

## AMELIORATIVE EFFECT OF LIPOXIN A4 ON TESTICULAR DAMAGE INDUCED BY HIND LIMB ISCHEMIA/REPERFUSION INJURY IN RATS: ROLE OF HMGB-1

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### ABSTRACT:

**Background:** Hind limb ischemia/reperfusion injury (I/R) inducing testicular damage is a medical urgency that requires urgent intervention.

**Aim of the work:** to investigate involvement of HMGB1 and the effect of Lipoxin-A 4 (LX A4) on remote testicular injury caused by hind limb (I/R).

**Methods:** 45 adult male Wister rats were divided into 3 equal groups; sham-operated group, untreated hind limb (I/R) group and LX A4 pretreated hind limb (I/R) group. Malondialdehyde (MDA), catalase activity, nitrite/ nitrate, tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ), caspase-3 activity and high mobility group box-1 protein (HMGB-1) concentration and its relative mRNA expression were measured in testicular tissue. Serum level of free testosterone was also measured. Histopathological examination of testicular tissue was done as well as caspase-3 activity.

**Results:** The untreated hind limb (I/R) injury group showed significant increase in testicular MDA, nitrite/ nitrate, TNF- $\alpha$ , caspase-3, as well as relative mRNA expression and concentration of HMGB-1, with significant reduction of testicular catalase activity and serum free testosterone. These biochemical results were significantly reversed in LX A4 pretreated hind limb (I/R) group. In addition there was significant negative correlation between serum free testosterone level and either HMGB1 concentration and its relative mRNA expression, testicular MDA, nitrite/nitrate, TNF- $\alpha$  and caspase-3 activity and significant positive correlation with catalase activity. These results were corroborated by immunohistochemistry of caspase-3 and histopathological results of testicular tissue.

**Conclusion:** HMGB1 has a role in pathophysiology in I/R remote injury of testis and LX A4 may play an important ameliorative effect on it due to antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antiapoptotic effects and its ability to increase NO production

**Keywords:** Lipoxin A4, HMGB protein 1, hind limb ischemia/reperfusion, testis.

### Abbreviations

(LX A4) Lipoxin A 4, ischemia/reperfusion injury (I/R), malondialdehyde (MDA), tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ), high mobility group box-1 protein (HMGB-1), reactive oxygen species (ROS), NF- $\kappa$ B(nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells), NO (nitric oxide), inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS), toll-like receptors 4 (TLR-4), peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- $\gamma$  (PPAR $\gamma$ ), nuclear factor E2-related factor 2 (Nrf2), endothelial nitric oxide synthase (eNOS), interleukin -1  $\alpha$  ( IL-1 $\alpha$  ),

interleukin -10(IL-10), interleukin -6 ( IL-6), receptor for advanced glycation end products (RAGE), lipopolysaccharide (LPS) .

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

Hind limb (I/R) is a medical urgency may occur clinically after severe crush wounds, vascular injury, in obese diabetics who have compromised lower extremity perfusion or some orthopedically surgical techniques<sup>(1)</sup>. Tissue damage in the ischemic phase is due to energy deficiency and disturbance of cellular homeostasis, while the reperfusion phase induces inflammatory reactions implicating reactive oxygen species (ROS) with endothelial cells damage, leukocytic infiltration and apoptosis that may exacerbate local injury<sup>(2)</sup>. Skeletal muscle (I/R) is accompanied with systemic inflammatory reactions that have harmful effect on remote organs (liver, lung, kidney, heart and testis)<sup>(3)</sup>, however, the mechanism by which the local tissue damage induces distant organ failure is still unclear. HMGB-1 is a nuclear protein named for its high mobility that has intra-nuclear functions where it is concerned with nucleosome stabilization, control of genetic transcription and reconstruction and restoration of DNA. In addition, its extracellular function has been discovered where it acts as a pro inflammatory cytokine involved in the pathogenesis of different conditions including inflammatory and autoimmune diseases<sup>(4)</sup>. During hind limb I/R the damaged muscular cells as well as the inflamed vascular tissue massively release HMGB1 that may acts as a signaling molecule that is involved in pathophysiology of I/R<sup>(5)</sup>. Lipoxin A4 (LXA4) is an endogenous arachidonic acid derivative that is catalyzed by 15-lipoxygenase enzyme. LXA4 has potent anti-inflammatory effects by inhibition of neutrophil infiltration and activation, reducing the reactions of different cells to pathogenic stimuli and pro inflammatory cytokines and inhibits the release of pro inflammatory cytokines<sup>(6)</sup>. In addition, it inhibits the release of toxic

complexes as ROS and it has been documented that LXA4 could protect organs against apoptosis<sup>(7)</sup>. However available data about the effects of LX A4 on remote testicular injury caused by hind limb (I/R) and its effect on HMGB-1 as pro inflammatory mediator are limited.

