

TWO DISTINCT TYPES OF Fc RECEPTOR FOR IgG ON GUINEA PIG  
MACROPHAGES ACTIVATE THE NADPH OXIDASE THROUGH DIFFERENT  
SIGNAL-TRANSDUCTION PATHWAYS

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Neither 5  $\mu$ M calmodulin antagonist W-7 nor depletion of the intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  affected the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation triggered by the Fc receptor for IgG2 ( $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$ ) on guinea pig macrophages, although that by the Fc receptor for both IgG1 and IgG2 ( $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$ ) was lowered to 50% of a control level by W-7 and the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  depletion, respectively. Staurosporine inhibited all these responses, but to different extents. These results reveal that the signal-transduction pathways linked to these receptors differ from each other, and that  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  triggers the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation through the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -calmodulin system and the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -independent system. © 1990 Academic Press, Inc.

Guinea pig macrophages possess two distinct types of Fc receptor for IgG ( $\text{Fc}\gamma\text{R}$ ); one is specific for IgG2 alone ( $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$ ) and the other binds both IgG1 and IgG2 ( $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$ ) (1,2). Recently, a cDNA coding for  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  was cloned, showing that the  $\text{Fc}\gamma\text{R}$  structurally belongs to the group 2  $\text{Fc}\gamma\text{Rs}$  (mouse  $\text{Fc}\gamma\text{R II}_{\beta 2}$  and human  $\text{Fc}\gamma\text{R II}$ ) (3). These two  $\text{Fc}\gamma\text{Rs}$  trigger the  $\text{O}_2^-$ -generating response on binding of antigen-complexes of IgG1 and IgG2 antibodies. In a previous paper (4), we reported that the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation triggered by  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  was lowered to 50% of a control level by depletion of the intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  by incubating the cells with Ionomycin and EGTA, although the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  depletion did not affect the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation by  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$ . These results suggest strongly that the  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$ - and  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$ - mediated signal-transduction processes for the activation of the NADPH oxidase differ from each other.

We, recently, found that the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation triggered by  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  was 50% inhibited with N-(6-aminohexyl)-5-chloro-1-naphthalene-sulfonamide

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**Abbreviations:**  $\text{Fc}\gamma\text{R}$ , Fc receptor for IgG;  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$ , Fc receptor for IgG1 and IgG2;  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$ , Fc receptor for IgG2; KRPB-G, Krebs-Ringer phosphate-buffered saline supplemented with 5.5 mM D-glucose, pH 7.4; OA, ovalbumin;  $\text{OA}\gamma_1$ , ovalbumin complex of IgG1 antibody;  $\text{OA}\gamma_2$ , ovalbumin complex of IgG2 antibody; PMA, phorbol myristate acetate; SOD, superoxide dismutase; W-7, N-(6-aminohexyl)-5-chloro-1-naphthalene-sulfonamide.

(calmodulin antagonist W-7). In contrast, both the  $O_2^-$  generation triggered by  $Fc\gamma_2R$  and the  $Ca^{2+}$ -independent  $O_2^-$  generation by  $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  were not inhibited. In addition, all these responses were found to be inhibited with staurosporine, but to different extents. In this paper, these results are reported, indicating that the signal-transduction pathways linked to these  $Fc\gamma Rs$  differ from each other.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Materials:** Peritoneal macrophages were isolated from Hartley guinea pigs injected intraperitoneally with liquid paraffin. The peritoneal exudate cells were cultured in glass dishes, and the adherent cells were collected and used as macrophages (5).  $Ca^{2+}$ -depleted macrophages were prepared by incubation with 1  $\mu M$  Ionomycin and 0.5 mM EGTA in Ca,Mg-free Krebs-Ringer phosphate-buffered saline supplemented with 5.5 mM D-glucose, pH 7.4 (KRPB-G) for 10 min at 37°C (4,6). After washing with Ca,Mg-free KRPB-G, the cells were suspended in the same medium. This treatment of macrophages caused a marked decrease in the intracellular concentration of  $Ca^{2+}$  from  $218 \pm 24$  to  $54 \pm 2$  nM, when estimated by the use of Fura-2 (4,7).

Guinea pig IgG1 and IgG2 antibodies to ovalbumin (OA) were specifically purified (4,8), and the OA complexes used were prepared by incubating the antibodies with OA at a molar antigen:antibody ratio of 0.1. Monoclonal anti- $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  antibody (VIA2 IgG1) was purified from ascites fluid of BALB/c mice injected intraperitoneally with hybridoma (VIA2) secreting the antibody. The Fab' of the antibody was prepared, as described in (1).

The following materials were obtained from the indicated sources: ferricytochrome  $c$  and superoxide dismutase (SOD) from Sigma Chemical Co., St Louis, MO; Ionomycin from Calbiochem-Behringer, La Jolla, CA; phorbol myristate acetate (PMA) from Seikagaku Kogyo Co., Tokyo, Japan; W-7 from Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Tokyo, Japan.

