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26 **Abstract**

27 Thiamine pyrophosphate (TPP) is the active metabolite of thiamine. This study aimed to  
28 investigate the effects of thiamine and TPP on cisplatin-induced peripheral neuropathic pain  
29 (PNP) in rats. It also examines whether cisplatin-induced PNP is associated with blood serum  
30 TPP deficiency.

31 Animals were divided into groups (n=6) that received 2 mg/kg cisplatin (CIS), 2 mg/kg  
32 cisplatin+25 mg/kg thiamine (CTM), 2 mg/kg cisplatin+25 mg/kg TPP (CTPP) and distilled  
33 water administered healthy group (HG) intraperitoneally. Thiamine, TPP and distilled water  
34 were given once a day, and cisplatin was administered once every two days for 8 days, then  
35 were measured with Basile Algesimeter to evaluate analgesic activity. Blood samples were  
36 taken from the tail veins of the rats for determination of the pro-inflammatory interleukin  
37 1Beta (IL-1Beta), malondialdehyde (MDA), total glutathione (tGSH), thiamine and TPP.  
38 Histopathological examinations were performed on removing sciatic nerves from animals.

39 Thiamine did not increase paw pain threshold suppressed by cisplatin, but TPP significantly  
40 increased. Increased production of IL-1Beta and MDA by cisplatin was inhibited by TPP,  
41 while not being inhibited by thiamine. Conversion of thiamine to TPP significantly decreased  
42 in the CIS group. Histopathological and biochemical investigations have demonstrated,  
43 hyperalgesia and sciatic nerve damage developed in the CIS and CTM groups with low TPP  
44 levels These results indicate that cisplatin inhibits the formation of TPP from thiamine  
45 leading to severe PNP. This finding suggests that TPP may be more beneficial than thiamine  
46 for the treatment of cisplatin-induced PNP.

47 **Keywords:** cisplatin, peripheral neuropathy, pain, rat, thiamine.

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51 **Introduction**

52 Pain that is caused by impairment of the peripheral nervous system or by impairment of  
53 function or sensation has been described by the International Association for the Study of  
54 Pain as peripheral neuropathic pain (PNP) [5,37]. PNP is the most common side effect of  
55 chemotherapy [3,8], occurring in 80–90% of the patients undergoing this treatment [19]. This  
56 PNP side effect is therefore a serious pathological event that can lead to cessation of  
57 chemotherapy treatment; consequently, the treatment and pathogenesis of chemotherapy-  
58 induced PNP are of considerable scientific interest. Chemotherapy-induced PNP models are  
59 now used for the discovery of drugs that show fewer side effects and greater effectiveness  
60 against the elicitation of PNP.

61 The platinum-derived anticancer drug, cisplatin, is a known cause of PNP in animals and has  
62 been used to generate an experimental chemotherapy-induced PNP model [4,7,24]. The  
63 mechanism of chemotherapy-induced PNP is not yet well understood [24], but many studies  
64 indicate a role for interleukin-1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ ) in the formation of PNP [12,38]. Some studies also  
65 suggest that neuropathic pain induced by platinum-derived anticancer drugs is associated  
66 with oxidative stress [25]. An association may also exist between cisplatin neurotoxicity and  
67 oxidative stress. In this context, thiamine itself has no protective effect, whereas thiamine  
68 pyrophosphate (TPP) has a beneficial effect in the treatment of oxidative brain damage  
69 induced by cisplatin [34].

70 Doxorubicin causes TPP deficits in oxidative heart damage by inhibiting the thiamine  
71 pyrophosphokinase enzyme, which converts thiamine to TPP in rats. TPP, in turn, is believed  
72 to protect cardiac tissue from doxorubicin toxicity [28], and a thiamine deficiency was  
73 possible in the tissue despite its normal levels in blood [30]. Cisplatin treatment may also  
74 lead to oxidative PNP by inhibiting the formation of TPP from thiamine in the body. In  
75 addition, TPP may be beneficial in the treatment of cisplatin-induced PNP.

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76 In this study; our aim was to study the effects of TPP against cisplatin-induced PNP. TPP, an  
77 active metabolite of thiamine, is also known as vitamin B1. It is the best indicator of thiamine  
78 activity [29] and is formed in the liver by phosphorylation of thiamine by the thiamine  
79 pyrophosphokinase enzyme [29, 33]. No evidence has been recorded in the literature to  
80 indicate that cisplatin-induced PNP is caused by TPP deficiency. Therefore, the aim of our  
81 study was to investigate the effects of thiamine and TPP on cisplatin-induced PNP in rats.  
82 The association between the severity of cisplatin-induced PNP and the degree of thiamine  
83 deficiency was also further assessed.