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## **AIM OF THE WORK:**

So, the purpose of the present study was to study role of HMGB-1 in pathophysiology of hind limb (I/R), and to explore the role of LXA4 on testicular injury caused by hind limb (I/R) and its effect on HMGB-1.

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## **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

**Animals:** The present work was carried out on 45 males adult Wistar rats of local strain from animal house of Faculty of Science, Tanta University weighing 200-250 gm. Rats were housed in isolated cages in temperature-controlled animal room, on 12-hour light/ dark cycle with free access to water and standard chow [24% (% kcal) protein, 58% CHO, 18% fat]<sup>(8)</sup>

These animals were divided into 3 equal groups, each of 15 rats. All experiments were conducted in accordance with the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals<sup>(9)</sup>, and the experimental protocol was approved by ethical committee of Tanta University, Faculty of Medicine (2018).

**Chemicals:** All chemicals used unless otherwise noted were purchased from Sigma (St. Louis, MO, USA). Chemicals and solvents were of high analytical grade. Lipoxin A4 was obtained from Egyptian company of Biotech Industries (ECBI).

### **Experimental design:**

#### **Ischemia reperfusion injury model for hind limb:**

Under aseptic conditions, rats were anaesthetized with I.P. injection of

pentobarbital (50 mg/kg body weight). The lower limb ischemia–reperfusion method was done according to previous method reported by Takhtfooladi et al. 2015<sup>(10)</sup>. Hind limb I/R injury was induced by 2 h. ischemia of infra renal aorta, followed by 6 h. of reperfusion. Rats were divided into the following groups:

**Group I: Sham-operated:** rats were subjected to mid line laparotomy without vascular intervention and injected by a single dose of 1.0 ml normal saline into the caudal vein

**Group II: Untreated hind limb I/R:** were injected by a single dose of 1.0 ml normal saline into the caudal vein one hour before ischemia reperfusion injury for hind limb.

**Group III: Lipoxin A4-treated hind limb I/R:** were injected by a single dose of LXA4 10µg/ kg into the caudal vein 1 h before reperfusion injury for hind limb<sup>(11)</sup>.

**Blood samples collection:** At the end of the experiments rats were anaesthetized blood samples were collected by decapitation and distributed in dry sterile untreated centrifuge tubes. The blood was allowed to clot at room temperature. Tubes were centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 10 minutes, serum was separated and stored at -70 ° C until the time of analysis and kept in clean storage aliquots.

**Tissue homogenates:** Left testes were carefully dissected, weighed and divided into 2 parts; the first one was homogenized in volumes of ice-cold Tris–HCl buffer (50 mM, pH7.4), homogenization (homogenizer: IKA Ultra-Turrax t 25 Basic, Germany) was carried out for 2 minutes at 13,000 rpm. All procedures were performed at 4°C. The supernatants were frozen at -80C until analysis of different biochemical markers. The tissue protein concentrations were determined by the Lowery method<sup>(12)</sup>. The second part was stored at -80 ° C till used for gene expression analysis. The right testes

was preserved in 4% buffered para-formaldehyde for histopathological and immunohistochemical examination

#### **Biochemical assays:**

**Testicular malondialdehyde (MDA):** testicular lipid peroxidation (MDA) was assayed by measuring the thiobarbituric acid reactive substance by colorimetric method<sup>(13)</sup>.

**Testicular catalase activity:** Catalase activity was determined as described by Sözmen et al., 2001<sup>(14)</sup>

**Testicular total nitrite/nitrate:** by colorimetric method as described by Miranda et al., 2001<sup>(15)</sup>.

**Testicular tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF-α):** by commercial sandwich enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) kit<sup>(16)</sup>

**Testicular HMGB-1 levels** by ELISA kit (Catalog#YHB1553Hu; Shanghai YH Biosearch Laboratory, Shanghai, China) according to manufacturers' protocol

**Testicular caspase-3 activity:** The assay was performed according to Slee et al.,<sup>(17)</sup>. Caspase-3 activity was expressed as U/mg protein.

