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# 0082. Early circulating lipid and cytokine profiles prognosticate in a rat model of faecal peritonitis

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## Introduction

In stress states, catecholamines induce lipolysis and insulin resistance with hyperglycaemia. Lipid profiles differ between surviving and non-surviving septic patients [1,2] but, hitherto, little attention has been paid to this finding and its significance remains unknown. We used a previously characterized 72h fluid-resuscitated rat model of faecal peritonitis where prognostication can be made with high sensitivity and specificity as early as 6h from heart rate or stroke volume [3].

## Objectives

To determine the relationship between early changes in plasma cytokine and metabolic profiles, and their prognostic significance.

## Methods

Under general anaesthesia male Wistar rats ( $325 \pm 15$ g) underwent tunneled insertion of carotid arterial and jugular venous lines, followed by i.p. injection of  $4 \mu\text{l/g}$  faecal slurry. They were then woken and attached to a

swivel-tether system allowing free movement in their cage with, from 2h, fluid resuscitation (1:1 mix of 5% dextrose:Hartmann's) at  $10 \text{ml/kg/h}$ . An echocardiography-measured HR cut-off of 460 bpm was used to classify animals into predicted survivors or non-survivors. At 6h, animals were sacrificed for blood and tissue sampling. We here report plasma levels of IL-6, IL-10, and a metabolic profile using blood gas analysis, ELISA and enzymatic colorimetric testing.

## Results

At 6h the animals manifested only mild clinical features of illness, however significant differences were seen in IL-6 and all lipid measurements between predicted survivors and non-survivors. Glucose, lactate and IL-10 levels did not differ. Table 1

## Conclusions

In this long-term rat model of faecal peritonitis, predicted non-survivors had a significantly different IL-6 and lipid profile as early as 6 hours after sepsis. IL-6 impacts on

Table 1

	Predicted survival (n=6)	Predicted non-survival (n=6)
IL-6 (ng/mL)	$0.94 \pm 0.23$	$3.70 \pm 0.83^*$
IL-10 (ng/mL)	$0.33 \pm 0.05$	$0.30 \pm 0.12$
Glucose (mmol/L)	$6.8 \pm 0.7$	$6.9 \pm 0.6$
Lactate (mmol/L)	$1.9 \pm 0.5$	$1.6 \pm 0.5$
HDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	$0.88 \pm 0.04$	$0.73 \pm 0.07^*$
LDL/VLDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	$0.50 \pm 0.03$	$0.39 \pm 0.03^*$
Triglyceride (mmol/L)	$1.12 \pm 0.04$	$0.75 \pm 0.08^*$

[Data shown as median  $\pm$  SE; \*  $p < 0.05$ ]

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lipid metabolism [4] but the relationship in sepsis has not, to our knowledge, been previously described. The impact of early hypolipidaemia on outcome warrants further investigation.

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