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Liver mitochondria KATP channel is highly sensitive to KATP channel opener diazoxide

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The functional consequences of mitochondrial KATP channel (mKATP channel) opening in liver are less studied as compared with heart and brain. In this work we studied liver mKATP channel opening with KATP channels opener diazoxide without Mg·ATP. Using polarography and light scattering, we found that full activation by diazoxide occurred at <0.5 μ M with parallel increase in ATP-insensitive K⁺-uptake. The rise of diazoxide concentration up to 100 μ M augmented ATP-insensitive K⁺-uptake, but not mKATP channel activity. We concluded that native mKATP channel was by the order more sensitive to diazoxide without Mg·ATP, which shifted channel affinity to micromolar concentration level. Uncoupling effect of liver mKATP channel opening was estimated based on its share in oxygen consumption. Obtained results reveal novel aspects of mKATP channel properties. Based on the experiments, we hypothesized that native liver mKATP channel might comprise high affinity sites for diazoxide binding in the absence of Mg·ATP.

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