## 84 **Material and Methods**

### 85 *Animals*

86 Rats were obtained from Ataturk University Medical Experimental Application and Research  
87 Center. The experiment was carried out using a total of 24 male albino Wistar rats weighing  
88 235–245 grams. The animals were housed and fed in groups under appropriate conditions at  
89 normal room temperature (22 °C) in the Pharmacology Laboratory for 7 days. Animal  
90 experiments were performed in accordance with the National Guidelines for the Use and  
91 Care of Laboratory Animals and were approved by the local animal ethics committee of  
92 Ataturk University, Erzurum, Turkey (Ethics Committee Number: 7/144, Dated: 04.11.2016)

### 93 *Chemical Substances*

94 Cisplatin (50 mg/100 ml; Cisplatin; Ebewe) was provided by Liba (Turkey), thiamine and  
95 TPP were provided by Biopharma (Russia), and thiopental sodium was obtained from IE  
96 Ulagay (Turkey).

### 97 *Experimental groups*

98 Rats were divided into four groups: cisplatin (CIS) treated (n=6), cisplatin + thiamine (CTM)  
99 treated (n=6), cisplatin + TPP (CTPP) treated (n=6), and untreated healthy controls (HG)  
100 (n=6).

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101 ***Experimental procedure***

102 The normal paw pain thresholds of all rat groups were measured using a Basile Algesimeter  
103 before drug administration. The animals were then intraperitoneally (ip) administered 25  
104 mg/kg of thiamine (CTM group), 25 mg/kg TPP (CTPP group), or the same volume of  
105 distilled water (CIS and HG groups). Five minutes after drug administration, 2 mg/kg  
106 cisplatin was administered ip to all rat groups except the HG group. The thiamine, TPP, and  
107 distilled water treatments were repeated once a day for 8 days. Cisplatin was administered  
108 once every two days for a total of four doses.

109 After the treatment period, blood samples were taken from the tail veins for analysis of  
110 interleukin 1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ ), malondialdehyde (MDA), total glutathione (tGSH), thiamine, and  
111 TPP. The paw pain thresholds of all rat groups were measured in the same way 8 days after  
112 drug administration. The analgesic effects of the drugs were determined by comparing the  
113 results of the CTM, CTPP, or HG groups with those of the CIS groups. The percent analgesic  
114 effect was calculated using the following formula: analgesic effect (%) =  $(1 - D/C) \times 100$ ,  
115 where D represents the difference in the pain threshold for the CTM, CTPP, or HG groups  
116 before and after drug administration, and C represents the difference in the pain threshold for  
117 the CIS group before and after cisplatin administration[6]. The rats were subsequently killed  
118 with a high dose of thiopental sodium, and the sciatic nerves were removed for  
119 histopathological examinations.

120 ***Biochemical analysis***121 ***Preparation of sera***

122 Blood samples were taken from all rats and collected into separation gel vacutainer serum  
123 tubes. All blood samples were incubated for 15 min at room temperature, and then the sera  
124 were separated by centrifugation at 1500  $\times$ g for 10 min. All serum samples were stored at  
125  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  until biochemical analysis.

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126 ***MDA analysis in serum***

127 MDA measurements were based on a previous method involving spectrophotometric  
128 measurement of absorbance of the pink-colored complex formed by thiobarbituric acid. The  
129 serum sample (0.1 mL) was added to a solution containing 0.2 ml of 80 g/L sodium dodecyl  
130 sulfate, 1.5 mL of 200 g/L acetic acid, 1.5 mL of 8 g/L 2-thiobarbiturate, and 0.3 mL distilled  
131 water. The mixture was incubated at 95 °C for 1 h. Upon cooling, 5mL of n-butanol:pyridine  
132 (15:1) was added. The mixture was vortexed for 1 min and centrifuged for 30 min at 4000  
133 rpm. The absorbance of the supernatant was measured at 532 nm. A standard curve was  
134 generated using 1,1,3,3-tetramethoxypropane[26].

135 ***Serum tGSH analysis***

136 According to a previously defined method, 5,5'-dithiobis [2-nitrobenzoic acid] disulfide  
137 (DTNB) was used as the chromogen in the medium, as it is reduced easily by sulfhydryl  
138 groups. The yellow color produced during the reduction was measured  
139 spectrophotometrically at 412 nm. For measurement, a cocktail solution was prepared (5.85  
140 mL 100 mM Na-phosphate buffer, 2.8 mL 1 mM DTNB, 3.75 mL 1 mM NADPH, and 80 µL  
141 625 U/L glutathione reductase). Before measurement, 0.1 mL meta-phosphoric acid was  
142 added to 0.1 mL serum and centrifuged for 2 min at 2000 rpm to deproteinize the sample. A  
143 0.15 mL volume of cocktail solution was added to 50 µL of supernatant. A standard curve  
144 was generated using GSSG [31].

