Hypoxia에 의한 혈관이완과 수축의 기전에 관한 연구

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Study on the Mechanism of Hypoxic Induced Vasodilatation and Vasoconstriction

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ABSTRACT

Background: Although hypoxic pulmonary vasoconstriction (HPC) and hypoxic coronary vasodilatation (HCD) have been recognized by many researchers, the precise mechanism remains unknown. As isolated arteries will constrict or relax in vitro in response to hypoxia, the oxygen sensor/transduction mechanism must reside in the arterial smooth muscle, the endothelium, or both. Unfortunately, much of the current evidence is conflicting, especially concerning to the dependency of HPC and HCD on the endothelium and the role of the K⁺ channel. Therefore, this experiment was attempted to clarify the dependency of HPC and HCD on the endothelium and the role of the K^+ channel on HPC and HCD. **Methods**: HPC was investigated in isolated main pulmonary arteries precontracted with norepinephrine (NE). HCD was investigated in isolated left circumflex coronary artery precontracted with prostaglandin F2 . Vascular rings were suspended for isometric tension recording in an organ chamber filled with Krebs-Henseleit solution. Hypoxia was induced by gassing the chamber with 95% N₂ + 5% CO₂, which was maintained for 15 -25 min. Results: 1) Hypoxia elicited a vasoconstriction in NEprecontracted pulmonary arteries with endothelium, but a vasodilatation in PGF₂ -precontracted coronary arteries with and without endothelium. There was no difference between the amplitude of the HPC and HCD induced by two consecutive hypoxic challenges and the effect of normoxic and hyperoxic control Krebs-Henseleit solution on subsequent response to hypoxia. 2) Inhibition of NO synthesis by the treatment with N w-nitro-L-arginine reduced HPC in pulmonary arteries, but inhibition of the cyclooxygenase pathway by treatment with indomethacin had no effect on HPC and HCD, respectively. 3) Blockades of the TEA-sensitive K⁺ channel abolished HPC and HCD. 4) Apamin, a small conductance Ca₂+-activated K⁺ (K_{Ca}) channel blocker, and iberiotoxin, a large conductance K_{Ca} channel blocker, had no effect on the HCD. 5) Glibenclamide, an ATP-sensitive K^+ (K_{ATP}) channel blocker, reduced HCD. 6) Cromakalim, an KATP channel opener, relaxed the coronary artery precontracted with prostaglandin F2 . The degree of relaxation by cromakalim was similar to that by hypoxia and glibenclamide reduced both hypoxia- and cromakalim-induced vasodilations. 7) Verapamil, a Ca²⁺ entry blocker, caffeine, a Ca²⁺ emptying drug; and ryanodine, an inhibitor of Ca²⁺ release from SR, reduced HPC, respectively. Conclusion: HPC is dependent on the endothelium and is considered to be induced by inhibition of the mechanisms of NO-dependent vasodilation while HCD is independent of the endothelium and is considered to be induced by activation of the K ATP channel. (Korean Circulation J 1998;28(12):2011-2029)

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Fig. 1. Effect of hypoxia on contractile responses in rat pulmonary arteries. A_1 , A_2 : shows typical response to hypoxia in rings of pulmonary artery with (A_1) and without (A_2) endothelium. B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery with (EC^+ ; n=30) and without (EC^- ; n=11) endothelium under the same conditions. The preparations were contracted with norepinephrine (NE; 10^{-7} M). hypoxia was induced by switching from 95% O₂+5% CO₂ (O₂) to a 95% N₂+5% CO₂ gas mixture (N2). Data are expressed as mean ± SE. *: significant difference between 40 mM c*-induced contraction and hypoxia-induced contraction (p<0.05). **: significant difference between preparations with and without endothelium (p<0.05). Horizontal scale bar: 100 mm, Vertical scale bar: 100 mg.

