The status of extracellular antimicrobial potential of phagocytes genitals of cats

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This article shows the results of the experimental researches in the cellular link of local immune protection of cats' genitals. Due to the urgency of the problem the aim of our study was to investigate the functional state of the phagocytic cells and to explore and interpret their role in the formation of the antimicrobial potential of homeostasis in the system of local immunity of the cats' reproductive organs. Cytological research determined the antimicrobial reactive Oxygen-dependent mechanism for the protection of neutrophil granulocytes in reaction with NBT.

It was found out, that the antimicrobial potential of phagocyte cells actively realizes via Oxygen dependent protection mechanisms. The total number of NBT + phagocytic cells in the investigated micropreparations was 21.35 ± 0.86%. Cytological reactivity of primary phagocytic cells was shown on the I and II level, which reflects the full manifestation of the phagocytic defense. The activated phagocytes have also shown the active adhesion and phagocytosis of epithelial cells and of apoptosial macrophages, which is also one of the signs of the maintenance of cellular homeostasis. The interpretation of the results was done according to the outcomes of the research and the conclusions and recommendations on the application of cytological studies in a comprehensive assessment of the antimicrobial potential of phagocytic cells and for predicting clinical evaluation of reproductive diseases in small animals were developed.

It is recommended to perform cytochemical studies during complex testing of the local immune protection of the reproductive organs of animals, which will allow to objectively assess the state of cellular immunity, diagnose subclinical manifestation of reproductive pathology and predict the risk of complications.

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Sustainable Extracellular Antimicrobial Potential of Phagocytes in Cat Sex Organs

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In our study, we investigated the functional state of cat reproductive organs and the immune defense and of the interaction of immunocompetent cells (Ignacio et al., 2005; Michael, 2012).

The local immune protection system of animal breeding has complicated ontogenetic development, which is clearly subordinated to the genetic determination and neurohumoral mechanisms of regulation (Yablonsky et al., 2004; Kjelgaard-Hansen et al., 2007). The modern scientific publications show more data on the role of phagocytes in the induction of cytokines, peptides fusion, mediators and other biologically active substances, which take part in the formation of immune homeostasis as well as in triggering the inflammatory response cascade (Jursza-Piotrowska et al., 2016). Today, the central object of research are mechanisms for the implementation of the antimicrobial protection of phagocytic cells (urinary antimicrobial compounds, the formation of the protective traps and so on). Scientists are increasingly interested in the study of regulatory factors of functional state of phagocytes (William et al., 2012, Zhelavskyi et al., 2016).

According to many researchers, the origin and development of the reproductive pathology (vaginitis, endometritis, pyometra) often occur because of immunological disorders (Batista-Arteaga et al., 2007; Payan-Carreira et al., 2015; Zhelavskyi et al., 2016).

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Material and methods

Clinical and experimental studies were carried out on 2 to 8 years old cats of various breeds. Laboratory studies were done in a specialized laboratory of animal reproduction in Podillya State Agrarian and Engineering University. The laboratory was founded by the doctor of biological sciences, professor, corresponding member of NAAS of Ukraine Yablonsky V. Immunological study determined cellular structure and functional state of the phagocytic cells. Cytochemical research determined the antimicrobial reactive Oxygen-dependent mechanism for the protection of neutrophil granulocytes in reaction with nitro blue tetrazolium (NBT +) using our own patented method (Zhelavskyi et al., 2016). At the same time we have determined the total percentage of reactive phagocytes (NBT +) index activation of phagocytic reactivity of neutrophils (IAN), cytological index of reactivity of the antimicrobial potential of cells (CLI). During the processing of biometric data set we were using the statistical software Statistica v.10.
Results and discussion

Cytological studies have determined that the cellular composition of the vaginal mucosa in the metestrus stage was mainly represented by intermediaries (Pic. 1) and parabasal epithelial cells. In the microscope slide cyto-gramme the overall share of neutrophils was 14.70 ± 0.68%. Neutrophilic granulocytes were localized either singly or in groups and had a clear-cut segmented nucleus and cytoplasm (Pic. 2).

It is known that neutrophil granulocytes are able to activate the cellular part of the immune defense (Th1, Th2), as well as to coordinate the interaction of humoral and cellular immunity.

Neutrophils are located in the peripheral bloodstream only for 6 – 10 hours, and then get into the tissue where they perform their effector function (Kjelgaard-Hansen et al., 2012; William et al., 2012). Priming phagocytic cells are capable of destroying pathogenic agents both in the immediate attack (killing) as well as by absorption and digestion. Phagocytes are also able to realize its function by activating metabolic reactivity, followed by the extracellular release of antimicrobial compounds. This phenomenon has been called in the scientific literature as a respiratory burst. In the phagocytes occurs biochemical activation of the hexose monophosphate shunt and NADPH oxidase of phagosome cell. This metabolic reaction occurs against the backdrop of increasing (in ten times) consumption of cell glucose and oxygen. NADPH oxidase converts O₂ – superoxide anion (O₂⁻).

Furthermore, with the participation of superoxide dismutase other active forms of oxygen are produced (H₂O₂, •OH, O₂ et al.) that are released by phagocyte into extracellular space. All this is accompanied by the launch of a cascade of other immune-biological reactions: there is an active synthesis of chemotactic peptides, the IL is being induced and others (Michael, J., 2012; Jursza-Piotrowska, E. et al., 2016). It was determined by cytochemical studies of oxygen-phagocytic mechanism of protection of mucosal cells in the reaction of NBT that phagocytes take an active part in the implementation of anti-microbial protection. The granules of diformasane were clearly visualized in the cytoplasm of reactive phagocytes. The total count of NBT + phagocytic cells in the investigated micropreparations was 21.35 ± 0.86% (Pic. 3).
It was also determined that the intensity of antimicrobial potential of priming neutrophils appears mainly on the of I and II reactivity levels, which can clearly be seen in the graph (Pic. 4).

Statistical studies also identified a positive correlation \( r = 4.42, P < 0.001 \) between the cytological index and the number of macrophages with activated cytotoxic (antimicrobial) potential. All this indicates a partial activation of phagocytic cells and their incomplete primarization.

Recently, researchers are increasingly interested in the role of phagocytic cells in the formation of microbiocenosis and regulation of cellular homeostasis (Michael, 2012, Jursza-Piotrowska et al., 2016; Zhelavskyi et al., 2016). Reactive phagocytic cells have been often identified in our experiments, which carried out adhesion of epithelial cells and apoptotic neutrophils. We assume that phagocytes are involved not only in antimicrobial defense, but also involved in the formation of cellular homeostasis of mucosal tissues. This phenomenon leads us to the hypothesis that the functional state of neutrophils and epithelial cells, as well as the regulation of their apoptosis can be regulated by immunocompetent cells (under the influence of antitumorogenic phenomena). This leads us to the hypothesis that the functional state of neutrophils and epithelial cells is mainly dominated. Cellular link of local security of the nonspecific immunity is presented by phagocytes. The total number of neutrophils in cytogramme is \( 14.70 \pm 0.68\% \). The intensity of the antimicrobial potential of priming neutrophils is found in the I and II levels of cytological reactivity.

3. It is recommended to perform cytochemical studies during complex testing of the local immune protection of the reproductive organs of animals, which will allow to objectively assess the state of cellular immunity, diagnose subclinical manifestation of reproductive pathology and predict the risk of complications.

Conclusions

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Prospects for further research. Further research will be used to study the diagnostic criteria of reproductive pathology in cats.

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