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$3(20)\alpha$ -Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase Activity of Monkey Liver Indanol Dehydrogenase.

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Homogeneous indanol dehydrogenase from monkey liver oxidized reversibly 3α - or 20α -hydroxy groups of several bile acids and 5β -pregnanes with high $k_{\rm cat}/K_{\rm m}$ values. Competitive inhibition of the hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase activity of the enzyme by medroxyprogesterone acetate, hexestrol, and 1,10-phenanthroline suggests that both 1-indanol and hydroxysteroid are oxidized at the same active site on the enzyme. The specific inhibitor of the enzyme, 1,10-phenanthroline, suppressed the 3α -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase activity in the crude extract of monkey liver by 50%. The results strongly suggest that indanol dehydrogenase acts as a $3(20)\alpha$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase in the metabolism of certain steroid hormones and bile acids.

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Dimeric Dihydrodiol Dehydrogenase in Monkey Kidney. Substrate Specificity, Stereospecificity of Hydrogen Transfer, and Distribution.

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Chemical cross-linked and NADPH binding studies suggested that the native dihydrodiol dehydrogenase from monkey kidney is a basic dimer (Mr 78,000) and one active site per the subunit. The enzyme oxidized specifically trans-dihydrodiols of benzene and naphthalene, whereas it catalyzed the reduction of dihydroxyacetone phosphate at pH 7.4. The enzyme transferred the 4-pro-R hydrogen atom of NADPH to carbonyl substrate. Immunochemical and immunohistochemical studies using a specific antibody revealed that this enzyme specifically distributed in proximal and distal tubules of the cortex, and in the loop of Henle of the medulla in the kidney.

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Isolation from Pig Lens of Two Proteins with Dihydrodiol Dehydrogenase and Aldehyde Reductase Activities.

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Dimeric and monomeric proteins containing dihydrodiol dehydrogenase and aldehyde reductase activities were purified from pig lens. The dimeric enzyme of Mr 65,000 specifically oxidized the trans-dihydrodiols of naphthalene and benzene with NADP+ as a strict cofactor, and reduced addiketones, aromatic aldehydes and glyceraldehyde with NADPH as a cofactor. The monomeric enzyme of Mr 35,000, although identical with aldose reductase, oxidized the trans-dihydrodiol of naphthalene at a pH optimum of 7.6. These results suggest that the two enzymes are involved in the pathogenesis of naphthalene cataract.