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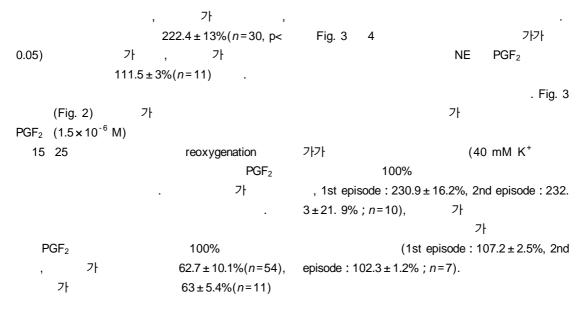
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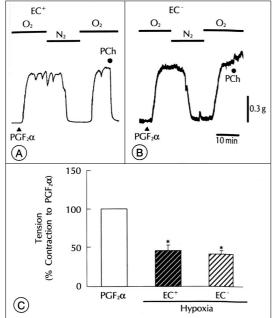


Fig. 2. Effect of hypoxia on the contractile responses in rabbit coronary artery. A, B: shows typical response to hypoxia in rings of coronary artery with (A) and without (B) endothelium. C: shows mean response of coronary artery with (EC $^+$; n=54) and without (EC $^-$; n=11) endothelium under the same conditions. The preparations were contracted with prostaglandins F2 (PGF2, 1.5×10 $^{-6}$ M). hypoxia was induced by switching from 95% O2+5% CO2 (O2) to a 95% N2+5% CO2 gas mixture (N2). Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. * : significant difference between PGF2 induced contractility and hypoxia-induced contractility (p <0.05). EC * : ring with endothelium, EC $^-$: ring without endothelium, ACh: acetylcholine.

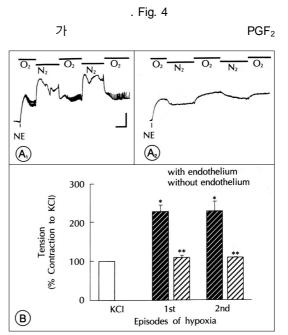
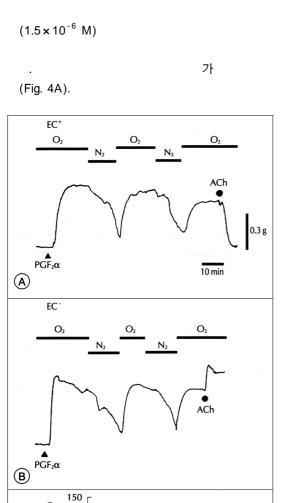
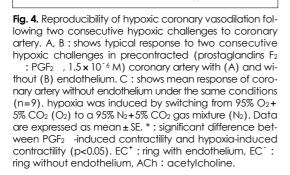


Fig. 3. Reproducibility of two consecutive hypoxic challenges to pulmoanry arteries. A_1 , A_2 : shows typical response to two consecutive hypoxic challenges in precontracted (norepinephrine; NE, 10^{-7} M) pulmonary artery with (A_1) and without (A_2) endothelium. B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery with (EC^+ ; n=10) and without (EC^- ; n=7) endothelium under the same conditions. Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. *: significant difference between 40 mM K*-induced contraction and hypoxia-induced contraction (p<0.05). ***: significant difference between preparations with and without endothelium (p<0.05). Horizontal scale bar: 10 min, Vertical scale bar: 100 mg.





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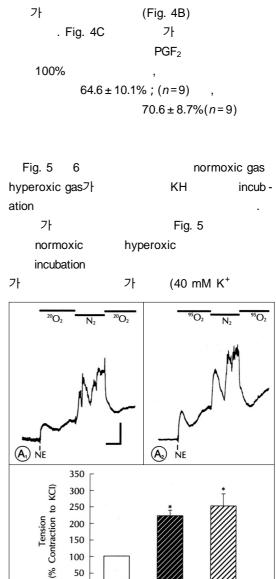


Fig. 5. Effect of normoxic or hyperoxic control Krebs-Henseleit solution on subsequent response to hypoxia in pulmonary arteries with endothelium. A₁, A₂: shows typical recording to effect of normoxic (A₁) or hyperoxic (A₂) control Krebs-Henseleit solution on subsenquent response to hypoxia in precontracted (norepinephrine; NE, 10^{-7} M) pulmonary artery. B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery incubated with normoxic (20% O₂) and hyperoxic (95% O₂) control Krebs-Henseleit solution under the same conditions (n=11). Data are expressed as mean± SE.*: significant difference between 40 mM K*-induced contraction and hypoxia-induced contraction (p<0.05).

