

## **PROSTAGLANDIN A<sub>2</sub> INDUCED BIOCHEMICAL CHANGES IN RAT**

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The effect of prostaglandin A<sub>2</sub> on proteins, lipids and carbohydrates contents in the kidney and adrenal gland have been recorded. Treatment with PGA<sub>2</sub> caused depletion in protein contents, carbohydrates and accumulation of lipids in the kidney and adrenal gland. The results are significant and suggest for further study on key enzymes.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Kidney medulla possesses PGE<sub>2</sub> and PGA<sub>2</sub> with potent antihypertensive and natriuretic activities (Lee, 1956). These compounds may act intrarenally to regulate renal blood flow and excretion of sodium and water. PGA<sub>2</sub> originates from the conversion of PGE<sub>2</sub> and may function as a circulatory hormone (Larsson and Anggard (1973). Inflammatory effects of prostaglandins include vasoconstriction and vasodilation (Horton and Main, 1964). Accelerated rate of water and electrolyte excretion in human after PGA<sub>2</sub> treatment was also noted (Mitsuhashi and Ito, ). However it was reported that all prostaglandins caused erythema (Solomon *et al.* 1968). Prostaglandins were proposed as functional vasodilators in the adrenal glands (Grant 1968). Moreover PGE<sub>1</sub> causes increased adrenal blood flow when infused directly into the adrenal of the sheep (Blair-West *et al.* 1971). In spite of all these experimental evidences available, very few attempts have been made to observe their interactions with tissue proteins, lipids and carbohydrates. Present study deals with the effects of prostaglandin A<sub>2</sub> on total proteins, lipids and carbohydrates in the kidney and adrenal gland of albino rat.

### **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

Three months old, twenty healthy rats were selected from the laboratory stock at random and were divided into two groups each containing ten animals. Each animal was housed separately in a suitable cage, fed on standard laboratory diet, water *ad libitum* and maintained under uniform laboratory conditions as reported earlier (Prakash, 1989). A stock solution of 1.0 mg/ml in absolute ethanol of PGA<sub>2</sub> (Upjohn Co. USA) was prepared and stored at 4°C. It was diluted by adding 0.1 ml of 0.25 M phosphate buffer (pH 6.5). A sublethal dose (0.2 ml) of this diluted solution was injected intramuscularly to each rat of the group A for 30 days. Ten animals of group B injected with 0.2 ml of olive oil and served as controls. After thirty days, all animals were killed by decapitation on 31<sup>st</sup> day in morning after starvation of 24 hours. Both the kidneys and adrenal glands were removed carefully, weighed and were

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