

慢性腎不全モデルラットにおける キトサンの抗酸化及び腎保護効果

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Antioxidant and renoprotective activity of chitosan in nephrectomized rats

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ABSTRACT: The effect of chitosan on oxidative stress and chronic renal failure was investigated using 5/6 nephrectomized rats. The ingestion of chitosan over a 4-week period resulted in a significant decrease in total body weight, glucose, serum creatinine and indoxyl sulfate levels ($P = 0.0011$, $P = 0.0006$, $P = 0.0012$, and $P = 0.0005$, respectively), compared with the non-treated nephrectomized group. The ingestion of chitosan also resulted in a lowered ratio of oxidized to reduced albumin ($P = 0.003$) and an increase in biological antioxidant potential ($P = 0.023$). Interestingly, the oxidized albumin ratio was correlated with serum indoxyl sulfate levels *in vivo*. These results suggest that the ingestion of chitosan results in a significant reduction in the levels of pro-oxidants, such as uremic toxins, in the gastrointestinal tract, thereby inhibiting the subsequent development of oxidative stress in the systemic circulation.

抄録 慢性腎不全モデルラットにキトサンを摂取させた結果、キトサン非投与群と比較して有意な血清クレアチニン及び血中インドキシル硫酸の低下と抗酸化効果の増加が観察された。またインドキシル硫酸濃度変化と酸化ストレスの指標であるアルブミン酸化度の変化に良好な相関関係が確認されたことから、キトサンによる尿毒症物質の吸着作用が血中の抗酸化作用の増加につながることを示唆された。

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