145 ***IL-1 $\beta$  analysis in serum***

146 Serum IL-1 $\beta$  concentrations were measured using a rat-specific sandwich enzyme-linked  
147 immunosorbent assay (ELISA) rat interleukin 1 $\beta$  kit (Cat no: YHB0616Ra, Shanghai LZ)  
148 and a rat tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$  ELISA kit (Cat no: YHB1098Ra, Shanghai LZ). Analyses  
149 were performed according to the manufacturers' instructions. Briefly, monoclonal antibodies  
150 specific for rat IL-1 $\beta$  and TNF- $\alpha$  were coated onto the wells of microplates. The serum



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151 samples, standards, and biotinylated specific monoclonal antibodies and streptavidin-HRP  
152 were pipetted into the wells and incubated at 37 °C for 60 min. After washing, chromogen  
153 reagent A and chromogen reagent B were added to produce a color upon reaction with the  
154 bound enzyme. After incubation at 37 °C for 10 min, a stop solution was added. The intensity  
155 of this colored product is directly proportional to the concentration of rat IL-1 $\beta$  present in the  
156 original specimen. The concentrations of the colored product in the well plates were read at  
157 450 nm with a microplate reader (Bio Tek, USA). The absorbance of the samples was  
158 estimated with formulas using standard curves.

159 ***Measurement of thiamine and TPP levels in serum samples***

160 Whole blood samples were stored at -80 °C and then 10% trichloroacetic acid solution was  
161 added at a 1:1 ratio to extract thiamine and TPP. After 5 minutes of vortexing and  
162 centrifugation at 5000 rpm for 10 minutes, the extract was reacted in basic medium  
163 containing K<sub>3</sub>(FeCN)<sub>6</sub> and 20% NaOH to form thiochromes. The reaction mixture was  
164 applied to an HPLC column, separated with mobile phase components, and thiamine and TPP  
165 were detected using a fluorescence detector (Agilent Technologies, Germany) at 375 nm  
166 wavelength for excitation and 435 nm wavelength for emission. The mobile phases were 74%  
167 KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> buffer (pH 6.2) and 26% methanol. Thiamine and TPP peaks eluted at the 7.9 and  
168 2.8 minutes, respectively.

169 ***Histopathological examination***

170 The removed sciatic nerve tissues of rats were fixed in 10% formalin solution for 24 hours.  
171 Sections (4  $\mu$ m thick) were obtained from paraffin blocks after routine tissue processing and  
172 stained with hematoxylin & eosin. All sections were evaluated under a light microscope  
173 (Olympus BX 52, Tokyo, Japan) by a pathologist following a blind allocation of samples.

174 ***Statistical Analysis***

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175 The results of the experiments were expressed as "mean value  $\pm$  standard error" ( $x \pm$  SEM).  
176 The significance level between the groups was determined using one-way ANOVA. A Tukey  
177 test was performed as a post hoc analysis. All statistical procedures were performed using the  
178 "SPSS Statistics Version 18" statistical program. A value of  $p < 0.05$  was accepted as  
179 statistically significant.

## 180 **Results**

### 181 *Pain test*

182 Table 1 shows that the paw pain threshold in the CIS group was  $28.2 \pm 1.4$  g lower after  
183 cisplatin administration than before cisplatin administration. The paw pain threshold  
184 difference before and after drug administration was  $22.2 \pm 2.2$  g in the CTM group ( $P > 0.05$ ).  
185 This indicated that thiamine produced a 21.3% analgesic effect in animals receiving cisplatin.  
186 The difference in paw pain threshold before and after drug administration was  $4.8 \pm 0.4$  g in  
187 the CTPP group ( $P < 0.0001$ ). This suggests that TPP reduced cisplatin-induced pain by  
188 82.9%. In the HG group, the pain threshold difference before and after distilled water was  
189 evaluated as  $1.3 \pm 0.2$  g ( $P < 0.0001$ ).

