Magnetite nanoparticles yield a significant bacteriostatic effect on microorganisms in relation to free radical lipid peroxidation

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Abstract
The influence of basic physical factors caused by magnetite nanoparticles (constant magnetic field and sorption) on microorganisms by examining the reactions of the intensity of free radical lipid peroxidation (FRLP) and bacteriostatic action was studied. It was well established that the magnetite nanoparticles caused unequal reaction in intensity of FRLP on different groups of microorganisms. It was determined that the most significant factor that influenced on the ultimate indicator of the intensity of luminescence on Candida albicans, Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa was constant magnetic field which induced by nanoparticles. On the contrary, sorption was the most significant factor on staphylococcus aureus. It was found that the rate of consumption of free radicals lipid reduced reliably on all microorganisms after their processing by magnetite nanoparticles. The results of microbiological studies of Escherichia coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae and Staphylococcus aureus showed that bacteriostatic effect was detected after exposure by magnetite nanoparticles. Visually, it was detected by decreasing the number of colonies on the nutritive medium in comparison with the control. It was revealed an interesting fact that physiological salt solution (saline NaCl), which had previously been processed by magnetite nanoparticles also significantly had a marked bacteriostatic effect on the studied microorganisms. This effect could be explained by mechanism of change the polarization structure water of microorganisms by magnetite nanoparticles. It was discovered that degree of expression of bacteriostatic action which induced by magnetite nanoparticles had correlation with marks of reactions intensity of FRLP. Maximum bacteriostatic effect on staphylococcus aureus was expressed in second variant application of magnetite nanoparticles where mechanism of sorption was more significant than action of the magnetic field. On the contrary, maximum bacteriostatic effect on Escherichia coli and Klebsiella pneumoniae was revealed in third variant, where time exposition of contact with microorganisms nanoparticles and, consequently, action of a constant magnetic field was determinative.

Introductions
Today the world’s attention is locked on the problem of bacterial resistant to antibiotics – one of the most serious threats to humanity. Chief Medical Officer, Dame Sally Davies, warned that if this problem didn’t solved than in 20 years’ time even minor surgery might lead to death through untreatable infection. In Britain, in spite of greatly reducing hospital infections from bugs such as MRSA (methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus) and clostridium difficile to the levels of 10 years ago – falling by 80 per cent – they were being replaced by opportunistic bacteria such as Escherichia coli and Klebsiella pneumoniae, which became one of the most frequent agents of nosocomial infections. About 5.000 patients a year in the UK died from bloodstream infections, half of them caused by drug-resistant organisms. Antimicrobial resistance is a ticking time-bomb not only for the UK but also for the whole world. Many experts believe that in the future all antibiotics would become useless and humanity had to refuse of taking them [1]. Even now, the numbers of new antibiotics have been reduced dramatically. Antibiotic resistance leads to cases when people get sick for a long time, and increases vital infections. Resistant microorganisms also lead to increasing spends of medical aid because of a prolonged stay in the clinics and this situation requires treatment that is more intensive. The development of new antibacterial medicines based on nanoparticles is one of the real ways to solve this problem. The first scientific publications on the investigation influence of magnetite nanoparticles on microorganisms appeared in 1998. Reliable information about the bacteriostatic effect of magnetite nanoparticles to certain pathogens was represented. Also, it was discovered that magnetite nanoparticles significantly increase the sensitivity of pathogens to antibacterial medications [2]. Action of nanoparticles and nanocapsules on microorganisms was tested before. The bacteriostatic and bactericidal effects of nanoparticles were confirmed [3-5]. Furthermore, an example of studying human erythrocytes showed that the magnetite nanoparticles altered reliably the polarizable structure of the water sector of cell microenvironment and as a result their permeability [6].

Thus, analysis of above-mentioned dates could give us the opportunity of highly optimistic talking about the future development of a new direction – elaboration of antibiotic medications based on magnetite nanoparticles. The mechanism of their action will be associated with changes of physical factors of the cell existence. But today mechanisms of physical influence of magnetite nanoparticles on...
The main goal was to investigate the influence of basic physical factors of magnetite nanoparticles on different groups of microorganisms.