**Serum free testosterone levels:** by commercial ELISA kit according to Morely et al.<sup>(18)</sup>

#### **Quantitative measurement of HMGB-1 mRNA expression in testicular tissues by quantitative real-time reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR):**

According to the manufacturer's instructions, total RNA was extracted from testicular tissue samples by R Neasy Mini Kit (Roche Diagnostics, GmbH, Mannheim, Germany). The Super-Script II (Invitrogen) was used to reverse-transcribe the RNA to cDNA and the target genes were amplified using Power SYBR Green PCR Master Mix reagent (Applied Biosystems). The primer

sequences for HMGB-1 and  $\beta$ -actin used in the study were as follows:

HMGB-1; forward:

5'-TGATTAATGAATGAGTTCGGGC-3';  
reverse: 5'-TGCTCAGGAACTTGACTGTTT-3'  
(according to gene bank accession No: NM\_002128.4).  $\beta$ -actin; forward: 5'-CCATTGAACACGGCATTG-3'; reverse: 5'-GAAGGAAGGCTGGAAGAG-3'  
(according to gene bank accession No: NM\_001101.3). The amplification was performed in real-time PCR system (Applied Biosystems), and PCR cycles were used as follows: an initial denaturation at 94 °C for 5 min, 27 cycles of denaturation at 94 °C for 30 s, annealing at 59 °C for 30 s, and extension at 72 °C for 10 minutes. The determination of the relative levels of gene expression was performed using the cycle threshold ( $\Delta\Delta C_t$ ) method and normalized to the  $\beta$ -actin gene, which was not altered by the experimental conditions<sup>(19)</sup>.

**Immunohistochemical determination of caspase-3 activity:** by incubation of sections of right testes with monoclonal antibodies against caspase-3 according to the method described by (Kim et al. 2007)<sup>(20)</sup> Results were scored semi-quantitatively as each section was carefully examined under high power of light microscope for nuclear immunostaining (brown colored) and categorized according to the percentage ratio of immunostained nuclei to total nuclei as follows:

Score 1: No nuclear staining (negative).

Score 2: 1-9% of cells positive for caspase-3.

Score 3: >10% of cells positive for caspase-3.

#### **Histopathological examination:**

Sections of right testes were fixed in bouin's fixation for 6 hours, then washed and stored in 50% ethyl alcohol until processing and embedded in paraffin wax, then 4  $\mu$ m thickness serial sections were cut and stained by hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) following standard techniques.

#### **Statistical analysis:**

All values were expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD. Data were statistically analyzed using one-way ANOVA for multiple group comparisons, followed by Scheffe (F) test for comparison between individual groups. Significance was set at ( $P \leq 0.05$ ). Pearson correlation coefficient was done using SPSS computer program version 15.

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## **RESULTS**

Two hours clamping to infra-renal aorta followed by 6 hours reperfusion (group II) produced significant increase in testicular MDA, nitrite/nitrate (figures 1 and 2), TNF- $\alpha$ , caspase-3 activity, testicular level of HMGB-1 and relative mRNA expression of HMGB-1 as shown in (table 1) with significant decrease of testicular catalase activity (figure 3) and serum free testosterone (table 1) when compared to group I ( $P \leq 0.05$ ).

Interestingly, the LXA4 pretreated I/R group (group III) show statistically significant decrease of testicular MDA, nitrite/nitrate (figures 1 and 2). TNF- $\alpha$ , caspase-3 activity, testicular level of HMGB-1 and relative expression of HGMB-1 (table 1) with significant increase of testicular catalase activity (figure 3) and serum free testosterone (table 1) when compared to group II ( $P \leq 0.05$ ).

From table (2): There was significant negative correlation between serum free testosterone level and either HMGB1 testicular level and its relative mRNA expression, testicular MDA, nitrite/nitrate, TNF- $\alpha$  or caspase-3 activity and significant positive correlation with catalase activity ( $P < 0.05$ ) both in group II and group III.

**Immunohistochemistry results revealed that** 2 hours clamping to infra-renal aorta followed by 6 hours reperfusion (group II), induced more than 10% of apoptotic cells

positive for caspase-3 when compared to the sham-operated group (group I) as shown in Fig. 4 (A and B). However, LXA4 pretreated I/R group (group III) showed significant reduction in number of apoptotic cells positive for caspase-3 to less than 10% (score-2) as shown in fig. (4C).