### 190 *Biochemical findings*

#### 191 *MDA levels*

192 As shown in Fig.1, the MDA level in sera of the HG group was  $1.5 \pm 0.2$   $\mu\text{mol/g}$  protein. The  
193 MDA level in the serum samples of the CIS group was increased to  $4.2 \pm 0.2$   $\mu\text{mol/g}$  protein  
194 ( $p < 0.001$ , versus the HG group). The serum level of MDA in the CTM group was  $4.6 \pm 0.2$   
195  $\mu\text{mol/g}$  protein ( $p > 0.05$ , versus the CIS group). The serum level of MDA in the CTPP group  
196 was  $1.8 \pm 0.1$   $\mu\text{mol/g}$  protein, ( $p < 0.001$ , versus the CIS group)

#### 197 *tGSH levels*

198 The amount of tGSH in the sera of the HG group was  $7.0 \pm 0.3$   $\text{nmol/g}$  protein. However, the  
199 amount of tGSH in the serum of the CIS group rats given cisplatin was  $2.1 \pm 0.1$   $\text{nmol/g}$

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200 protein ( $p < 0.0001$ , versus the HG group). The serum level of tGSH in the CTM group was  
201  $2.4 \pm 0.2$  nmol/g protein ( $p > 0.05$ , versus the CIS group). The amount of tGSH in the CTPP  
202 group was  $6.6 \pm 0.3$  nmol/g protein ( $p < 0.0001$ , versus the CIS group) (Fig.1).

### 203 *IL-1 $\beta$ levels*

204 The amount of serum IL-1 $\beta$  in the HG group was  $1.7 \pm 0.1$  pg/ml, and this value increased to  
205  $5.3 \pm 0.2$  pg/ml in the CIS group ( $p < 0.0001$ , versus the HG group). The serum level of IL-1 $\beta$   
206 in the CTM group was  $4.8 \pm 0.3$  pg/ml, ( $p > 0.05$ , versus the CIS group). The amount of  
207 serum IL-1 $\beta$  in the CTPP group was  $2.0 \pm 0.2$  pg / ml ( $p < 0.0001$ , versus the CIS group)  
208 (Fig.2).

### 209 *The Thiamine and TPP levels in serum*

210 The serum thiamine level was higher in the CTM group than in the CIS group ( $p < 0.001$ ). No  
211 significant difference was noted in the thiamine levels in the serum samples of the CTPP and  
212 HG groups ( $p > 0.05$ , versus the CIS group). However, cisplatin caused a decrease in TPP in  
213 the serum of the CIS group animals ( $p < 0.0001$ , versus the HG group), whereas the TPP level  
214 was increased in the sera of the CTM and CTPP groups rats ( $p > 0.0001$ , versus the CIS  
215 group) (Fig.3).

### 216 *Histopathological findings*

217 Histopathologically normal structures were observed for the epineurium (line arrow), vessels  
218 (circle arrow), fat tissue (smooth arrow), perineurium (square arrow), and nerve fascicles  
219 (bilateral arrow) in the sciatic nerves of the HG group (Fig.4). Increased dilated congested  
220 blood vessels were seen in the sciatic nerve epineurium layers of the CIS group (Fig.5a). The  
221 nerve fascicles showed destruction and edema in the CIS group (Fig.5b). The S-100 (Fig.5c)  
222 and trichrome dye (Fig.5d) results also confirmed the development of destruction of the  
223 sciatic nerve fascicles in the CIS group. The CTM group treated with thiamine showed  
224 fasciculus injury (round arrow), edema (line arrow), and dilated congested vessels (smooth

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225 arrow) in the sciatic nerve (Fig.6). The CTPP group treated with TPP showed only edema  
226 (straight arrow) (Fig.7).

227 **Discussion**

228 This study investigated the effects of thiamine and TPP on cisplatin-induced PNP in rats. We  
229 also investigated whether cisplatin-induced PNP correlates with serum thiamine and TPP  
230 deficiency. Our experimental results showed that cisplatin reduced the paw pain threshold in  
231 the HG and TPP groups, but cisplatin insignificantly reduced the pain threshold in the CTM  
232 group. In the literature, the reduction in the pain threshold is considered to represent  
233 hyperalgesia, whereas elevation indicates analgesia [20] .

234 PNP is one of the most common side effects of chemotherapy. For this reason,  
235 chemotherapy-induced PNP models have gained importance when they are directed toward  
236 the prevention of the side effects of cancer drugs. In recent years, the paw withdrawal test has  
237 been widely used as a method of pain evaluation [2, 20]. In particular, the reason for  
238 choosing the paw withdrawal test to assess chemotherapy-induced PNP is that neuropathic  
239 pain first appears in this region [27]. The paw withdrawal test is also used to generate  
240 experimental PNP with cisplatin [24]. Our results suggest that TPP is effective in decreasing  
241 pain associated with cisplatin in rat paws, while thiamine is ineffective.

