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Long-term pre- and postconditioning with low doses of Erythropoietin protects ischemic musculocutaneous tissue from necrosis

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**Introduction:** It has been shown that pre- and postconditioning of ischemically challenged tissue with erythropoietin (EPO) is able to reduce necrosis in a dose-dependent manner. The aim of this study was to determine the tissue-protective effects of different EPO dosages and administration regimes.

**Methods:** Three groups of six C57Bl/6-mice each were analyzed. 1. Untreated control group; 2. pre- and postconditioning with initial high doses of EPO (starting at 2500 I.U./kg bw i.p.) and subsequent low doses of EPO (125 I.U./kg bw i.p.) (EPO-high-dose); 3. pre- and postconditioning with low doses of EPO (125 I.U./kg bw i.p.) (EPO-low-dose). Randomly perfused musculo-cutaneous flaps were mounted into dorsal skinfold chambers undergoing acute persistent ischemia and developing ~50% necrosis without treatment. Intravital epi-fluorescence microscopy was performed at day 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10 after surgery, assessing flap necrosis, microcirculation and angiogenesis. The hematocrit was measured at day 0, 3, 7 and 10.

**Results:** Only the EPO-low-dose regimen was associated with a significant reduction of necrosis when compared to untreated controls. EPO-low-dose showed a higher increase, both in arteriolar diameter and velocity, resulting in a significantly increased arteriolar blood flow and a significantly higher functional capillary density of the critically perfused zone. EPO-induced angiogenesis was significantly increased in EPO-low-dose at day 7 and day 10. Only EPO-high-dose reached a significant hematocrit increase by day 10.


**Conclusion:** Tissue pre- and postconditioning with low doses of EPO protects critically perfused musculo-cutaneous tissue by maintaining capillary perfusion as a consequence of increased arteriolar blood flow mediated by NO-expression.

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