**Histopathological results:**

Sham-operated group (group I): showed normal testicular architecture as regard basement membrane of seminiferous tubules, basal spermatogonia and different stages of spermatogenesis up to mature sperms in the lumen of the tubules and

normal population of sertoli cells. However, there are mildly congested interstitial blood vessels (Fig.5A). Untreated hind limb I/R group (group II): animals showed severe congestion and edema, thick basement membrane loss of cohesion of spermatogenic cells with sequestration of spermatocytes and hyalinization of sequestered cells in the lumen of the tubules (Fig. 5B). LXA4-pretreated hind limb I/R group (group III): showed mild congestion with minimal edema, mild thickening of basement membrane and mild loss of cohesion of spermatogenic cells but no sequestration or hyalinization (Fig. 5C).

Table (1): Testicular levels of TNF- $\alpha$ , caspase-3, HMGB-1 and its testicular mRNA relative expression and serum free testosterone among studied group

Parameters	GI Sham-operated group (n=15)	GII untreated hind limb I/R (n=15)	GIII Lipoxin A4treated group (n=15)
Testicular TNF- $\alpha$ (pg/mg protein)	28.62 $\pm$ 5.31	60.08 $\pm$ 6.22 <sup>a</sup>	33.82 $\pm$ 5.15 <sup>b</sup>
Testicular caspase-3 activity (U/mg protein)	0.045 $\pm$ 0.003	0.059 $\pm$ 0.002 <sup>a</sup>	0.048 $\pm$ 0.003 <sup>b</sup>
Testicular HMGB-1 mRNA relative expression	0.56 $\pm$ 0.368	1.58 $\pm$ 0.499 <sup>a</sup>	0.71 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>b</sup>
Testicular HMGB-1 (pg/mg protein)	5.32 $\pm$ 1.82	14.53 $\pm$ 1.54 <sup>a</sup>	5.92 $\pm$ 1.67 <sup>b</sup>
Serum free testosterone (ng/ml)	5.42 $\pm$ 0.45	2.67 $\pm$ 0.33 <sup>a</sup>	5.02 $\pm$ 0.46 <sup>b</sup>

TNF- $\alpha$ : tumor necrosis factor alpha, HMGB-1: high mobility group box-1 protein. n=number of rats  
Data are given as mean  $\pm$  SD. <sup>a</sup>: P < 0.05 group II vs. group I and <sup>b</sup>: P < 0.05 group III vs. group II.

Table (2): Correlation between serum free testosterone and other studied parameters in group II & group III

Parameters	Serum free testosterone (ng/ml)			
	Group II (n=15)		Group III (n=15)	
	r-value	p-value	r-value	p-value
Testicular MDA (nmol/mg protein)	-0.731	0.016*	-0.849	0.002*
Testicular catalase activity (U/mg protein)	0.685	0.029*	0.689	0.028*
Testicular nitrite /nitrate ( $\mu$ mol/mg protein)	-0.825	0.003*	-0.634	0.049*
Testicular TNF- $\alpha$ (pg/mg protein)	-0.679	0.031*	-0.636	0.048*
Testicular caspase-3 activity (U/mg protein)	-0.822	0.004*	-0.710	0.019*
Testicular HMGB-1 mRNA relative expression	-0.678	0.032*	-0.699	0.039*
testicular HMGB-1 (pg/mg protein)	-0.710	0.021*	-0.679	0.031*

Data are given as mean  $\pm$  SD. \* Statistically significant at p<0.05.

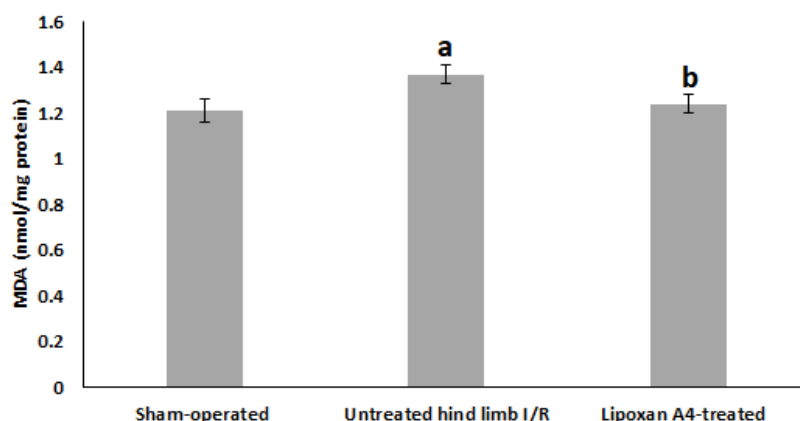


Figure (1): Testicular MDA levels among studied groups. Data are given as mean  $\pm$  SD.<sup>a</sup>:P<0.05 group II versus group I and <sup>b</sup>:P < 0.05 groupIII versus group II.