242 Cisplatin, which reduced the threshold of paw pain, increased the amount of MDA in the  
243 serum of the animals and decreased the amount of tGSH. MDA is used to estimate lipid  
244 peroxidation, and tGSH is used for determination of antioxidant activity [11]. Increases in  
245 MDA were reported in the cisplatin-induced peripheral neurotoxicity model, whereas tGSH  
246 levels decreased [32]. Recent studies have also suggested a significant link between  
247 pain/analgesia and oxidant/antioxidant parameters [2,9]. Another study reported that MDA  
248 levels increased in the rat paw in proportion to the decrease in the pain threshold, whereas

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249 tGSH levels decreased [2]. In the present study, the amounts of IL-1 $\beta$  and MDA were  
250 increased and tGSH was decreased in the blood serum of the rats given cisplatin.

251 Previous studies have also suggested that IL-1 $\beta$  plays a role in the development of painful  
252 peripheral neuropathy [36].

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254 Chemotherapy-induced PNP is associated with increased IL-1 $\beta$  [17]. Stimulation of IL-1 $\beta$  in  
255 the spinal dorsal horn also plays a critical role in the development of painful peripheral  
256 neuropathy [23]. This finding supports our experimental results with cisplatin.

257 In this study, we observed that thiamine did not prevent the increase in MDA and IL-1 $\beta$  or  
258 the decrease in tGSH induced by cisplatin, but TPP did prevent these responses. However,  
259 these effects of thiamine and TPP on chemotherapy-induced PNP were not found in some  
260 other studies. Some reports indicate that TPP protects tissues from oxidative damage. TPP  
261 inhibits the increase in MDA and the decrease in tGSH induced by chemotherapeutic drugs in  
262 the liver [14]. TPP was effective at inhibiting cisplatin-induced oxidative damage in kidney  
263 tissue, whereas thiamine was ineffective [35]. TPP also has an inhibitory effect on  
264 proinflammatory IL-1 $\beta$ , as well as antioxidant activity [10]. This finding is compatible with  
265 literature reports showing that TPP is able to maintain the levels of serum MDA, IL-1 $\beta$ , and  
266 tGSH at physiological levels in rats receiving cisplatin, whereas thiamine does not.

267 The CTPP group had a high paw pain threshold and high tGSH levels, whereas the MDA and  
268 IL-1 $\beta$  levels were low, and the serum TPP levels were close to those of the HG group. This  
269 suggests that cisplatin may inhibit the in vivo formation of TPP from the thiamine and may  
270 have given rise to PNP. Other studies also support this hypothesis; for example, the use of  
271 doxorubicin in chemotherapy prevented the formation of TPP, which is the active form of  
272 thiamine [28], in agreement with an earlier study [18]. TPP is a known cofactor of the  
273 transketolase enzyme that participates in the synthesis of natural antioxidants such as

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274 NADPH and GSH. TPP may therefore play a very important role in energy production in  
275 heart, muscles, and brain and in the vision and nervous systems [13,16, 26].

276 Our study also showed histopathological findings that were consistent with the biochemical  
277 results. The histopathological examinations revealed dilated congested blood vessels, edema,  
278 and destruction of nerve fascicles in the CIS and CTM groups, which also contained high  
279 levels of MDA and IL-1 $\beta$  and low levels of tGSH. However, no pathological findings were  
280 observed other than edema in the CTPP group, which had low levels of MDA and IL-1 $\beta$  and  
281 high levels of tGSH.

282 Numerous studies that have investigated cisplatin effects support our histopathological  
283 findings on the sciatic nerve tissue. For example, cisplatin caused destructive damage to the  
284 sciatic nerve [21] and was reported to cause pathological changes, such as sciatic axonal  
285 degeneration, axonal connective tissue loss, and edema [15]. The amount of serum MDA was  
286 high and the amount of tGSH was low in the cisplatin-induced neurotoxicity model [1].

**287 Conclusions**

288 Biochemical and histopathological studies on cisplatin confirmed that it produces oxidative  
289 stress in the sciatic nerve tissue of rats. TPP, but not thiamine itself, is effective against  
290 cisplatin-induced PNP. The lack of thiamine efficacy suggests that the cisplatin effects may  
291 involve an inhibition of the formation of TPP from thiamine. Therefore, administration of  
292 TPP may be more beneficial than thiamine as a treatment for cisplatin-induced PNP.