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100% , nor moxic gas: $228.4 \pm 13.5\%$, hyperoxic gas: $253.0 \pm$ 39.4%, n=11). 가 Fig. 6 hyperoxic normoxic in cubation 가 (PGF₂ 100% , hyperoxic gas: 62. $8 \pm 6.3\%$, n = 20, normoxic gas : $67.3 \pm 7\%$, n = 7). HPC 및 HCD에 대한 NO 합성억제 및 cyclooxygenase pathway의 차단 효과 Fig. 7 HPC NO L - NNA²²⁾

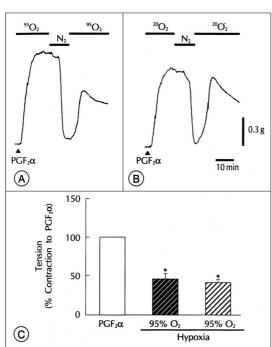
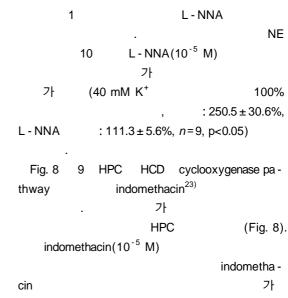


Fig. 6. Effect of hyperoxic or normoxic control Krebs-Henseleit solution on subsequent response to hypoxia in coronary artery without endothelium. A, B: shows typical recording to effect of hyperoxic (A) or normoxic (B) control Krebs-Henseleit solution on subsequent response to hypoxia in precontracted (prostaglandins $F_2: PGF_2$, $1.5 \times 10^{-6} M$) coronary artery. C: shows mean response of coronary artery incubated with hyperoxic (95O₂: n=20) and normoxic (20O₂: n=7) control Krebs-Henseleit solution under the same conditions. Hypoxia was induced by switching from 95% $O_2+5\%$ CO_2 (O_2) to a 95% $N_2+5\%$ CO_2 gas mixture (N_2). Data are expressed as mean ± SE. *: significant difference between PGF_2 -induced contractility and hypoxia-induced contractility (p<0.05).



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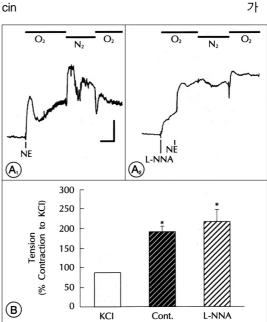


Fig. 7. Effect of inhibiting NO synthesis by Nw-nitro-L-arginine on response to hypoxia in pulmonary arteries with endothelium. A_1 , A_2 : shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (norepinephrine; NE, 10^{-7} M) pulmonary artery with (A_2) and without (A_1) N -nitro-L-arginine (L-NNA, 10^{-5} M). B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery with (L-NNA) and without (Cont.) N -nitro-L-arginine under the same conditions (n = 9). N -nitro-L-arginine was applied 30 - 40 min before testing their efficacy. Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. *: significant difference between 40 mM K* - induced contraction and hypoxia-induced contraction (p<0.05). **: significant difference between preparations with and without N -nitro-L-arginine (p<0.05). Horizontal scale bar: 10 min, Vertical scale bar: 100 mg.

(40 mM K⁺ 100% Fig. 10 . Fig. 10 11 : 228.4 ± 38.5%, in -NE domethacin : $295.6 \pm 69.2\%$, n=8, Fig. 5B) 1 1 mM TEA NE (Fig. 9) indomethacin(10⁻⁵ M) TEA NE 가 : PGF₂ (40 mM K⁺ 100% 100% , $68.7 \pm 7.9\%$, Indomethacin $: 54.3 \pm 7.5\%,$: 228.5 ± 10.4%, TEA : 114.1 n = 6, Fig. 5C). $\pm 5.7\%$, n=8). Fig. 11 PGF_2 (1.5 x 10⁻⁶ M) HPC 및 HCD에 대한 K⁺ channel blocker의 효과 **HPC** HCD K⁺ channel 10 mM TEA TEA¹⁷⁾ non - specific K+ channel TEA **HCD** 가 **HPC**