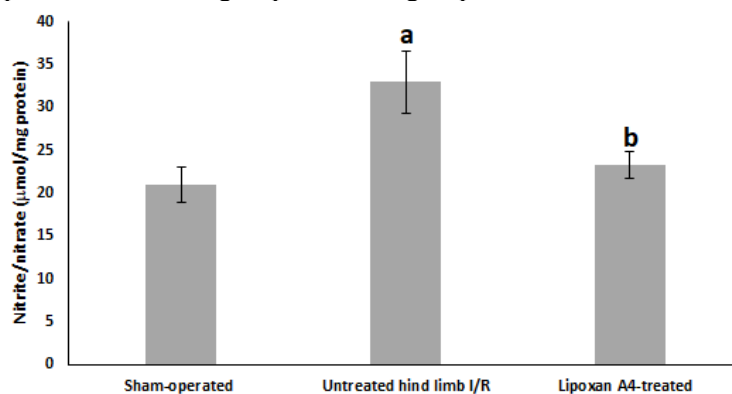


Figure (2): Testicular nitrite/nitrate levels among studied groups. Data are given as mean  $\pm$  SD.<sup>a</sup>:P< 0.05 group II versus group I and <sup>b</sup>:P < 0.05 group III versus group II.

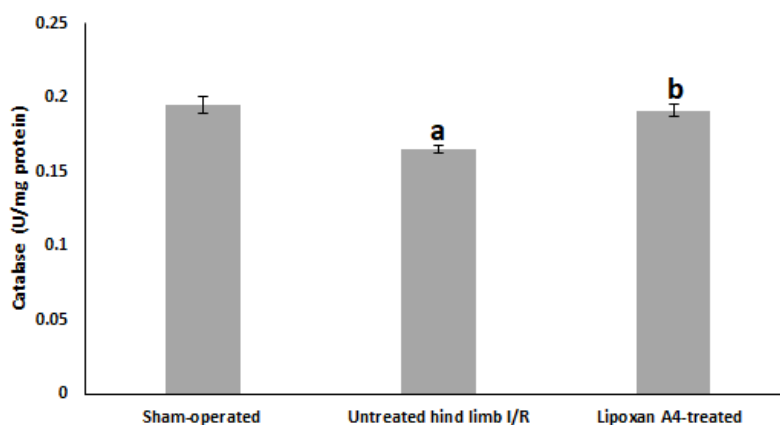


Figure (3): Testicular catalase activity among studied groups. Data are given as mean  $\pm$  SD.<sup>a</sup>: P< 0.05 group II versus group I and <sup>b</sup>:P < 0.05 group III versus group II.



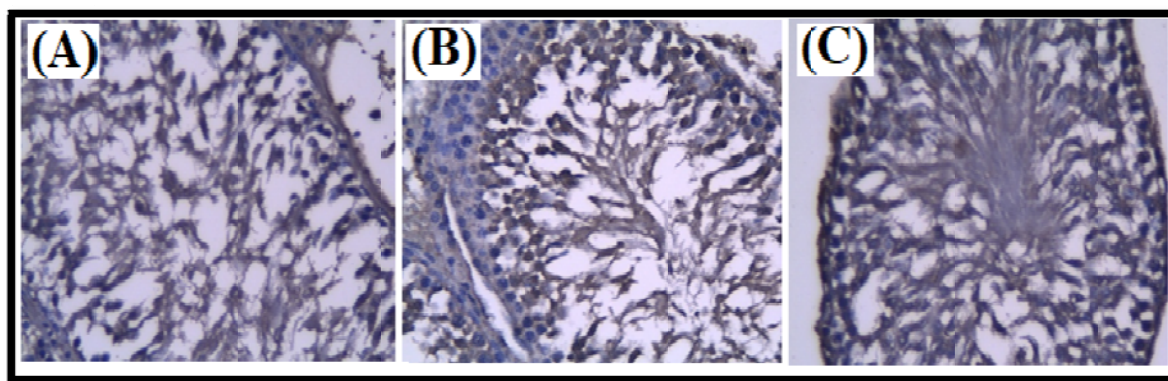


Figure (4): (A) Sham-operated group (group I), immunoreactivity of testicular section showing negative for caspase-3 (score-1: no apoptotic cells). (B) >10% of cells positive for caspase-3 (Score-3), as showed by immunoreactivity of testicular section of animals subjected to hind limb I/R (group II). (C) <10% of cells positive for caspase-3 (score-2) as showed by immunoreactivity of testicular section of LPXA4- pretreated hind limb I/R group (group III), Pap stain x400.