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422 **Figure legends**

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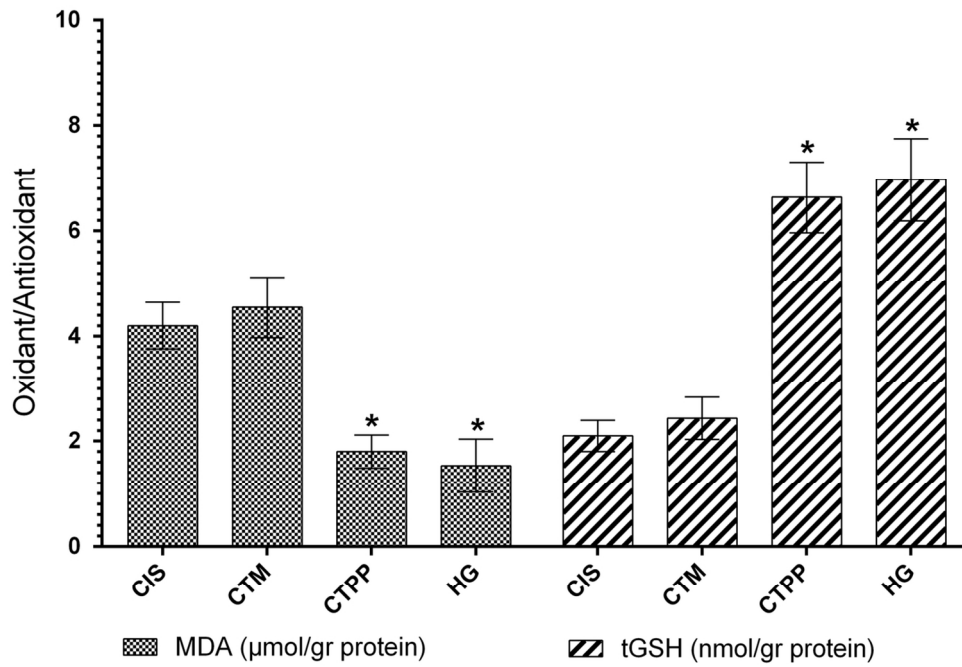


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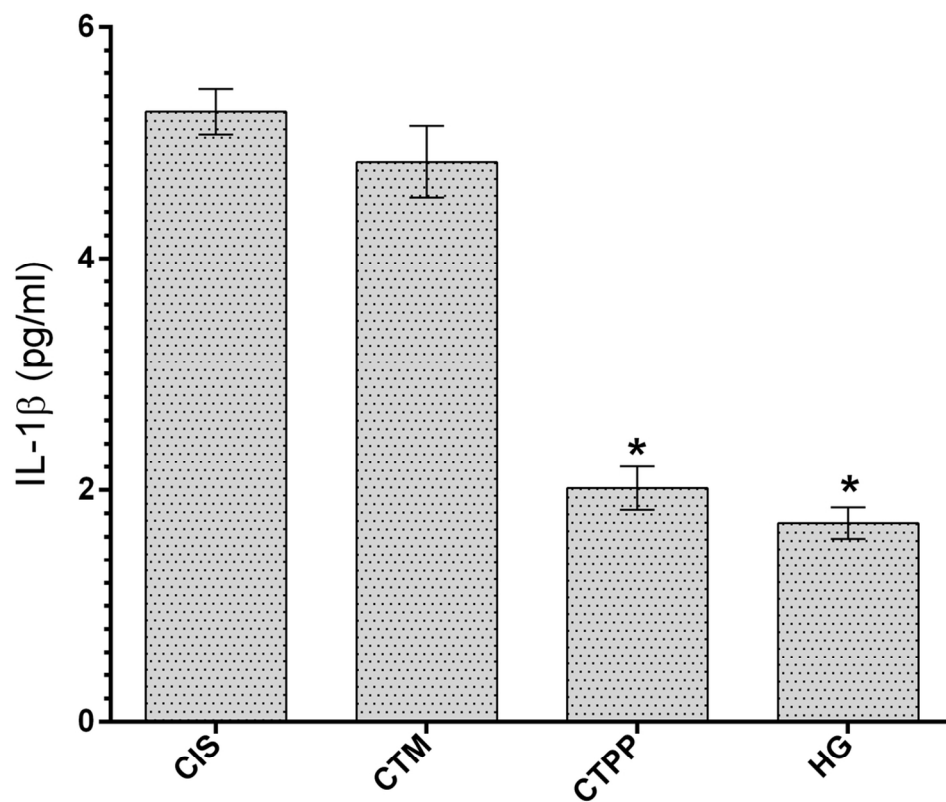