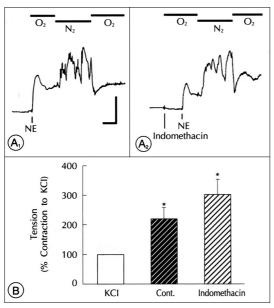


Fig. 8. Effect of blockading cyclooxygenase pathways by indomethacin on response to hypoxia in pulmonary arteries with endothelium. A_1 , A_2 : shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (norepinephrine; NE, 10^{-7} M) pulmonary artery with (A_2) and without (A_1) indomethacin (10^{-5} M). B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery with (Indomethacin) and without (Cont.) indomethacin under the same conditions (n=8). Indomethacin was applied 30 - 40 min before testing their efficacy. Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. *: significant difference between 40 mM K*-induced contraction and hypoxia-induced contraction (p<0.05). Horizontal scale bar: 10 min, Vertical scale bar: 100 mg.

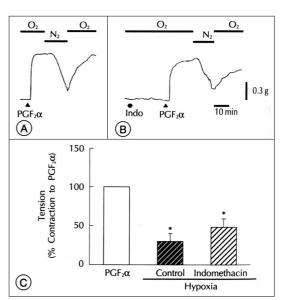
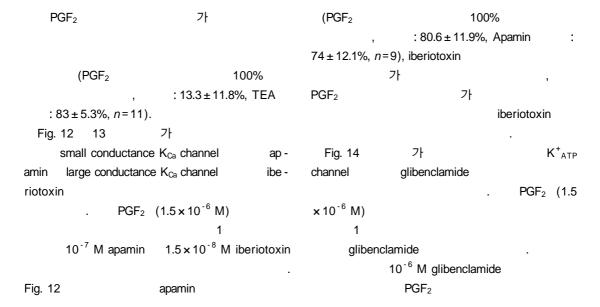


Fig. 9. Effect of indomethacin on the response to hypoxia in coronary artery without endothelium. A, B: shows typical response to hypoxia in the precontracted (prostaglandins $F_2: PGF_2$, 1.5×10^{-6} M) coronary artery without (A) and with (B) indomethacin (10^{-5} M). C: shows mean response of coronary artery with (Indomethacin) and without (Control) indomethacin under the same conditions (n=6). Indomethacin was applied 20 - 30 min before testing effect of hypoxia efficacy. Hypoxia was induced by switching from 95% $O_2+5\%$ CO_2 (O_2) to a 95% $N_2+5\%$ CO_2 gas mixture (N_2). Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. *: significant difference between PGF_2 —induced contractility and hypoxia-induced contractility (p<0.05). Indo: indomethacin.



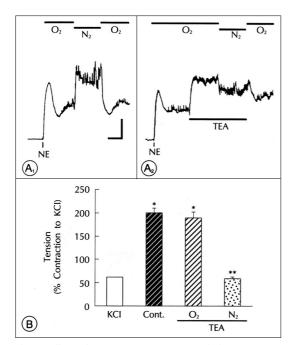


Fig. 10. Effect of TEA on response to hypoxia in pulmonary arteries with enodthelium. A_1 , A_2 : shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (norepinephrine; NE, 10^{-7} M) pulmonary artery with (A_2) and without (A_1) TEA (1 mM). B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery with (TEA) and without (Cont.) TEA under the same conditions (n=8). TEA was applied after norepinephrine-induced precontraction. Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. *: significant difference between 40 mM K*- induced contraction and hypoxia- or TEA-induced contraction (p<0.05). Horizontal scale bar: 10 min, Vertical scale bar: 100 mg.

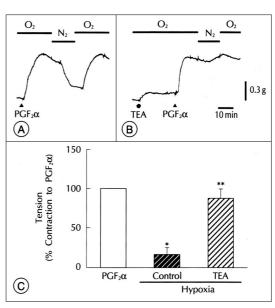


Fig. 11. Effect of tetraethylammonium chloride on the response to hypoxia in coronary artery without endothelium. A, B: shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (prostaglandins $F_2: PGF_2$, $1.5 \times 10^{-6} \, M$) coronary artery without (A) and with (B) tetraethylammonium chloride (TEA, 10 mM). C: shows mean response of coronary artery with (TEA) and without (Control) TEA under the same conditions (n=11). TEA was applied 25 min before testing effect of hypoxia. Hypoxia was induced by switching from $95\% \, O_2 + 5\% \, CO_2 \, (O_2)$ to a $95\% \, N_2 + 5\% \, CO_2 \, gas$ mixture (N_2). Data are expressed as mean $\pm \, SE. \, *: \, significant \, difference between <math>PGF_2$ —induced contractility and control (p<0.05). **: significant difference between control and TEA group (p<0.05).

