

Increased cAMP level in As-treated rat is correlated to 50% reduction in the rate of ADP-induced aggregation while mercury with a slight rise in cAMP causes 20% inhibition in the rate of platelet aggregation. The present investigation suggests that cellular cAMP is a regulatory molecule in the event of platelet aggregation and its disruption of its homeostasis is directly correlated to xenobiotic induced inhibition of platelet aggregation. Grateful to CSIR for Grant No. 37(0921)/96-EMR-II.

3J/P016 - Chemical-toxicological studies of interaction between humic substances and polyaromatic hydrocarbons

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3J/P017 - Molecular pathways of organomercurials in mitochondrial electron transport chain

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3J/P018 - Gas-chromatography-mass spectrometry analysis of polychlorophiphenyles in fish and seals of the lake Baikal

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