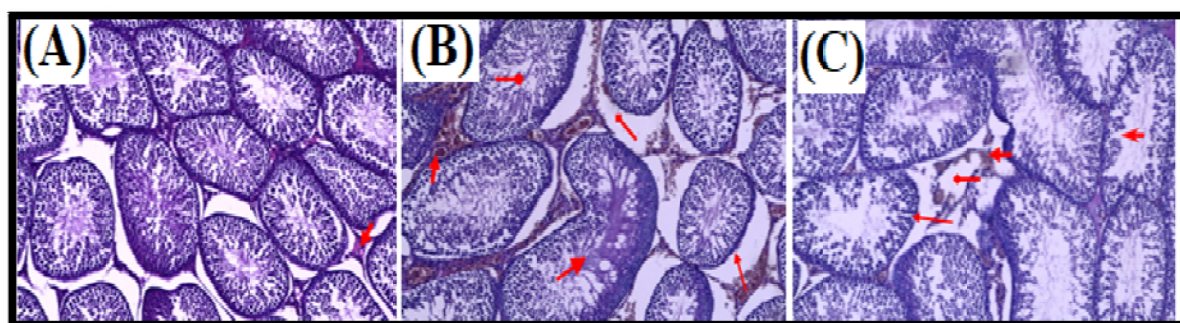


Figure (5): (A) Normal testicular architecture and slightly congested vessels of testicular section of (group I).(B) Red arrows point to severe congestion, severe edema, thick basement membrane (BM) with focal loss of cohesions of spermatogenic cells, sequestered spermatogenic cells in the lumen and hyalinization (group II).(C) Red arrows point to mild congestion of interstitial vessels, minimal edema, mild thickening of (BM) and mild loss of cohesions of spermatogenic cells (group III). All figures (H&E x 125).

## DISCUSSION:

This study revealed that hind limb I/R results in impairment of testicular function with accompanied oxidative stress, inflammatory reactions and apoptosis. Significant increase in MDA in untreated hind limb I/R group could be explained as prolonged ischemia leads to oxidation of ATP with production of hypoxanthine as a breakdown product. This oxidation results in conversion of molecular oxygen into highly reactive superoxide and hydroxyl radicals. On reperfusion, oxygen required for change of hypoxanthine to uric acid becomes available resulting in generation of large

number of free radicals which results in lipid peroxidation in the cell and mitochondrial membranes leading to disturbance of cellular integrity<sup>(21)</sup>. Sperms are highly sensitive to lipid peroxidation because of high content of polyunsaturated fatty acids in their plasma membranes<sup>(22)</sup>. Oxidative damage occurs when the endogenous stores of antioxidant enzymes become unable to handle with the excessive number of reactive oxygen species generated after I/R resulting in pathological damage in sperm membranes, proteins and DNA<sup>(23)</sup>.

Ischemic lesion aggregates conversion of NO (nitric oxide) to nitrite by

deoxyhemoglobin and deoxymyoglobin components of mitochondrial electron transport chain<sup>(24)</sup> as well as, by enzymatic reduction by xanthine oxidoreductase<sup>(25)</sup>. Many cells such as endothelial cells, phagocytic cells and sertoli cells are capable of NO release, where NO can easily react with superoxide ion to produce peroxynitrite which can react with enzymes thiol esters and glutathione. These nitrating agents may have strong inhibitory potential on the spermatozoa mitochondrial functions also have strong vasodilator effect<sup>(26)</sup>. NO especially via inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS), can activate many inducible intracellular pathways like NF- $\kappa$ B which leads to cellular apoptosis<sup>(27)</sup>. The increase in cytokine production like TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 and IL-6 during inflammatory and hypoxic condition may be responsible for the increased NO production<sup>(28)</sup>.

