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## Pharmacological Activities of Angiogenesis and Increasing Blood Flow by Polymyxin Sulfate Stored In Different Conditions

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## **Abstract**

Polymyxins subjected to different storage conditions were assessed by the Hen's egg- chorioallantoic membrane at 10th. Samples of polymyxins were stored for 6 months under the following conditions: (P1) polymyxins stored in a refrigerator at temperature between 2 to 8°C, (P2) polymyxins stored in temperature of 25°C and refrigerated between 2 to 8°C; (P3). Polymyxin was storage in temperatures around 25°C for 6 months. The polymyxin sulphate presented more pharmacological potency in induction of angiogenesis and blood flow hair stored in refrigeration at 2 to 8°C than samples P2 and P3. The Hen's egg chorioallantoic membrane method allowed to differentiate pharmacological potent of polymyxin sulphate stored in different conditions.

**Keywords:** Chorioallantoic membrane; Polymyxins; Storage conditions; Toxicity

#### Introduction

Quality of Pharmaceutical products is essential to assure the efficacy and safety use for the patients. Impurities and potential degradation products can affect chemical, pharmacological and toxicological properties of drugs with significant impact on product quality and safety. Stable drugs and formulations are important to ensure deliver of therapeutic values to the patients [1].

Polymyxins are cyclic peptides which exhibit strong antimicrobial activity against Gram-negative bacteria [2]. Polymyxins can bind to the lipopolysaccharide of the outer membrane of Gram-negative [3]. Polymyxin B is labile in gastrointestinal environment and negligibly absorbed by the intestinal epithelium, used extensively for parenteral and topical treatment of gram-negative infections although the therapy is associated with severe toxicity, mainly nephrotoxicity and neurotoxicity [4]. Although polymyxins have fallen out of favor since their use in the 1960s due to nephrotoxicity and neurotoxicity, they have re-emerged as a promising antibiotic against multidrug-resistant pathogens [3].

The Hem egg chorioallantoic membrane specifically can be used to evaluate the activity or toxicity of a drug [5]. Zwadlo-Klarwasser et al. and Valdes et al. demonstrated that the chick Chorioallantoic Membrane (CAM) model can be used as an alternative for studying the angiogenic and inflammatory response to biomaterials [6,7]. Several *in vitro* assays have been developed as alternatives test to the *in vivo* toxicity test. *In vitro* tests are generally rapid, sensitive, amenable

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to automation and economical when compared to the use of animals. Different endpoints have been used to assess cytotoxicity *in vitro*. [8,9] These endpoints generally assess different aspects of cellular functions. The assays neutral red uptake is a measure of lysosomal integrity since it reflects the capacity of viable cells to incorporate vital dye into these organelles [10,11]. The aim of this study was to assess the toxicity of Polymyxins stored under different conditions by the Hem egg chorioallantoic membrane.

### Materials and methods

# Polymyxins B stored in different conditions

Samples of Polymyxins B were stored under the following three conditions: temperature between 2-8°C (P1) for a period of nine months; temperature of 25°C  $\pm$  2°C for a period of six months and refrigerated between 2-8°C (P2) until nine months; and stored at 25°C  $\pm$  2°C for a period of six months and kept at 25°C  $\pm$  1°C (P3) until nine months

## Preparation of Polymyxins solution

Pharmaceutical products of Polymyxin B sulfate, containing polymyxin B 500.000 IU, approximately 50 mg of polymyxin B, per vial were obtained from the same manufacturer (IBF Pharma, Pavia - Italia), and were reconstituted with 12 mL of sterile water for injection, immediately before use.

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## Hen's egg-chorioallantoid membrane

The 10-day-old fertilized eggs were obtained from Guaraves Guarabira Aves Ltda (Sertãozinho, Paraíba - Brazil) and maintained at 37°C. The test was performed using five eggs for each test substance, and the egg shell removed above the air space. The Hen's egg-chorioallantoic membrane was accessed by removal of the shell membrane above the air cell using a dental drill say blade and forceps. The solutions of the storage conditions P1, P2 and P3 were applied in Hen's egg chorioallantoic membrane at concentrations of 1000, 2000.and 4000 IU. Vascular changes in the chorioallantoic membrane were observed with time for appearance of angiogenesis and increased blood flow.

## Data analysis

The results tests in the CAM were expressed as mean  $\pm$  S.D., the mean values represent the values five repetitions. For statistical analysis was used the t test, with confidence interval 0.95.

## Results

The polymyxin sulfate samples submitted to the studies in different storage conditions were evaluated in chorioallantoic membrane of the egg. Studies with egg chorioallantoic membrane were performed by measuring responses on the initial time to increase blood flow and angiogenesis. The samples P1, P2 and P3 evaluated in the chorioallantoic membrane showed increasing in blood flow and angiogenesis which were initiated at the times reported in seconds (s).

(Figures 1A & 1B) show that polymyxin stored in refrigerator at 2 to 8°C presented increasing of blood flow with 55 s using 1000 IU of antibiotic and was declining up to 26 s at a dose 4000 IU. The start times for onset of angiogenesis have been found 100s for polymyxin dose of 1000 IU and 56s for dose of 4000 IU.