**Measurement of the  $O_2^-$ -generating responses:** The  $O_2^-$ -generating response triggered by  $Fc\gamma_2R$  was measured by stimulation of anti- $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  Fab'-treated macrophages with OA complex of IgG2 antibody ( $OA\gamma_2$ ) (4). For this purpose, macrophages ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells) were pre-incubated with 100  $\mu g$  of anti- $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  Fab' in 0.3 ml of KRPB-G for 1 hr at 4°C, and then stimulated with  $OA\gamma_2$ . The  $O_2^-$ -generating response triggered by  $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  was measured by stimulation of untreated macrophages with  $OA\gamma_1$  (4). These  $O_2^-$ -generating responses were determined by measuring the SOD-inhibitable reduction of ferricytochrome  $c$  in a Hitachi double beam recording spectrophotometer U-3200 (9). Sample and reference cuvettes contained anti- $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  Fab'-treated or untreated macrophages ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells) and 50 nmol of ferricytochrome  $c$  in 0.95 ml of KRPB-G. The reference cuvette also contained 50  $\mu g$  of SOD. The reaction was initiated by addition of 100  $\mu g$  of  $OA\gamma_2$  or  $OA\gamma_1$  in 0.05 ml of KRPB-G at 37°C. The difference spectrum was monitored at 550 nm, and the  $O_2^-$ -generating response was estimated by measuring an initial velocity of the SOD-inhibitable reduction of ferricytochrome  $c$ . When the  $O_2^-$  generation by  $Ca^{2+}$ -depleted macrophages was measured, KRPB-G was replaced by Ca,Mg-free KRPB-G (4). The  $O_2^-$ -generating response induced by PMA was determined by addition of PMA at a final concentration of 100 ng/ml; the procedures used for this purpose were the same as those described above.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In a previous paper (4), we reported that the  $O_2^-$ -generating response triggered by  $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  in guinea pig macrophages was lowered to 50% of a control level by depletion of the intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  by incubating the cells with Ionomycin and EGTA, differing from its  $Fc\gamma_2R$  counterpart.

Furthermore, the addition of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  to the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -depleted cells was found to recover completely the  $\text{O}_2^-$ -generating response triggered by  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$ . These findings suggest strongly that the triggering mechanisms of  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  and  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$  leading to the activation of the NADPH oxidase differ from each other, and also that  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  triggers the activation of the NADPH oxidase through two different signal-transduction processes which differ from each other in dependence upon the intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ .

To elucidate further these different signal-transduction processes, the effect of calmodulin antagonist W-7 (10-12) on the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation by stimulated macrophages was determined. When macrophages were stimulated with  $\text{OA}\gamma_1$ ,  $\text{OA}\gamma_2$  or PMA, 100  $\mu\text{M}$  W-7 abolished the  $\text{O}_2^-$ -generating responses. This effect of W-7 may be caused by inhibition of protein kinase C (13,14). However, it seems partly due to the cytotoxic action of W-7, since the same concentration of W-7 lowered the cell viability to 50%, when estimated by a trypan blue exclusion test (data not shown). A lower concentration of W-7 (5  $\mu\text{M}$ ), on the other hand, was found to inhibit by 50% the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation triggered by  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  without any effect on the cell viability, although it exhibited no inhibitory effect on the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation by macrophages stimulated through  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$  or with PMA (Fig.1). Furthermore, the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation by  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -depleted macrophages stimulated through  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  was also not inhibited at all with 5  $\mu\text{M}$  W-7. These results reveal that the  $\text{O}_2^-$ -generating response triggered by  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  proceeds through two different signal-transduction systems: the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -calmodulin system and the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -independent system. In contrast, that by  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$  seems to proceed through the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -independent system alone.

Staurosporine (15) is a powerful inhibitor of the respiratory burst induced by various stimulants (16-18). It, however, does not alter the  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation by cell-free preparations of the NADPH oxidase (18). We,

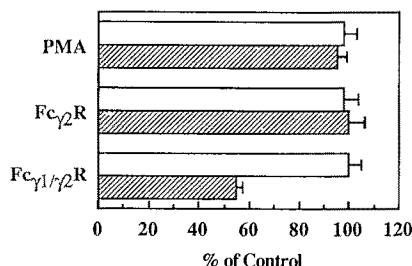


Fig.1. Effect of W-7 on the  $\text{O}_2^-$ -generating responses. Untreated ( hatched bars ) and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -depleted macrophages ( open bars ) were incubated with W-7 for 5 min at  $37^\circ\text{C}$ , and then stimulated by PMA, and through  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  and  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$ , as described in METHODS; the final concentration of W-7 added was 5  $\mu\text{M}$ . The results are expressed as percent of control values in the absence of W-7. Each value represents the mean  $\pm$  SEM. The control values obtained with untreated macrophages were 8.5, 1.2 and 2.4 nmol/min/ $10^6$  cells for the PMA-induced, and  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$ - and  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$ -triggered  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation, respectively, and their counterparts of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -depleted macrophages were 8.3, 0.6 and 2.4 nmol/min/ $10^6$  cells, respectively.

