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Chronic treatment with ivermectin changes drug disposition in mice through modulation of metabolism gene expression

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SCIENTIFIC CONTEXT

Macrocyclic Lactone Anthelmintics Ivermectin





Human medicine





Filarial nematode
Onchocerca volvulus

Veterinary medicine





Gastro intestinal nematodes

Very efficient

low dose (0,2 mg/kg) + broad spectrum of activity

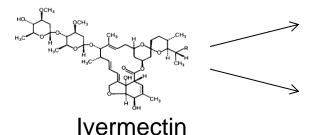


Extensive use (...repeated dose)



Emergence of resistant parasites

IVERMECTINAND METABOLISM

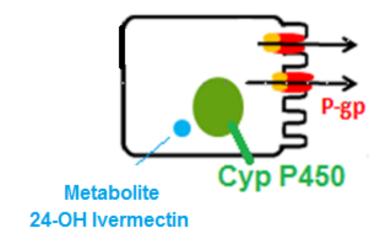


Substrate of ABC transporter P-glycoprotein (P-gp)

(Shinckel et al, 1994)

Metabolised by cytochromes P450 (Cyp)

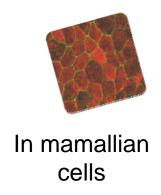
Human (Cyp3A), Rat (Cyp3A + 1A1) (Skalova et al, 2001)



Drug concentration in the organism

Drug efficacy

IVERMECTIN AND GENE EXPRESSION



Ivermectin induces Pgp gene expression (Menez et al, 2012)



Ivermectin-resistance increases ABC transporter genes expression

- Ppgs and MRPs in *Caenorbaditis elegans* (James and Davey, 2009) (Yan et al, 2012)
- Ppg9 in *Teladorsagia circumcincta* (J.Dicker et al, 2011)
- Ppg1 and Pgp9 in Haemonchus contortus (Williamson et al, 2011)

OBJECTIVES

Ivermectin exposure of the host whole organism?

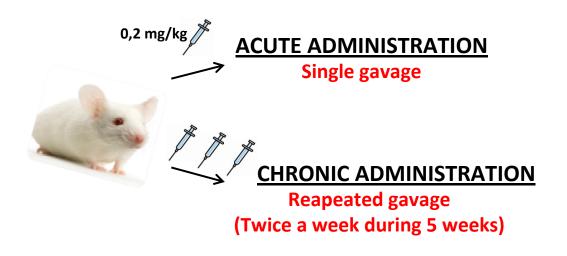
Effect on the transport and biotransformation genes:

ABC Transporter genes = abcb1a, abcb1b, abcc1, abcc2, abcc3, abcg2

Cytochrome P450 genes = Cyp1a2, Cyp2b10, Cyp3a11

Impact on drug disposition?

MATERIAL AND METHODS



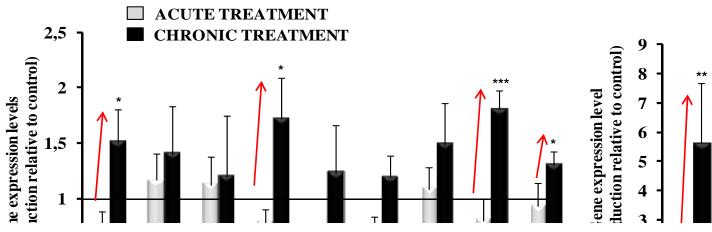
✓ Gene expression in intestine and liver by qRT-PCR

✓ Ivermectin concentration and main metabolite in plasma, intestine, liver and brain by HPLC

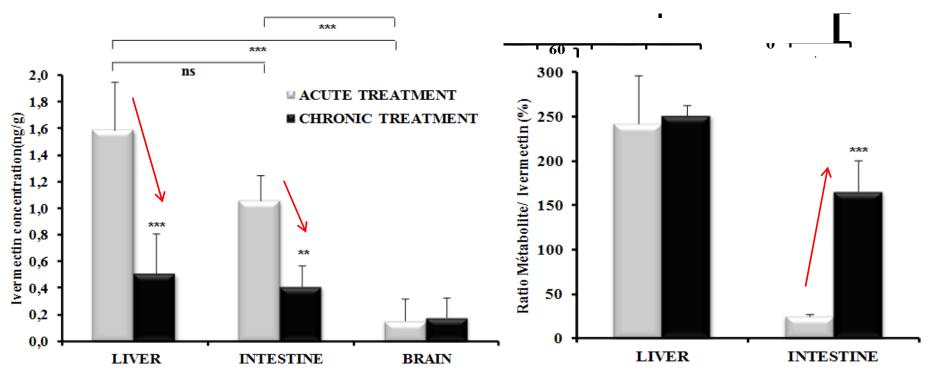
MAIN RESULTS



Gene expression in the intestine after ivermectin exposure



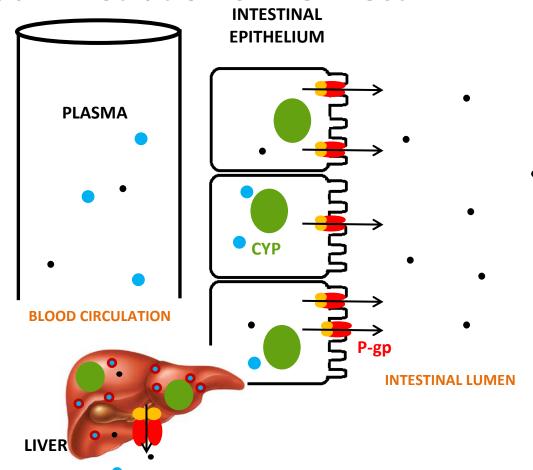
Ivermectin and its main metabolite in organs



SUMMARY

- Ivermectin
- Main metabolite
- P-glycoprotein
- MRPs
- Cytochromes

Chronic administration of ivermectin



Increases expression of gene of ABC transporters and cytochromes



CONCLUSION

Long term exposure to ivermectin decreases ivermectin concentration in the host through regulation of metabolism gene

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Sub-lethal concentrations







Selection of resistant parasites

Decrease efficacy of other drug

PROSPECTS



- Relates gene expression and protein (western, activity, Pgp
- Study the synergism between Pgp and cytochrom: single and double KO



• Impact of a long acting treatment with ivermectin in sheep

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