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Ni²⁺, A NEW INHIBITOR OF MITOCHONDRIAL CALCIUM TRANSPORT

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1. The effect of Ni²⁺ on respiration, volume changes and Ca²⁺ movements was investigated in rat liver mitochondria. 2. Ni²⁺ inhibited Ca²⁺ uptake into respiring mitochondria, Ca²⁺-stimulated respiration and swelling in Ca²⁺ salts, whereas it did not inhibit either state 4 and DNP-stimulated respiration, or swelling in K⁺ salt in the presence of valinomycin. 3. The inhibitory concentration of Ni²⁺ depended strongly on the applied Ca²⁺ concentration. As revealed by direct methods, 50% inhibition of Ca²⁺ influx was achieved by approx. 2-fold excess of Ni²⁺. 4. If added to Ca²⁺-loaded mitochondria, Ni²⁺ gave rise to slow Ca²⁺ release and inhibited uncoupler-induced efflux slightly. 5. It is concluded that Ni²⁺ is a potent inhibitor of mitochondrial Ca²⁺ transport. Ca²⁺ influx is far more sensitive to inhibition than Ca²⁺ efflux.

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- pp. 452-465, for 'direct continuous' read 'direct background'
- p. 461, left-hand column, line 7 from bottom, for '22' read '23'
- p. 462, right-hand column, line 31, omit ' $(1/\omega)$ '

line 32, for '10
$$\mu$$
M' read '(10/ ω) μ M'

p. 463, Eqn. A7 should read:

$$[Z] = [\tilde{Z}]_0 \cdot e^{-\sqrt{\omega/2D \cdot x}} \cos\left(\omega t - \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{2D}} \cdot x - \delta\right)$$

p. 463, right-hand column, line 21, the equation should read:

$$2\sqrt{\frac{D}{D_{\mathsf{g}}}}/\left(K\cdot\sqrt{\frac{D}{D_{\mathsf{g}}}}+1\right)$$

- p. 463, right-hand column, Eqn. A8, for '+ δ ' read '- δ '
 - line 7 from bottom, for '8' read 'A8'
- p. 464, right-hand column, line 5, for '3·10⁴' read '3·10⁵'
- p. 464, right-hand column, line 8, for $\sqrt{\omega}/2D \cdot l$ read $\sqrt{\omega/2D} \cdot l$

line 10, for
$$k_i/\sqrt{k_i^2 + \omega^2}$$
, read $k_i/\sqrt{k_i^2 + \omega^2}$,

line 21, for ' 10^{-8} ', read ' $0.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$ ',

line 23, for '104' read '105'

line 24, for '60' read '360'

p. 465, Ref. 23, for '(1981)' read '(1881)'