

administration of 2-deoxyglucose (2-DG) in a dose of 100 mg/kg.

1) Hepatic clearance value of endogenous gastrin was $102 \pm 2.2\%$ during the control period, and was ranged from $99.2 \pm 2.5\%$ to $107.0 \pm 2.2\%$ after intravenous administration of 2-DG.

2) The extraction rate of small intestine was $19.2 \pm 11.2\%$ during the control period, and was $29.3 \pm 14.1\%$ in stimulating time.

3) The extraction rate of kidney was 33.3% during the control period, and was $27.6 \pm 13.4\%$ in stimulating time.

Radioimmunoassay of Secretin

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Radioimmunoassay of secretin has been studied by using synthetic secretins. Antiserum was produced in 3 rabbits against synthetic porcine secretin (Schwarz-Mann Co.). After 4 consecutive immunizations, specific antibody was detected in all 3 animals through both binding reaction and biologic inhibition (by Dr. Tachibana, Eisai ph. Lab.).

Radioiodination of synthetic 6-Tyrosil secretin, (Schwarz-Mann Co.) was performed by a modified chloramine-T method-reduced reaction time (30 sec.) with chloramine T and whole procedures under cold condition. A Sephadex G-25 column (1.2×20 cm) was used for the separation. The initial (organic) elution radioactivity peak with 0.1N HCl was collected and stored at -20°C . Labeling efficiencies of 200 to 250 μCi per μg were achieved. After storage, significant generation of damaged hormone was observed by Sephadex G-50 gel chromatography. For the removal of the damaged, Talc method was found suitable. Undamaged hormones were absorbed effectively to the Talc and then extracted by acetic acid ace-

tone. Using these antiserum, labeled 6-Tyrosil secretin and standard secretin of Schwarz-Mann Co. origin, possibility of a radio-immunoassay system was investigated. An unequilibrated incubation system was employed for 5 days including preincubation of 3 days, and charcoal dextran absorption system was used for B/F separation. An antibody which gave 1.0 of B/F ratio at $\times 5,000$ final dilution was used. This antibody did not cross significantly with synthetic human gastrin I and cholecystkinin-pancrezymin (both up to 1 μg). The system could detect 80 pg/tube of secretin which was considered too low to access resting level of circulating secretin. Recently, a highly potent antiserum was obtained (a kind gift from Dr. Chey Rochester), which gave 1.0 of B/F ratio at $\times 600,000$ final dilution. Utilization of this antibody and labeled synthetic secretin (Sqnibb Co.) gave high sensitivity detectable of 25 to 50 pg/ml secretin. This seems quite applicable for clinical study, and further studies will be performed using this new system.