The blood cells especially neutrophils and macrophages recruited during reperfusion resulting in release a host of oxygen free radicals and inflammatory cytokines that induce testicular tissue damage and apoptosis which is crucially dependent on the activation of certain intracellular proteases, called caspases, typically activated in a cascade fashion<sup>(29)</sup>. Hyman and Yuan (2012)<sup>(30)</sup> stated that, the increase in caspase-3 during ischemia is responsible for tissue damage and selective caspase-3 inhibitor gives protection of tissues against ischemic insult. HMGB-1 is mainly located in the nuclei of most cells. HMGB-1 can also be released from the nucleus into the cytoplasm and extracellular matrix by two processes, either passive release from damaged and necrotic cells or by active secretion if the cells are stimulated by inflammatory mediators or by immune cells<sup>(5)</sup>. This can explain significant increase in HMGB-1 serum levels and tissue expression in hind limb ischemia reperfusion group, where excessive release of inflammatory cytokines as TNF- $\alpha$  in addition to excessive peroxynitrite formation

as a result of reaction between NO and ROS. This explanation is supported by previous study that described excessive release of HMGB-1 by hypoxic tissue in I/R injury of the heart secondary to the stimulatory effect of peroxynitrite on HMGB-1 secretion<sup>(31)</sup>. In addition extracellular HMGB-1 acts as a proinflammatory cytokine that mediates the inflammatory response to injury via activation of cytokines and some receptors, including toll-like receptors 4 (TLR-4) as well as induction of NF- $\kappa$ B signaling pathway<sup>(4)</sup>. The significant decrease in free serum testosterone and its negative correlation with inflammatory, oxidative stress apoptotic markers after ischemia reperfusion injury can be explained by loss of capacity of Leydig cells for steroidogenesis, as they suffer from apoptosis as well as oxidative damage during reperfusion leading to lipid peroxidation, protein denaturation and DNA damage<sup>(32)</sup>.

Lipoxin A4 treated group showed significant reversal of all measured parameters in comparison to the untreated I/R group. The antioxidant effect of LXA4 is evidenced by decreased MDA and increased catalase activity, this antioxidant effect can be explained by its ability for induction of hemeoxygenase-1 enzyme which is an important member of cellular defense mechanism against oxidative stress and peroxisome proliferator activated receptor- $\gamma$  (PPAR $\gamma$ ) that has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects, also LXA4 enhances the production of nuclear factor E2-related factor 2 (Nrf2) and improves its nuclear translocation. Nrf2 is a potent endogenous intracellular defense against cytotoxic effect of oxidative stress<sup>(33)</sup>. The current study reported the ability of LXA4 to decrease nitrite/nitrate ratio. Effect of Lipoxin A4 on nitric oxide production is controversial, previous study reported that LXA4 increased the production of NO from both endothelial nitric oxide synthase (eNOS) and iNOS<sup>(34)</sup> while, another study reported decreased NO



production by LXA4 due to its ability to suppress interleukin -1  $\alpha$  (IL-1 $\alpha$ ) induced production of NO<sup>(35)</sup>. The anti-inflammatory effect of Lipoxin A4 may be mediated through its inhibitory effect on expression of nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells (NF- $\kappa$ B)<sup>(6)</sup>, which is primary regulator of gene expression for many inflammatory cytokines and is activated during I /R injury. LXA4 also increases expression of the protective cytokine interleukin 10(IL-10) which has inhibitory effects on TNF- $\alpha$ , interleukin 1(IL-1) and interleukin 6(IL-6)<sup>(36)</sup>.

Previous studies have shown that the secretory mechanism of HMGB1 is mediated by the regulation of acetylation of HMGB1<sup>(37)</sup>. LXA4 inhibits the acetylation and expression of HMGB1 upon activation by lipopolysaccharide (LPS), also it has been reported that LXA4 affected the levels of TLR4 and receptor for advanced glycation end products (RAGE)<sup>(38)</sup> These reduce the interaction between HMGB1 and RAGE that is involved in the process of inflammation via activation of extracellular signal-regulated kinases (ERK1/2) and NF- $\kappa$ B signaling pathways. More interestingly LXA4 treatment directly reduced the phosphorylation of (ERK1/2) and nuclear NF- $\kappa$ B pathway<sup>(39)</sup>. The anti-apoptotic effect of LXA4 could be explained by its ability to increase expression of B-cell lymphoma leukemia gene 2 (Bcl-2), an anti-apoptotic protein that prevents mitochondrial depolarization and the molecular chaperone heat shock protein 70 (HSP-70) in I/R models<sup>(11)</sup>. It inhibits the apoptosis induced by LPS via activation of the PI3K/Akt and ERK/Nrf-2 pathways; in addition, LXA4 inhibited the release of mitochondrial mediators of apoptosis and the activation of caspases<sup>(40)</sup>. Also, the anti-apoptotic effect of LXA4 is enhanced by its rapid and efficient antioxidant effect<sup>(7)</sup> accordingly, serum free testosterone showed significant increases in LXA4 treated group via its anti-

inflammatory, antioxidant, anti-apoptotic and its ability to increase NO production