(PGF $_2n$ 100% , : 69 ± 8.3%, Glibenc - lamide : 27.2 ± 16.6%, n = 7).

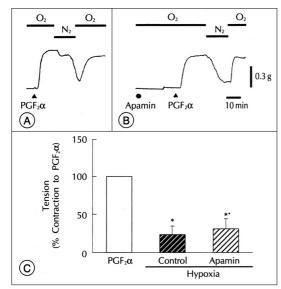


Fig. 12. Effect of apamin on the response to hypoxia in coronary artery without endothelium. A, B: shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (prostaglandins $F_2: PGF_2: 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ M) coronary artery without (A) and with (B) apamin (10^{-7} M). C: shows mean response of coronary artery with (Apamin) and without (Control) apamin under the same conditions (n=9). Apamin was applied 20-25 min before testing effect of hypoxia. Hypoxia was induced by switching from 95% O₂+5% CO₂ (O₂) to a 95% N₂+5% CO₂ gas mixture (N₂). Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. \pm : significant difference between PGF₂-induced contractility and hypoxiainduced contractility (p <0.05).

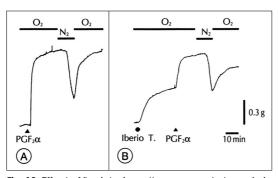


Fig. 13. Effect of iberiotoxin on the response to hypoxia in coronary artery without endothelium. A, B: shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (prostaglandins $F_2: PGF_2$, 1.5×10^{-6} M) coronary artery without (A) and with (B) iberiotoxin (Iberio T., 5×10^{-8} M). Iberiotoxin was applied 30 min before testing effect of hypoxia. Hypoxia was induced by switching from 95% $O_2+5\%$ CO_2 (O_2) to a 95% $N_2+5\%$ CO_2 gas mixture (N_2).

가 Fig. 15 K^{+}_{ATP} glibenclamide가 K^{\dagger}_{ATP} channel channel opener cromakalim . Fig. 15A PGF_2 (1.5 × 10⁻⁶ M) , reox ygenation , 95% O₂ + 5% CO₂가 1.5 × 10⁻⁶ M cromakalim , 10⁻⁶ M glibenclamide (Fig. 15B) cromakalim Fig. 15C cromaka lim $55.9 \pm 9.1\%$, $46 \pm 13\%$ (n =7) , glibenclamide $112.5 \pm 102\%$, $8.9 \pm 1.2\%$ (n=7)

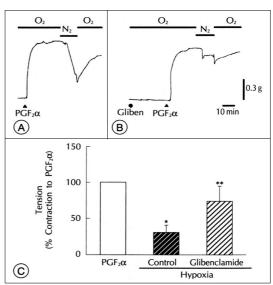
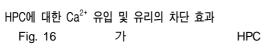


Fig. 14. Effect of glibenclamide on the response to hypoxia in coronary artery without endothelium. A, B: shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (prostaglandins $F_2: PGF_2: 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \, M$) coronary artery without (A) and with (B) glibenclamide (Gliben, $10^{-6} \, M$). C: shows mean response of coronary artery with (Glibenclamide) and without (Control) glibenclamide under the same conditions (n=7). Glibenclamide was applied 25 min before testing effect of hypoxia. Hypoxia was induced by switching from $95\% \, O_2 + 5\% \, CO_2 \, (O_2)$ to a $95\% \, N_2 + 5\% \, CO_2 \, gas$ mixture (N_2). Data are expressed as mean ± SE. *: significant difference between PGF_2 —induced contractility and control (p<0.05). **: significant difference between control and glibenclamide group (p<0.05).



