灌流心臟，thalidoporphine 皆能有效依劑量成正比的延常房室結的傳導與 refractoriness。

6. 推論：thalidoporphine能改善心衰竭心臟電氣傳導性質，然而這些影響與thalidoporphine的直接心臟效果並不盡然相同，自主神經系之調節或抗氧化的作用是必須考慮的機轉。

## 二、ABSTRACT

**Background.** We have identified the compound, thalidoporphine, to possess an antiarrhythmia potential and a low negative inotropy.

**Methods.** The direct modification by various interventions on cardiac conduction system was performed by intracardiac recording and stimulation in isolated, Langendorff perfused hearts. The changes were measured in the hearts isolated from normal and cardiomyopathic hamster.

**Results.** As compared to the normal hamster, the failing heart isolated from the cardiomyopathic hamster showed significantly prolongation of the conduction through the AV node as well as the refractoriness of the AV node (AH interval was  $44\pm 3$  in normal and  $56\pm 4$  ms in the failing hearts. The Wenckebach cycle length was  $149\pm 9$  ms in normal and  $195\pm 13$  ms in the failing hearts). Pretreatment by thalidoporphine ( $4.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{day}$ ) improved the conduction. The AH interval was shortened to  $48\pm 2$  ms and the Wenckebach cycle length was shortened to  $176\pm 6$  ms. There was no significant differences in the conduction and refractory period of the atrial and ventricular tissue between the normal and heart failure hamster. However, pretreatment by thalidoporphine would increase the atrial refractory period. (the atrial effective refractory period was  $45\pm 3$  in normal,  $41\pm 4$  in failing hearts and  $54\pm 7$  ms in the thalidoporphine group). No arrhythmia could be induced by programmed pacing in any of the 3 groups. However, thalidoporphine still could prolong the conduction through the AV node, the

refractory period of the atrial and ventricular tissue dose-dependently in both normal and failing hearts of cardiomyopathic hamsters.

**Conclusions.** Failing heart of the cardiomyopathic hamster was characterized by a prolongation of conduction and refractory period of the AV node, which could be improved by pretreatment by thalidoporphine. Nonetheless, thalidoporphine could prolong the AV conduction and refractory period of the atrial and ventricular period of the cardiomyopathic hamster and normal hamster.

## 三、緣由與目的

Medical treatment for the heart failure usually include: digoxin, diuretics, angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor and phosphodiesterase. In recent years, research has been directed toward the understanding of the pathological mechanisms involved in the progression of congestive heart failure. Much of this research has focused on the various neuroendocrine systems that are activated in this syndrome and the roles they play in the progression of congestive heart failure. The activation of neurohumoral pathways which lead to peripheral vasoconstriction and then enhances the afterload. Furthermore, the down-regulation of  $\beta$ -receptor in the presence of chronic heart failure and the possible "catecholamine cardiotoxicity" prompted the rational of  $\beta$ -blocker for chronic heart failure. Several recent multicenter double blind, placebo-controlled clinical trials have proved the clinical benefits of carvedilol, a "third generation"  $\beta$ -blocking agent. Carvedilol, at therapeutic doses, blocks all three adrenergic receptors, with a rank order of potency of  $\beta_1 > \alpha_1 > \beta_2$ . Because of its  $\alpha_1$  blocking effect, carvedilol is a moderate vasodilator on acute administration and therefore has a good initial tolerability in patients with heart failure. Besides, carvedilol has been shown as a strong antioxidant. Clinical benefits have been well documented in patients with

chronic heart failure from several multicenter clinical trials and hence carvedilol had been approved for the treatment of heart failure.

In our team, we have identified several novel compounds derived from natural alkaloids which possess adequate positive inotropic effects and antiarrhythmia efficacy. The positive inotropic effect is independent of adrenergic stimulation and is attributed to the relative degree inhibition of  $I_{to}$  and  $I_{Ca}$ . The ionic current inhibition include mainly the  $I_{to}$ ,  $I_{Na}$  and partly  $I_{Ca}$ . Via the inhibition, the electrophysiological properties of the cardiac conduction system are modified and consequently may terminate the arrhythmias. Therefore, such compound will be potential drugs for the treatment of arrhythmia and heart failure. However, based on the clinical experiences that the differential blocking effects on various sympathetic receptors, such as carvedilol, provide chronic benefits for heart failure. Our further aim for such drug development will be the modification of these compounds to contain the structure bone with various  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -blockade and optimally antioxidation effects. Then, we may have the chance to obtain the ideal novel anticongestive drug; acutely and chronically positive inotropic and antiarrhythmic.

After the initial tests for the positive inotropic effects by muscle-strip experiment and neurotransmitters blocking assessment, the index compound, thalidophorphine, had been identified.

We have identified the compound, *thalidophorphine*, to possess an antiarrhythmia potential and a low negative inotropy. This second-year project sought to determine the direct electrophysiological modulation in normal and failing hearts of the hamster.

#### 四、方法與結果

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interventions on cardiac conduction system was performed by intracardiac recording and stimulation in isolated, Langendorff perfused hearts. The changes were measured in the hearts isolated from normal and cardiomyopathic hamster.

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#### 五. 討論

Failing heart of the cardiomyopathic hamster were characterized by a prolongation of conduction and refractory period of the AV node. This may be related to altered  $I_{Ca}$  and  $I_{to}$  in the failing hearts. However, such changes could be improved by pretreatment by thlidophorine. However, thalidophorphine

could directly prolong the AV conduction and refractory period of the atrial and ventricular period of the hearts isolated from cardiomyopathic hamster and normal hamster. The diverse effects between the pretreatment and treatment with thalidoporphine need to further clarified. The possibility of adrenergic modulation or antioxidant effects is suspected.

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