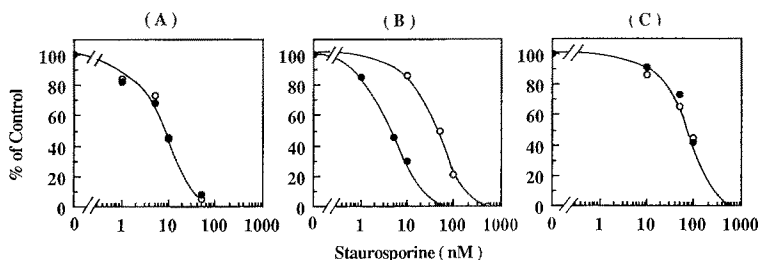


Fig.2. Inhibition of the  $O_2^-$ -generating responses with staurosporine. Untreated ( $\circ$ ) and  $Ca^{2+}$ -depleted ( $\bullet$ ) macrophages were incubated with various concentrations of staurosporine for 5 min at  $37^\circ C$ , and then stimulated by PMA (A), and through  $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  (B) and  $Fc\gamma_2R$  (C), as described in METHODS. The results are expressed as percent of control values in the absence of staurosporine. The control values obtained with untreated macrophages were 7.2, 0.79 and 2.2 nmol/min/ $10^6$  cells for the PMA-induced, and  $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$ - and  $Fc\gamma_2R$ - triggered  $O_2^-$  generation, respectively, and their counterparts of  $Ca^{2+}$ -depleted macrophages were 7.0, 0.38 and 2.5 nmol/min/ $10^6$  cells, respectively.

therefore, examined the effect of staurosporine on the  $O_2^-$ -generating responses triggered by the  $Fc\gamma Rs$ . The dose-inhibition curves obtained showed that all the  $O_2^-$ -generating responses examined were strongly inhibited with staurosporine, but to remarkably different extents (Fig.2). The  $IC_{50}$  values indicating concentrations of staurosporine causing 50% inhibition were 7.3, 49 and 80 nM for the responses induced by PMA and those triggered by  $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$  and  $Fc\gamma_2R$ , respectively (Table 1). Among these  $IC_{50}$  values, those for the responses induced by PMA and triggered by  $Fc\gamma_2R$  did not vary before and after the  $Ca^{2+}$  depletion. However, the  $IC_{50}$  value for the  $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$ -triggered response was markedly lowered from 49 to 4.7 nM by the  $Ca^{2+}$  depletion. This change suggests that two different signal-transduction systems coupled to  $Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$ , suggested by the experiments with W-7, differ from each other in susceptibility to the inhibitory activity of staurosporine. In the  $Ca^{2+}$ -depleted macrophages, the  $IC_{50}$  value obtained indicates that protein kinase C (19) may be involved in the signal-transduction system leading to the activation of the NADPH oxidase, as in the case of the PMA-induced system. Actually, we found that the  $Ca^{2+}$ -

Table 1.  $IC_{50}$  values of staurosporine on the  $O_2^-$ -generating responses

$O_2^-$ -generation	$IC_{50}$ ( nM )	
	Untreated cells	$Ca^{2+}$ -depleted cells
PMA-induced	$7.3 \pm 0.6$	$6.6 \pm 0.7$
$Fc\gamma_1/\gamma_2R$ -triggered	$49 \pm 3.3$	$4.7 \pm 0.8$
$Fc\gamma_2R$ -triggered	$80 \pm 0.9$	$83 \pm 1.5$

Each value was obtained from the results in Fig.2, and represents the mean  $\pm$  SEM.

depletion did not affect the phosphatidylinositol turnover triggered by  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  (20). The formation of diacylglycerol, therefore, may occur even in the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -depleted macrophages, resulting in the activation of protein kinase C. In another system, presumably the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -calmodulin system, operating in untreated macrophages, a certain protein kinase, which is less sensitive to staurosporine than is protein kinase C, may be involved, as staurosporine is known to inhibit not only protein kinase C but also other protein kinases (21). Some staurosporine-less sensitive protein kinase also seems to operate in the signal-transduction system linked to  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$ .

The results obtained so far in our laboratory had demonstrated the different abilities of  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$  and  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  to induce various functions of guinea pig macrophages;  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$  triggers the Ca mobilization (4),  $\text{O}_2^-$  generation (4) and phagocytosis of sensitized sheep erythrocytes (22) much more intensively than does  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$ , although the number of  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$  molecules per cell is one-half that of  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  (22). The phagocytosis of OA complexes of IgG antibodies, on the other hand, had been found to proceed more effectively through  $\text{Fc}\gamma_1/\gamma_2\text{R}$  than  $\text{Fc}\gamma_2\text{R}$  (23). Based on these differences, we proposed that the signal-transduction systems coupled to these  $\text{Fc}\gamma\text{Rs}$  may differ from each other. The results described in this paper support our proposition.

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