

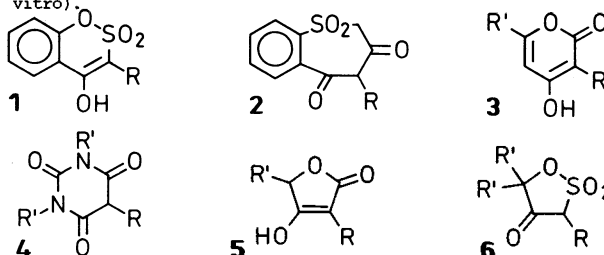
STUDIES ON PIVKA-VII. G. Mariani, G. Avvisati, D. Romoli, M.G. Mazzucconi and F. Mandelli. Department of Hematology, University of Rome, Italy.

The factor VII related antigen (Pivka-VII) in 25 random patients under long term treatment with oral anticoagulants was studied. All the patients had Thrombotest levels well within the therapeutic range (3 to 11%) and had been receiving the drugs for at least 4 months. Factor VII activity (VII:C) mean levels were 8.7 u/dl (sem 0.78) and factor VII antigen (VII:Ag) mean levels were 30.7 u/dl (sem 1.99), (ratio Pivka/Activity 4.04). Barium chloride adsorbed the same mean amount of factor VII:C and factor VII:Ag (8.7 u/dl and 8.0 u/dl respectively). After exposure to cold in 4/25 subjects the "cold activation" phenomenon became evident, characterised by an increase of factor VII:C levels and unmodified VII:Ag levels. In the remaining 21 patients, mean VII:C as well as VII:Ag levels did not show modifications (8.5 u/dl and 30.7 u/dl respectively). Moreover, three normal volunteers received three different oral anticoagulants (Acenocoumarin, Coumarin and Ethyl-Biscomacetate). A sharp increase of factor VII:C levels was observed in all the three subjects (from 30 to 50%), a few hours after the beginning of the treatments, followed by consensual decrease of the two properties related to factor VII that reached the nadir after 48 hours. The vitamin K administration was followed by a rapid and consensual increase of the two parameters.

QUALITATIVE STRUCTURE ACTIVITY RELATIONSHIPS IN SEVERAL NEW TYPES OF ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS!

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Various 1,2-benzoxathiine-2,2-dioxides (1), 2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzothiepine-3,5-dione-1,1-dioxides (2), 4-hydroxy-2-pyrones (3) 2,4,6-(1H,3H,5H)-pyrimidinetriones (4), tetrionic acids (5) and 1,2-oxathiolane-4-one-2,2-dioxides (6) have been synthesized to examine structure activity relationships in the field of oral anticoagulants. The compounds are substituted by 4-chlorocinnamoyl, 1-phenylpropyl or 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxo-butyl residues (R) in a suitable position. After single oral administration to rats (25-300 mg/kg⁻¹) prothrombin levels (PT) of less than 25 percent are achieved within 10-48 hours with compounds of type 1-3 and 5. Compound of type 4 and 6 were inactive. The results show that not only 4-hydroxycoumarines (7) and 1,3-indanediones (8) exhibit indirect anticoagulant activity. The lactone moiety of 7 can be replaced by a sultone moiety. The benzene ring needs not to be fused to the heterocyclic part of the molecule (see 3). The heterocyclic part may be a simple five membered lactone. The effects of 8 can be extended to seven membered and even heterocyclic ring systems. Furthermore some 2 showed platelet aggregation inhibiting activities (Born, IC₅₀ = 5 · 10⁻⁴M). Some 5 showed direct anticoagulant activity (PT, PTT, in vitro).



GENERATION OF COAGULATION FACTORS BY THE ISOLATED RAT LIVER PERFUSED WITH A SYNTHETIC BLOOD SUBSTITUTE. C.A. Owen, Jr. and E.J.W. Bowie, Departments of Biochemistry and Hematology Research, Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN U.S.A.

Measuring the release of small amounts of a clotting factor from an isolated perfused rat liver is difficult if the perfusate already contains some of the factor. Further, platelet-containing perfusates generate a coagulant activity that may invalidate clotting assays.

We have successfully employed a completely synthetic blood substitute for rat liver perfusions. The perfusate is "Fluosol-43" generously furnished by Alpha Therapeutic Corporation. The oxygen-carrying perfluorochemical is FC-43 (perfluorotributylamine) and the substitute for albumin is hydroxyethyl starch. Using the Brauer perfusion technique, we found that rat livers in 5 hours released an average of 2.3% of the normal plasma concentration of prothrombin, 8.4% factor V, 16.2% factor VII, 7.0% factor IX, 3.7% factor X, 28.3% factor XI and 12.3% factor XII. Antithrombin III and plasminogen were also generated.

Only minute amounts of factor VIII were released unless serum, cryoprecipitate or cryoprecipitate-free plasma was added; then the yield was 8.8% on average. The more "venom factor" (platelet aggregability with *Bothrops alternata* venom) added to the synthetic perfusate, the more factor VIII was released.