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Study of mechanism of hemoglobin oxidation in the presence of silver nanoparticles in cancer conditions

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The antibacterial properties of silver-nanoparticles (AgNPs) have been well studied at low concentrations [1]. The ratio between surface area and volume AgNPs in the range 1–50 nm can increase the reactivity AgNPs and as a consequence increases toxicity. Toxicity may limit the use of AgNPs in medicine as a nanocomposite material. In our recent study, we showed that AgNPs penetrate into the RBCs of blood of cancer patients 60% (diameter $d \sim 100$ nm) and 38% ($d \sim 35$ nm) more actively, where they probably interact with hemoglobin molecules [2]. This article explored the effect AgNPs on human hemoglobin autoxidation *in vitro*. Protein absorption spectra were recorded using spectrophotometers in cuvettes 1 cm long in characteristic wavelength intervals. The absorbance data was used to determine the concentration as well as to identify the structural state of the protein. A feature of the proposed approach is that we studied the effect of AgNPs on the redox process already taking place in the erythrocytes of patients with lung cancer – the spontaneous conversion of Hb in the oxy-form of Hb (II) O₂ into the physiologically inactive met-form of Hb (III) (autoxidation Hb). As a result, it was found that the presence of AgNP in the oxy-Hb solution significantly increased the concentration of met-Hb, which indicates its prooxidant effect. Differences in the results obtained in the experimental ($n=15$) and the control group ($n=17$) consisted in the slope of the curves and, accordingly, the rate of the Hb oxidation reaction. There is a dependence of the duration of the transition and the amplitude of the Hb transition on the concentration of AgNPs. The nature of the time dependence is sigmoid, with a pronounced transition from one effect level to another (the range of 30–40 min). The transition to a new state Hb (AgNPs, $d \sim 100$ nm) ends in about 1 hour, since the curve completely reaches a plateau by this moment. Thus, it is a process whose rate is much faster than the autoxidation itself, which leads to a plateau only after 1.5 hours, as follows from the data on the kinetics of oxidation at various pH. The kinetic curves of autoxidation at pH 7.9 (AgNPs, $d \sim 35$ nm) are close to linear, which means that the rate of oxidation does not change with time.

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