Neural Control of the Lung

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Innervation of the Respiratory Tract



Muscarinic Receptor Subtypes in the Airways



Muscarinic Autoreceptor Dysfunction in Asthma?



DURATION OF ANTICHOLINERGIC EFFECTS

Control

Atropine Ipratropium Tiotropium



DURATION OF ANTICHOLINERGIC ACTION

Guinea-pig bronchi in vitro: inhibition of cholinergic nerve



Takahashi et al: AJRCCM 1995

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Parasympathetic nerve

i-NANC Relaxations of Human Trachea: Role for NO

Immunocytochemistry



Belvisi M et al: Eur. J. Pharmacol 1992; J Appl Physiol 1992





COUGH AS A MAJOR UNMET MEDICAL NEED

- Commonest symptom for medical consultation
- Chronic cough: 10-38% of pulmonary out-patients
- No effective therapy apart from opiates





Capsaicin Excitation of C-fibres



Fox et al 1993. J. Physiol. 460, 21-35

$A\delta$ -fibre Activation



Fox et al 1993. J. Physiol. 482, 179-187

From Airways to Ganglion *in vivo* Single fibre recording



Isolated Vagus Nerve



2min

Cough Model



EFFECT OF CAPSAZEPINE ON COUGH

Conscious guinea pigs



Lalloo, Fox, Belvisi, Chung, Barnes J Appl Physiol 1995, 79(4):1082-7.





Nassenstein et al., J Physiol 2008









TRPA1 Ligands induce cough in conscious guinea-pig model and in normal volunteers



Andre et al., 2009, Am 5 Respir Crit Care Med. 180(11)-1042-7. Andre et al., 2009, Br. J. Pharmacol, 158: 1621-1628.



Birrell et al., 2009, Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 180(11):1042-7. Andre et al., 2009, BJP; 159: 98

Sensory nerve activation and cough elicited by endogenous tussive agents



Vagus BK vs Antagonists

BK vs Indomethacin

Guinea Pig: BK vs B1 & B2 antagonists





Mouse: BK vs B1 & B2 antagonists



Mouse: B1 agonist



Sensory nerve activation: which prostanoid receptor?



Effect of TRP antagonists on sensory nerve activation/cough



Effect of TRP antagonists on sensory nerve activation/cough elicited by PGE₂



Grace et al., 2012, Thorax, jun 12: Epub

Effect of TRP antagonists on human sensory nerve activation elicited by PGE₂ and BK **B.** Bradykinin A. PGE₂

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Tussive agents, sensory nerves and signalling pathways



Cantero-Recasens G, Loss of function of TRPV1 genetic variant associated with lower risk of active childhood asthma. J Biol Chem. 2010 Sep 3;285(36):27532–5. Smit et al., TRP genes smoking occupational exposures and cough. Respir Res 2012, 13:26.



C-fibre Sensitisation by Bradykinin



Fox et al 1996. Nature Med. 2, 814-817

Bradykinin Sensitises the Cough Reflex



Fox et al 1996. Nature Med. 2, 814-817

Effect of sensory nerve stimulants on isolated vagus nerve from allergen sensitised and challenged mice saline Ag



4 min

MAST CELLS AND NERVE GROWTH FACTOR



EFFECT OF NGF ON COUGH

Conscious guinea pigs (n=6) Citric acid-induced cough (citric acid 0.35M x 10 min)

Guinea pig vagus nerve in vitro

🛛 Vehicle 🔛 NGF 100µg/kg



Neurotrophins, humans, allergy and asthma



Models of enhanced cough



Smoke (8 days)

Capsaicin Low pH Acrolein

Capsaicin

Calcium imaging in jugular ganglia following CS exposure



Standard Cough Challenge









TIOTROPIUM BLOCKS LATE RESPONSE TO ALLERGEN

Conscious Brown Norway rats



Raemdonck K et al: Thorax 2011

TRPA1 INHIBITOR BLOCKS LATE RESPONSE TO ALLERGEN





CHOLINERGIC CONTROL OF AIRWAYS





TRPA1 in Asthma