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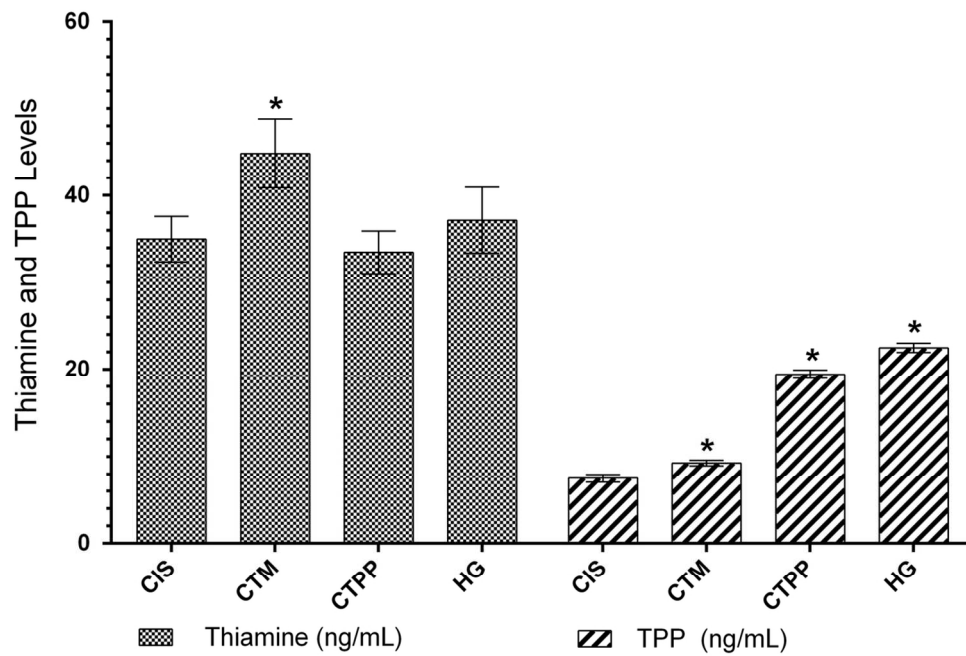


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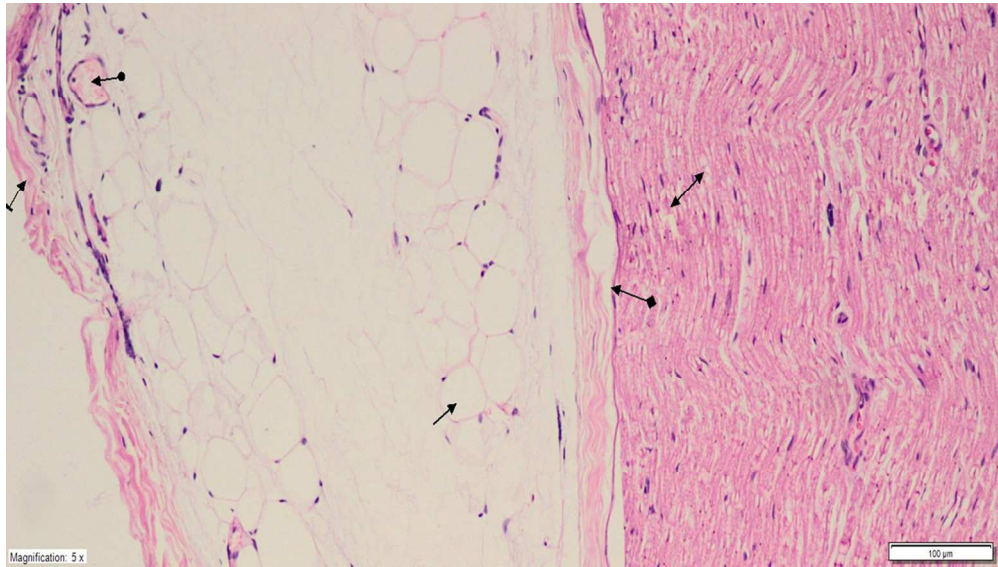


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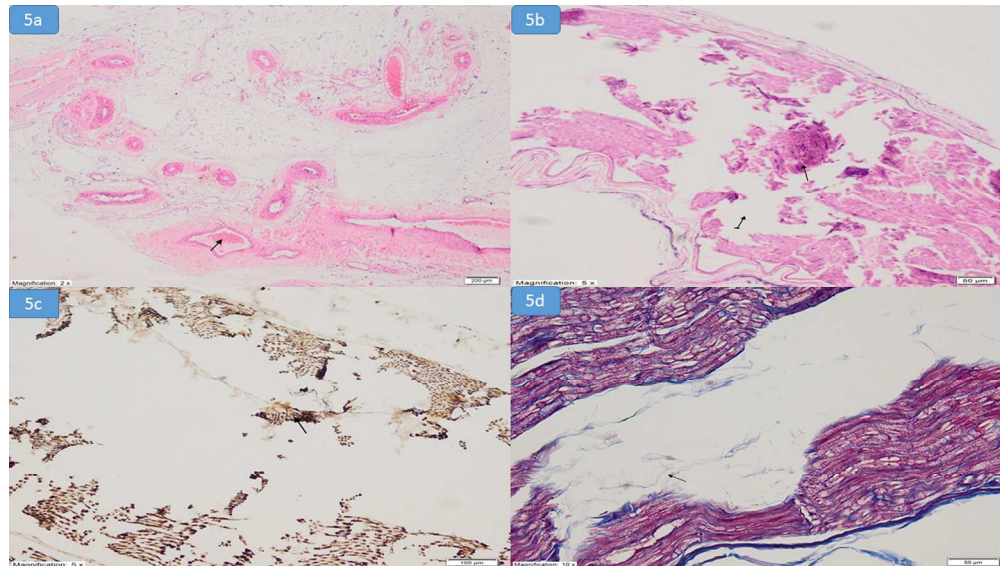