#### **Conclusion:**

LXA4 treatment can be used as a novel therapeutic approach in I/R of testis with its evident protective effect to ameliorate the injurious effect of hind limb I/R and to decrease rate of surgical resection of the ischemic testis. This improvement in LXA4-treated I/R may be explained its antioxidant, anti-inflammatory with its ability to reduce expression of HMGB1, antiapoptotic effects and its ability to increase NO production. However, its use requires additional basic research in different species.

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## التأثير التحليلي لليوكسين أ-٤ على ضرر الخصية الناجم عن إصابة في الأطراف الخلفية بالإسكيمية واعادة ضخ الدم في الفئران

**الخلفية:** إصابات الساق الخلفية ناتجة عن نقص التروية / ضخ الدم مما يؤدي إلى ضرر الخصية هو ضرر طبي يتطلب التدخل العاجل

**الهدف من العمل:** لدراسة تأثير ليوكسين أ-٤ على إصابة الخصية عن بعد الناجمة عن نقص تروية أطرافهم الخلفية و ضخه من الفئران.

**الطرق:** خمسة وأربعون من الذكور البالغين الفئران وستر منقسم إلى ٣ مجموعات متساوية. مجموعة اجرت عملية جراحية زائفة المجموعة غير المعالجة التي اجري لها نقص تروية واعادة ضخ الدم لا طرفهم والمجموعة التي عولجيت بعقار ليوكسين أ-٤ قبل نقص تروية واعادة ضخ الدم لا طرفهم في جميع المجموعات تم قياس : مالونداهيد، نشاط الكاتلاز ، النتريت / النترات ، عامل نخر الورم- ألفا ، نشاط كاسباس -٣ وتركيز بروتين بوكس -١ عالية الحركة وتعبيره النسبي في الحمض النووي الريبي تم قياسها في أنسجة الخصية وتم قياس هرمون التيستسترون في المصل . تم إجراء فحص نسيج الأنسجة الخصية لجميع المجموعات وكذلك نشاط كاسباس -٣ immunohistochemistry

**النتائج :** أظهرت النتائج ان المجموعه غير المعالجة التي اجري لها نقص تروية واعادة ضخ الدم لا طرفهم مقارنة بمجموعة التحكم بها زيادة كبيرة كما في مالونداهيد الخصية، النتريت / النترات ، عامل نخر الورم- ألفا ، وكاسباس -٣ ، فضلا عن التعبير النسبي في الحمض النووي الريبي وتركيز بروتين بوكس -١ عالية الحركة ومع ذلك ، لوحظ انخفاض كبير في نشاط الكاتلاز الخصية وهرمون التستوستيرون الحر في المصل. وهذه النتائج البيوكيميائية عكس بشكل كبير في المجموعه التي عولجيت بعقار ليوكسين أ-٤ قبل نقص تروية واعادة ضخ الدم لا طرفهم بالإضافة إلى ذلك ، كان هناك ارتباط سلبي كبير بين مستوى هرمون التستوستيرون الحر في المصل وبين تركيز بروتين بوكس -١ عالية الحركة في مستويات الخصية وتعبيره النسبي في الحمض النووي الريبي وتركيز المالنونداهيد في الخصيتين، النتريت / النترات ، نشاط عامل نخر الورم- ألفا وكاسباس -٣ والعلاقة الإيجابية الكبيرة مع نشاط الكاتلاز وقد تأكدت هذه النتائج وفقا للمناعية من كاسباس ٣ والنتائج المرضية في أنسجة الخصية في كل المجموعات.

**الخلاصة:** من هذه النتائج ، يمكننا أن نستنتج أن ليوكسين أ-٤ قد تلعب دوراً نافعاً هاماً في الإصابات عن بعد من نقص التروية/ضخ من الخصية ويمكن استخدامها كنهج علاجي جديد بالاقتران مع الإصلاح الجراحي لتقليل معدل الاستئصال الجراحي

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