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### Myeloperoxidase-derived chlorination and oxidation human plasma fibronectin

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Immune system cells are a major source of oxidants. Leukocyte activation generates O<sub>2</sub><sup>•</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and results in myeloperoxidase (MPO) release. MPO uses H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sup>-</sup> to generate the powerful oxidant HOCl. This mediates pathogen killing, but misplaced formation is linked with extracellular matrix damage (via MPO binding) and human disease. In this study, we have quantified chlorination (3-chloroTyr) and oxidation of human extracellular matrix fibronectin (FN) induced by HOCl and an enzymatic MPO system, and its consequences for human coronary artery smooth muscle cell adhesion, proliferation, migration and gene expression. 3-ChloroTyr and oxidation are detected at multiple sites on FN, including within functionally-important heparin-, cell- and collagen-binding domains, in a dose-dependent manner. Damage is localized to specific residues and occurs to markedly different extents. Heparin-binding and cell adhesion to HOCl-modified FN is decreased in a dose-dependent manner. Cell proliferation on HOCl-damaged FN is modulated, and migration attenuated. Expression of matrix proteins and matrix metalloproteinases in cells exposed to modified FN is significantly altered. These data indicate that FN modification by HOCl and MPO markedly affects matrix properties and cell behaviour.

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### Identification of the channel responsible for the ozone stress induced chloride current in human lung epithelial cells

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In our previous work we investigated the effects of O<sub>3</sub>, one of the most noxious pollutants to which respiratory tract is the most exposed organ, on Cl currents in human cultured lung epithelial cells (A549 line) and demonstrated that O<sub>3</sub> exposure significantly affects Cl current, inducing a large outward rectifier component.

Among the different types of chloride channels present on the cell membrane, Cl-C2 and ORCC (Outward Rectifier Chloride Channel) were the mainly involved, based on the experimental conditions. Functional experiments with specific channel blockers failed to uniquely identify the channel responsible for this stress induced behavior.

In this study we show how silencing of the ANO6 gene (functional part of the ORCC channel) is able to completely eliminate the outward rectifier component of the current. Surprisingly, it was also observed that even under control conditions, a large part of the chloride current of the cell is sustained by the activity of this channel, usually considered inactive in the absence of oxidative stress or voltage stimulation.

This work provides new explanations on the mechanisms of control of water-salt balance in lung epithelial cells at rest and subjected to oxidative stress.

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### Genome-wide sequencing reveals small nucleolar RNAs downregulated in cerebral cavernous malformations

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Cerebral cavernous malformations (CCM) are vascular malformations associated with abnormally dilated blood vessels and leaky capillaries that