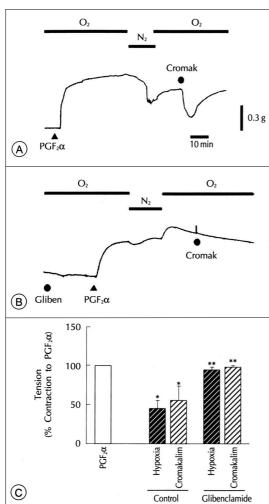
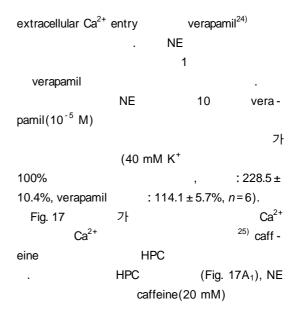


Fig. 15. Effect of glibenclamide on the response to hypoxia and cromakalim in coronary artery without endothelium. A, B: shows typical response to hypoxia and cromakalim (Cromak, 5×10^{-6} M) in precontracted (prostaglandins F_2 : PGF₂, 1.5 x 10⁻⁶ M) coronary artery without (A) and with (B) glibenclamide (Gliben, 10⁻⁶ M). C: shows mean response of coronary artery with (Glibenclamide) and without (Control) glibenclamide under the same conditions (n=7). Glibenclamide was applied 25 min before testing effect of hypoxia. Hypoxia was induced by switching from 95% O_2 +5% CO_2 (O_2) to a 95% N_2 +5% CO_2 gas mixture (N₂). Data are expressed as mean ± SE. * : significant difference between PGF2 -induced contractility and hypoxia or cromakalim-induced contractility (p<0.05). **: significant difference between control and glibenclamide group (p<0.05).



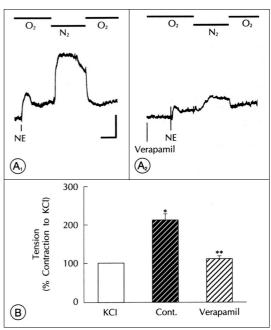


Fig. 16. Effect of verapamil on response to hypoxia in pulmonary arteries with endothelium. A_1 , A_2 : shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (norepinephrine; NE, 10^{-7} M) pulmonary artery with (A_2) and without (A_1) verapamil (10^{-5} M). B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery with (Verapamil) and without (Cont.) verapamil under the same conditions (n=6). Verapamil was applied 20 min before testing their efficacy. Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. *: significant difference between 40 mM K*- induced contraction and hypoxia-induced contraction (p<0.05). Horizontal scale bar: 10 min, Vertical scale bar: 100 mg.

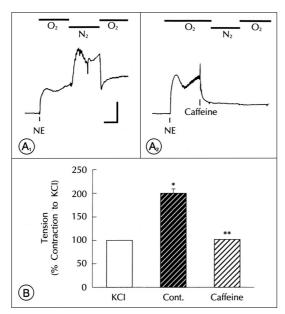


Fig. 17. Effect of caffeine on response to hypoxia in pulmonary arteries with endothelium. A_1 , A_2 : shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (norepinephrine; NE, 10^{-7} M) pulmonary artery with (A_2) and without (A_1) caffeine (20 mM). B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery with (Caffeine) and without (Cont.) caffeine under the same conditions (n=7). Caffeine was applied after norepinephrine-induced precontraction. Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. *: significant difference between 40 mM K*-induced contraction and hypoxia-induced contraction (p<0.05). **: significant difference between preparations with and without caffeine (p<0.05). Horizontal scale bar: 10 min, Vertical scale bar: 100 mg.

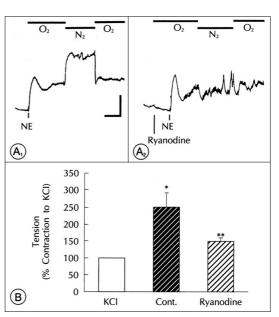


Fig. 18. Effect of ryanodine on response to hypoxia in pulmonary arteries with endothelium. A₁, A₂: shows typical response to hypoxia in precontracted (norepinephrine; NE, 10^{-7} M) pulmonary artery with (A₂) and without (A₁) ryanodine (5 μ M). B: shows mean response of pulmonary artery with (Ryanodine) and without (Cont.) ryanodine under the same conditions (n=9). Ryanodine was applied 30 - 40 min before testing their efficacy. Data are expressed as mean \pm SE. *: significant difference between 40 mM K⁺ - induced contraction and hypoxia-induced contraction (p<0.05). **: significant difference between preparations with and without ryanodine (p<0.05). Horizontal scale bar: 10 min, Vertical scale bar: 100 mg.

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