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Interactions between Fluoroquinolones and lipids: Biophysical studies

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Introduction Interaction of FQs with eucaryotic cell





Moxifloxacin (MXF)



At cellular level :

Intracellular accumulation

MRP and P Glycoprotein inhibitors had no effect on the accumulation of MXF

However MRP inhibitors had an effect on the accumulation of CIP

Michot *et al.* (2004) Antimicrob.Agents.Chemother. 48: 2673-2682 Michot *et al.* (2005) Antimicrob.Agents.Chemother. 49: 2429-2437



Contribution of efflux pumps and lipids composition to resistance of bacteria to Fluoroquinolones (CIP, MXF)



- The mechanism of entrance of CIP and MXF involved:
- Diffusion process

- Recognition by efflux proteins in cell membranes (Michot *et al.*,2004) and /or bacteria membrane (Wang *et al.*, 2007; Périchon *et al.*,2007)

FQs interact with phospholipids

Role of lipids in this phenomena?

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Aim of study

Investigation of interaction of FQs with model membranes, to elucidate the mechanism of their entry (CIP vs MXF) through the cytoplasmic membrane

Materials



- Ciprofloxacin

i) Antibiotics

- Moxifloxacin

ii) Model membranes (Lipids)

- Monolayers
- Supported bilayers
- Liposomes SUVs

Zwiterionic lipids (Eucaryotic cells: DOPC, DPPC)



Methods

a) Effect of FQs on the membrane organisation: Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)

b) FQs stability within a lipid monolayer / compressibility Langmuir

 c) Effect of FQs on the conformation and orientation of phospholipids
Attenuad Total-Reflection- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (ATR-FTIR)

a) Effect of FQs on the membrane organisation:



i) MXF induced in a more (57%) extent than CIP (27%), an erosion of the DPPC domains in the DOPC fluid phase

b) FQs stability within a lipid monolayer / compressibility

Langmuir studies

CIP

MXF



ii) MXF induced a higher shift of the surface pressure-area isotherms of DOPC:DPPC:FQs monolayer towards the lower area per molecule as compared to CIP

Phase transfer studies



iii) MXF has a lower propensity (as compared to CIP) to be released from lipid to aqueous phase

c) Effect of FQs on the conformation and orientation of phospholipids

ATR-FTIR studies

- i) Conformation analysis
- ⇒ Non polarized spectra of DPPC and DPPC:FQS with molar ratio of 1:1
- ii) Orientation analysis
- \Rightarrow Dichroic spectra ($A_{//} A_{\perp}$) of DPPC and DPPC: FQs with molar ratio of 1:1

Goormaghtigh E et al., 1999: Biochim.Biophys.Acta. 1422:105-185

i) Conformation analysis Non polarized spectra of drug, DPPC and DPPC:FQS with molar ratio of 1:1



-The drug spectrum appeared in the DPPC: drug mixture spectrum, notably at 1630 cm⁻¹

Analysis of the lipid C-H wagging $(v_w(CH_2)) \Rightarrow$ Information on the proportion of the chains in the all-trans conformation



- Area evolution of DPPC peak at 1206-1193 cm⁻¹ as function of increasing amounts of FQs : \downarrow 60% for CIP, \downarrow 72% for MXF \Rightarrow The all-trans configuration of the alkyl chain of DPPC decreased more in the presence of MXF.

ii) Orientation analysis Dichroic spectra $(A_{//} - A_{\perp})$ of DPPC and DPPC: FQs with molar ratio of 1:1



- The dichroic spectra of DPPC:FQs mixture displayed strong dichroism for bands assigned to the drug (at 1630 and 1465 cm⁻¹) \Rightarrow a well-organized, well-defined orientation of the drug in the DPPC bilayer

Analysis of the lipid C-H wagging $(v_w(CH_2))$ band \Rightarrow Estimation of the orientation of the lipid acyl chain





- Area evolution of the wagging band $v_w(CH_2)$ of DPPC as a function of lipid:Drug molar ratio, indicated :

\downarrow 60% of the area for CIP, \downarrow 30% for MXF.

- The angle between the acyl chain of DPPC and a normal at the germanium surface was (27°) in the presence of CIP and remained unchanged (20°) in the presence of MXF \Rightarrow MXF induces less disorder than CIP

Conclusion

- MXF induced, to a greater extent than CIP, an erosion of DPPC domains in the DOPC fluid phase
- MXF induced a decrease of the molecular area of DOPC/DPPC/FQ monolayer
- MXF had a higher tendency to decrease the number of all-trans conformations (as compared to CIP), probably creating a pocket in which MXF can be located.
- CIP induced a disorder and modified the orientation of the acyl chain in relation to its higher ability to be released in an aqueous phase after monolayer compression

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