

9-tert-butyl-apomorphine (DTBA) as an effective soluble compound with antioxidant activity for treatment of experimental Parkinsonism

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Objective: To evaluate antiparkinsonic effect of the investigated compound were used two different models of experimental Parkinsonism in white rats: 1- classical model with overdose of neuroleptic drugs and 2- new one, with injection of the initiator free-radical oxidation (FRO), FRO - Fe-ascorbate mixture, into substantia nigra.

Background: One of the causes of Parkinsonism might be activation of lipids peroxidation (LPO). But there might take place and other FRO initiator reactions, apart from LPO inhibition, that should also be considered – of radical fragmentation processes. The bifunctional organic compounds like dopamine in particular can undergo FRO, that is reactions of radical fragmentation. In former investigations we were found, that the products of free-radical oxidation (FRO) of dopamine on adding Fe-ascorbate in vitro resulted in predominant formation 4-(2-aminoethyl)-benzoquinone-1,2 along with other products.

Results: Treatment of dopamine with Fe-ascorbate mixture resulted in predominant formation 4-(2-aminoethyl)-benzoquinone-1,2 along with other products. The new phenol's derivative DTBA inhibits FRO of dopamine in vitro. Antioxidant activity of DTBA in 10 times exceeds the same one of dibunolol. This compound (DTBA) has not negative reaction (vomiting, nausea) that is caused by Apomorphine. Animals treated with the new phenol derivative DTBA demonstrated considerably faster recovery from catalepsy.

Conclusions: In the mechanism of Parkinsonism development an important role may belong not only LPO but FRO (that is reactions of radical fragmentation) of dopamine initiated by non-heme Fe and phenol derivatives with antioxidant activity might be used as an effective means for the treatment of Parkinsonism.

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