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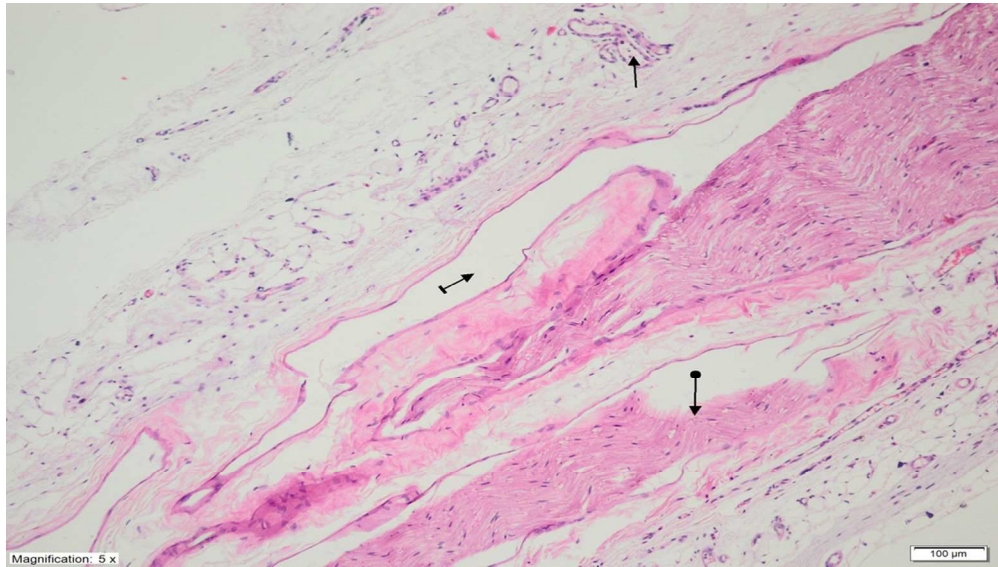


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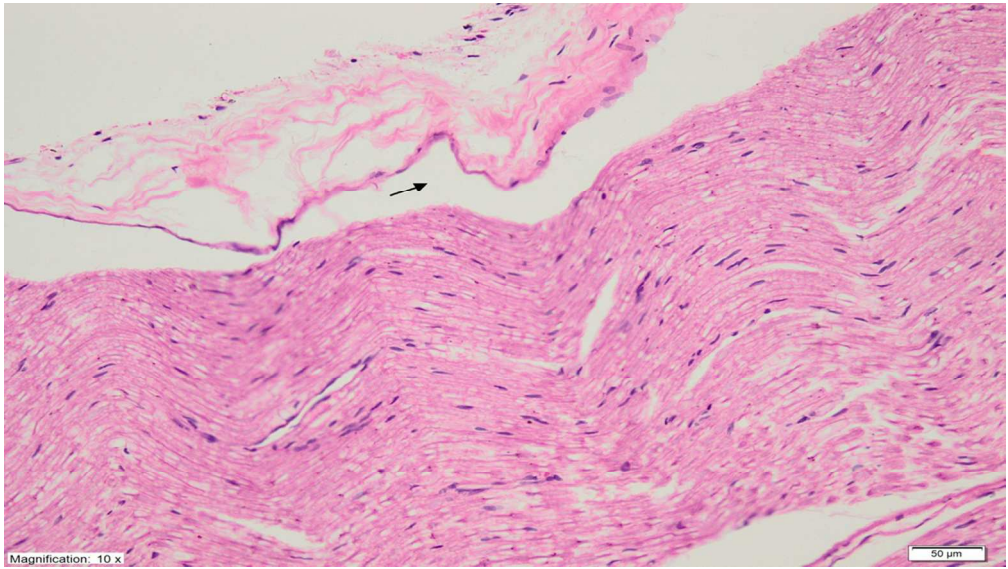


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