

## **Inhibition of NF- $\kappa$ B Pathway Attenuates the Multiple Organ Dysfunction Associated with Polymicrobial Sepsis in Mice with Pre-Existing Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM)**

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**Introduction:** Patients with diabetes are at higher risk of infections and sepsis. Activation of nuclear factor- $\kappa$ B (NF- $\kappa$ B) plays a substantial role in the pathophysiology of sepsis and diabetes. Here we investigate i) the effect of pre-existing type 2 diabetes mellitus on organ dysfunction (MOD) associated with sepsis and ii) whether inhibition of NF- $\kappa$ B using IKK-16 or linagliptin attenuates MOD in mice with sepsis and diabetes.

**Methods:** Ten-week old male C57BL/6 mice received high fat (HFD) or chow diet for 12 weeks, and were subjected to caecal ligation and puncture (CLP) or sham surgery for 24 hours. At 1 hour after CLP, mice received IKK-16, linagliptin, or vehicle.

**Results:** Administration of HFD resulted in a significant (i) impairment in glucose tolerance, (ii) (small) reduction in ejection fraction and, (iii) increase in alanine aminotransferase. HFD caused (Immunoplot analysis; heart) significant NF- $\kappa$ B pathway activation and expression of inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS). Mice on HFD subjected to CLP showed further (i) decline in EF, (ii) increase in serum ALT, and (iii) a significant renal dysfunction. Treatment of HFD-CLP mice with IKK-16 or linagliptin resulted in significant reduction of the CLP-induced i) MOD (cardiac/liver/renal), ii) NF- $\kappa$ B pathway activation, and iii) iNOS expression when compared to mice treated with vehicle.

**Conclusion:** Our results show that HFD results in inflammation, cardiac dysfunction, and liver injury. Moreover, a pre-existing diabetic phenotype worsened the organ injury/dysfunction associated with CLP-sepsis. Most notably, inhibition of NF- $\kappa$ B reduced the organ injury/dysfunction caused by sepsis in animals with pre-existing T2DM.

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