In order to perform this goal next tasks were set:
- to investigate the effect of magnetite nanoparticle on the intensity of free radical peroxidation lipids (FRPL) in various bacterial cultures;
- to explore direct bacteriostatic action of magnetite nanoparticle on microorganisms;
- to study bacteriostatic effect of physiological salt solution (saline NaCl) that had previously been processed by magnetite nanoparticles;
- to establish a causal link between research results and main physical factors of magnetite nanoparticles.

Materials and methods

Materials

Colloidal solution of magnet-controlled sorbent (MCS-B). The basis of MCS-B is magnetite nanoparticles (Fe₃O₄). The size of nanoparticles is from 6 to 12 nm; the total sorption surface of NPs is from 800 to 1200 m²/g; magnetization of saturation Iₛ=2.15 kA/m; volume concentration q=0.00448; viscosity η=1.0112 Cst; ζ - potential=-19 mV; saline NaCl that had previously been processed by magnetite nanoparticles. Magnetite nanoparticles have been produced in Laboratory of Applied Nanotechnology of Belousova.

Object of research

Candida albicans ATCC 885/653, Escherichia coli ATCC 25922, Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 9027, Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 25923, Klebsiella pneumonia ATCC 700603.

Research methods

The intensity of free radical peroxidation lipids (FRPL) was measured by means method of hemiluminescence for installing parametrical method of variation statistics by Student criterion.

Table 1.Indicators of the intensity of free radical peroxidation in various bacterial cultures at stages of the study (M ± m; n=10).

| Type of object                              | I max, imp/sec | I final, imp/sec | Sum of light Σ |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Candida albicans                           | 16385 ± 210    | 720 ± 98        | 2520±10^2 × 210|
| Candida albicans + magnetite nanoparticles | 6646 ± 170     | 700 ± 76***     | 1745 ± 10^2 × 100***|
| Escherichia coli                           | 2086 ± 99      | 583 ± 90        | 1452 ± 10^2 × 97|
| Escherichia coli + magnetite nanoparticles | 827 ± 50*      | 432 ± 38***     | 1063 ± 10^2 × 102**|
| Staphylococcus aureus                      | 7384 ± 122     | 1179 ± 70       | 3748 ± 10^2 × 171|
| Staphylococcus aureus + magnetite nanoparticles | 4471 ± 121*    | 673 ± 70*       | 2625 ± 10^2 × 154*|
| Pseudomonas aeruginosa                     | 6245 ± 102     | 820 ± 65        | 3215 ± 10^2 × 200|
| Pseudomonas aeruginosa + magnetite nanoparticles | 2648 ± 99*     | 778 ± 55***     | 2734 ± 10^2 × 132**|

Note: * - p<0.001; ** - p<0.05; *** - p<0.01

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Results and discussion

The results of the research intensity of FRPL in various bacterial mediums are presented in Table 1.

The date in Table 1 showed that intensity of the first flash of luminescence after the introduction of H₂O₂ (I max) for all studied microorganisms after processed by magnetite nanoparticles was (p<0.001) reduced reliably by 2-2.5 times in comparison with the control. This happened due to a decrease in the total amount of lipid peroxidation products as a result of adsorption by magnetite nanoparticles [8].

However, it was not determined reliable differences at stage II of the I final index in compared with control on microorganisms such as Candida albicans, Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa (p>0.05). On the contrary, I final index differed reliably (p<0.001) from the control on Staphylococcus aureus. This fact indicated that the content oxygen products of FRPL. Chemiluminescent determination of superoxide anion radical was carried out in the luminol + bacterial medium. In a thermostatic cuvette chemiluminometer placed 1.5 ml 0.075% luminol + 0.25 ml of bacterial medium + 0.25 ml of a 0.1% solution of magnetite nanoparticles. Induction was carried out by means 0.05 ml 3% H₂O₂. Intensity of FRPL was determined at three stages: I stage - I max determined, II stage - I final, III stage – the sum of light Σ.