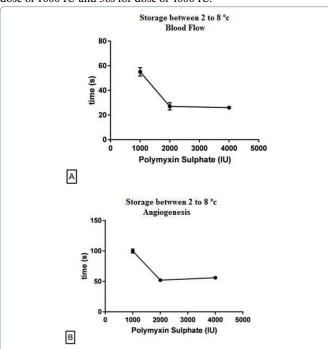
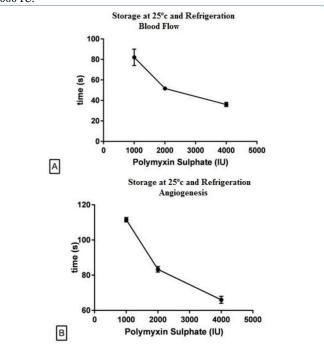


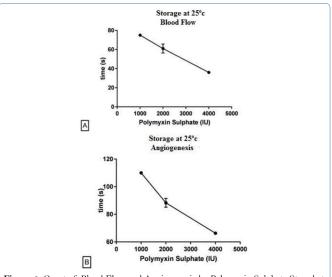
Figure 1: Onset of Blood Flow and Angiogenesis by Polymyxin Sulphate Stored at Temperature between 2 - 8oC and kept at refrigeration until analyses. Blood Flow (A), Angiogenesis (B).

(Figures 2A & 2B) show that polymyxin stored in 25°C for 6 months followed by refrigerated storage showed the onset of blood flow increasing at the 82s for the dose of 1000 IU and 36s in the dose of 4000 IU. In relation to the start time of onset of angiogenesis has been found that at a dose of 1000 IU the time was 112s and 66s at a dose of 4000 IU.



**Figure 2:** Onset of Blood Flow and Angiogenesis by Polymyxin Sulphate Stored at Temperature 250 C for 6 months and kept in Refrigeration until analyses. Blood Flow (A), Angiogenesis (B).

(Figures 3A & 3B) show that polymyxin stored at 25°C presented an increase in blood flow at time of 75s for the dose of 1000 IU and 36s at a concentration of 4000 IU. The angiogenesis started its onset at 110s for dose of 1000 IU and 66s in the dose of 4000 IU. The curve of the onset of flow was adjusted to a e inverse linear dependence of the



**Figure 3:** Onset of Blood Flow and Angiogenesis by Polymyxin Sulphate Stored at Temperature 250 C for 6 months and kept at 250 C until analyses. Blood Flow (A), Angiogenesis (B).

The (Table 1 & 2) data showed standard deviation between experiments intraday and different days evidencing the method precision. The samples P1, P2 and P3 evaluated in the Hen's egg-chorioallantoic membrane promoted increased blood flow and angiogenesis. When analyzed the samples P2 and P3 showed a significant increase ( $\alpha \leq 0.05$ ) at the initial time (in seconds) of the sample responses to P1, for both parameters. When P2 and P3 were analyzed samples showed that there was no significant difference between these samples.

International units	P1	P2	Рз
1000	$55 \pm 3.40$	82 ± 8.04	$75 \pm 1.00$
2000	27 ± 2.94	52 ± 1.53	61 ± 4.68
4000	26 ± 1.00	36 ± 2.00	$36 \pm 0.58$

Table 1: Increase blood flow promoted by samples P1, P2 and P3 in chorioallantoic membrane, valued initial time (s).

Increase blood flow which was initiated at the following time (seconds), (n=5).

International units	P1	P2	Р3
1000	100 ± 3.40	$112 \pm 1.29$	110.00 ± 1.00
2000	$52 \pm 1.55$	83 ± 1.53	$88.33 \pm 3.21$
4000	56 ± 1.00	66 ± 2.00	$66.33 \pm 0.58$

**Table 2:** Angiogenesis promoted by samples P1, P2 and P3 in chorioallantoic membrane, valued initial time (s).

Angiogenesis which was initiated at the following time (seconds), (n=5).

## Discussion

The biological assays for safety assessment, always been performed in vivo, in animals, since they can be used to evaluate most of the potential risks involved in toxicity. However, some research centers currently are adopting in vitro alternatives to animal testing [12]. The potential use of the Hen's egg-chorioallantoic membrane represents an alternative to mammalian models can be used to evaluate the activity or toxicity of a drug on both. Toxicity of drugs can be evaluated in terms of embryo death or adverse effects on the CAM including inflammation and neovascularization [5]. The samples P1, P2 and P3 evaluated in the chorioallantoic membrane promoted increased blood flow and angiogenesis. The samples P2 and P3 were similar regarding the initial time to onset of increased blood flow and angiogenesis compared to sample P1. Samples P2 and P3 were previously stored at a temperature of  $25 \pm 2$ °C for a period of six months, showing changes in pharmacological responses of polymyxin B in the vascular system. Due to their possible composition, pharmaceuticals are especially sensitive to environmental factors. Strict storage conditions are necessary for the maintenance of integrity and product activity. The data showed that the sample P1, stored under refrigeration for 06 months, showed higher pharmacological activity in increasing the blood flow and the ability to enhance angiogenesis in relation P2 and P3.

## Conclusion

The polymyxin B sulfate had an increase of blood flow and angiogenesis in the product stored under refrigeration at 2 to 8°C. Products stored at a temperature of  $25 \pm 2$ °C decrease in pharmacological activity increasing the time of onset blood flow and angiogenesis.

The Hen's egg chorioallantoic membrane method allowed differentiating pharmacological potency of polymyxin sulphate stored in different conditions.

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