Organometric parameters of the remaining kidney after removal of the contralateral in immature rats

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The processes of compensatory hypertrophy of the kidney to the period of puberty are insufficiently studied. Changes in renal parameters after contralateral removal are of scientific interest. The purpose of the study was to establish and compare changes in organometric parameters of the kidney that remained after nephrectomy in non-sexually adult male rats and in sexually mature male rats. Experimental study was performed on 84 non-adult white male rats weighing 53-71 grams, which were kept on a standard vivarium diet. All animals were divided into two groups (42 in each): the first - control, the second - the experimental group. In the control group, the abdominal cavity was opened under ketamine anesthesia, after which the abdominal wall was sutured in layers. All animals of the experimental group performed removal of the left kidney. Animals were withdrawn from the trial by intra-pleural administration of thiopental-sodium 50 mg/kg after 7, 14, 21, 30, 90 days after nephrectomy. Macroscopic evaluation and description of the kidneys of animals was performed after their removal. The statistical analysis of the obtained results was carried out using the "STATISTICA 5.5" program, using parametric and non-parametric methods for evaluating the obtained results. It was found that in the immature rats, the weight of animals in the experimental group (after nephrectomy) was statistically significantly lower in all terms of the observation compared to the control group, and the weight of the kidney of animals in the experimental group, on the contrary, was statistically significantly higher in all terms of observation. The length, width, thickness, volume of kidneys of animals of the experimental group, as well as the magnitude of increment of these parameters with each term of observation are determined. The greatest increase in organometric parameters of the kidney was observed after 30 days of the postoperative period (p<0.05). Subsequently, on the 60th and 90th day, the magnitude of the increase in organometric parameters of the kidney significantly decreased. The index of hypertrophy of the kidney remained unpaired by nephrectomy, which varied from 52.24% to 63.21%. The highest rates of hypertrophy were observed between the 21st and 30th days.

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Many authors emphasize that the younger organism has more intensive and more advanced processes of hypertrophy [3]. The majority of patients who have been admitted to nephrectomy in the short term become disabled in connection with the development of chronic renal failure and nephrogenic hypertension, whereas in children, including when they become adults, the percentage of disability is minimal [1, 2]. However, the functional state of a single kidney in children is often significantly disturbed, and chronic renal failure can occur already in childhood or adolescence [13]. In the kidney, left after nephrectomy in children, established with the help of renosonography, the unevenness of proliferative and fibrotic-sclerotic processes, the presence of dysmetabolic disorders, prolonged violations of the natural passage of urine [15]. With age, glomerular hyperfiltration may worsen existing glomerulosclerosis and lead to renal insufficiency [22].

Compensatory mechanisms that underlie hypertrophy of the kidneys are not yet fully understood, mechanisms that provide stabilization of compensatory and adaptive processes are not sufficiently disclosed. Insufficiently studied issues on the preservation of compensatory and restorative mechanisms in the age aspect.

The aim of the study - to establish changes in organometric parameters of the kidney that remained after nephrectomy in immature male rats.

Materials and methods
An experimental study was performed on 84 immature white male rats weighing 53-71 grams, which were kept on a standard diet in vivarium of the National Pirogov Memorial Medical University, Vinnytsya, Ukraine.

According to the literature, experiments conducted on rats have shown that these animals can be used as a model for studying the course of recovery of the body after nephrectomy and resection of the kidney and the selection of corrective therapy, aimed at the earliest adaptation of the organism to existence in the new conditions [10, 11]. Male rats were more sensitive and less adapted to renal excretion [24].

Animal retention and manipulation were conducted in accordance with the "General Ethical Principles of Animal Experiments" adopted by the First National Congress on Bioethics (Kyiv, 2001), and also guided by the recommendations of the "European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and Other Scientific Purposes" (Strasbourg, 1985) and the provisions of the "Rules for Preclinical Safety Assessment of Pharmacological Products (GLP)".

All animals were divided into two groups (42 in each): the first - control, the second - the experimental group.

In the control group, the abdominal cavity was opened under ketamine anesthesia, after which the abdominal wall was sutured in layers.