Preparation of bacterial cultures

After 24 h bacterial cultures growth on Mueller-Hinton agar was made microbial suspension in saline NaCl with scale McFarland appropriate 0.5. Then the initial concentration of working culture was titrated to concentration corresponding to 10⁴. Sowing S. aureus was carried out on Mueller-Hinton medium; E.coli and K. pneumoniae - on Endo medium.
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Stage III study (determine \( \Sigma \) - sum light in 4 minutes) demonstrated that after processed of bacterial medium by magnetite nanoparticles the consumption speed of free radical lipid was reduced reliably on all microorganisms. This fact was connected with sorption effect that supplemented by the action of the magnetic field of the nanoparticles. The constant magnetic field that induced (power of 300-400 kA/m) deprotonated (transfer in active status) enzymes of antiradical defend. As a result the synthesis of lipid peroxides and secondary radical reactions were blocked, inhibited lipid peroxidation [9].

Indicators the decline in the intensity of free radical peroxidation in bacterial cultures were supplemented with data from research of bacteriostatic action of magnetite nanoparticles (Figure 1).

Figure 1 could demonstrate that bacteriostatic effect on bacterial cultures such as *E. coli* and *K. pneumonia* was determined after 24 hours exposition of magnetite nanoparticles with microorganisms. As a result there was significant decline in the number of colonies on the nutritious medium.

Maximum bacteriostatic action on *S. aureus* was found in the variant of short-term contact with nanoparticles of microorganisms (variant 2).

If mechanism of bacteriostatic effect in the second and third variants could be explained from position of the sorption activity of nanoparticles, in the fourth variant, where microorganisms contacted only with saline NaCl, which had previously been processed by nanoparticles, the sorption action was excluded. The mechanism for this effect was explained by increased mobility of the hydrogen protons and changing their spatial orientation after processed by magnetite nanoparticles. As a result, the polarizable structure of the cell water was modified and changed its permeability [10]. After analyzing all received data of research, we made a conclusion that degree of expression of bacteriostatic action had correlation with marks of reactions intensity of FRLP.

So, maximum bacteriostatic effect on *Staphylococcus aureus* was expressed in second variant application of magnetite nanoparticles where mechanism of sorption was more significant than action of the magnetic field. On the contrary, maximum bacteriostatic effect on *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* was revealed in third variant, where time exposition of contact with microorganisms nanoparticles and, consequently, action of a constant magnetic field was determinative. Received data confirmed the strength of influence of magnetic field caused by the nanoparticles on the structure of water by the fact of bacteriostatic action of saline NaCl, which had previously been processed by magnetite nanoparticles.

Thus, it was found effects of the basic physical factors of magnetite nanoparticles (constant magnetic field and sorption) on different groups of microorganisms and fact that both factors had an impact on microorganisms, but determined influence of different factors would depend reliably on the individual properties of studied microorganisms.

Conclusions

1. It was expanded the range of studying the mechanisms of the influence of physical factors of magnetite nanoparticles on microorganisms by examining the reactions intensity FRPL and bacteriostatic action.
2. It was established reliably that magnetite nanoparticles on different groups of microorganisms caused unequal intensity FRPL reaction.
3. It was found that the rate of consumption of free radicals lipid reduced reliably in all microorganisms after their processing by magnetite nanoparticles.
4. It was revealed an interesting fact that saline NaCl, which had previously been processed by magnetite nanoparticles also significantly, had a marked bacteriostatic effect on the studied microorganisms. This effect could be explained by mechanism of change the polarizable structure water of microorganisms by magnetite nanoparticles.

It was discovered that degree of expression of bacteriostatic action which induced by magnetite nanoparticles had correlation with marks of reactions intensity of FRLP. Maximum bacteriostatic effect on staphylococcus aureus was expressed in second variant application of magnetite nanoparticles where mechanism of sorption was more significant than action of the magnetic field. On the contrary, maximum bacteriostatic effect on *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* was revealed in third variant, where time exposition of contact with microorganisms nanoparticles and, consequently, action of a constant magnetic field was determinative.

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