All animals of the experimental group performed surgical intervention - nephrectomy of the left kidney. Rats under general intra-muscle anesthesia (aminazine 10 mg/kg and ketamine 20 mg/kg) were given left-sided nephrectomy by crossing the renal leg between two ligatures and then removing the organ. The operation was carried out as follows. The animal was inserted and fixed with soft straps for the limbs in the position on the back to the operating table. With pararectal incision in the length up to 3-5 cm, layer open the abdominal cavity. The small intestine with a gauze napkin was pulled down and medially. The livers of the kidney and its vessels were isolated from the surrounding tissues. The kidney was molded into the wound and isolated from the fatty tissue of the upper third of the ureter. A clamping device was applied to the ureter, under which they were tied with a catgut lighthouse and then crossed under a clamp. In a droop way, they isolated the renal artery and vein and imposed two clips, between which they were crossed. The kidney was removed, and the stump of the blood vessels were catgut ligatures. The layer of the wound was tightly sewn. Isolated by blunt renal artery and vein and imposed two terminals between which they crossed. The kidney was removed and the stump of blood vessels catgut tied ligatures. The layer of the wound was tightly sewn.

Animals were withdrawn from the trial by intra-pleural administration of thiopental-sodium 50 mg/kg after 7, 14, 21, 30, 90 days after nephrectomy. Macroscopic evaluation and description of the kidneys of animals was performed after their removal. Their mass was determined on the laboratory scale of HLR-200 to 0.1mg, and the length, width and thickness of the organ were measured with the help of a caliper to an accuracy of 0.05 mm. The volume of the kidney was calculated according to the formula: \( V = 0,523 \times a \times b \times c \), where \( a \) - is length, \( b \) - is width, \( c \) - is the thickness of the kidney.

The kidney mass index was calculated by obtaining a percentage correlation between the weight of the kidney and the weight of the body of the rat being examined. In the case of animals of the second group, the index of kidney hypertrophy was calculated. It was calculated by obtaining a percentage correlation between the mass of the single kidney and the weight of the two kidneys of the rats of the first control group at this time of the study.

The statistical analysis of the obtained results was carried out using the "STATISTICA 5.5" program, using parametric and non-parametric methods for evaluating the obtained results.

Results
The results of measuring the organometric parameters of the kidneys in the immature rats of the 1st group were as follows: with increasing body weight during the observation period, the organometric parameters of the kidneys were also increased. So the mass of the right kidney from the first to the 90th day of the observation period increased by 2.05 times (Table 1). The mass of the left kidney, in comparison with the right, on all terms of observation was slightly lower (p > 0.05). At the same time, the index of kidney mass decreased by 1.22 times from the first to the 90th day of the observation period, indicating a predominance of growth.
The data we obtained are in agreement with the results of other authors [4], when the absolute dry kidney weight
was increased in rats 7 days after unilateral nephrectomy (hypertrophy of the kidneys), and the mean value was 29.9% higher than the values removed from the contralateral kidney.

A progressive increase in the weight of kidney of rats was also established after removal of the left kidney, which reached its peak after 30 days [9].

According to research [28, 29], renal compensatory hypertrophy restores normal renal function after nephrectomy due to an increase in organ size due to cell growth, and not their proliferation [17].

In the compensatory reaction of the kidney remaining after nephrectomy in immature rats, a significant increase in the indexes of all structural components of the nephron of the cortical substance was established [19]. The highest rate of growth occurs in a seven-day period after the removal of the kidney. Ultrastructure of the cortical substance of the kidneys of unborn animals after the performed nephrectomy is changing already in the early stages of the experiment, when significant reactive changes occur in all components of the nephron. Although the kidney compensatory reaction develops as a reaction to restore normal renal function, in the cortical substance, in addition to hypertrophied, the number of atrophied, diminished kidney cells increases [18]. Enlarged capsules are enlarged and uneven. In the late stages of the experiment, after nephrectomy, the presence of both compensatory and destructive changes in the components of the nephron was established. The use of flow cytometry with simultaneous histological studies showed that the response of adults and young rats to the removal of one of the kidneys is the same, but in immature animals, the growth of cells in the phase S cell cycle after 7-14 days is statistically significantly more than that of the mature [20]. According to recent studies, with loss of renal tissue in the renal epithelial cells MDCK (Madin-Darby cells), a protein with a zona occludens 2 (ZO-2) compound causes cellular hypertrophy by two mechanisms: prolonging the time that cells are carried out in the phase G1 cell cycle due to the increase in the cyclone D1 level and increasing the rate of protein synthesis [7].

In the future, it is planned to compare changes in organometric parameters of the kidney, remaining after nephrectomy, in immature and mature animals.

**Conclusions**

1. In the immature rats, the weight of animals in the experimental group (after nephrectomy) was statistically significantly lower in all observation periods compared to the control group.

2. The weight of the kidney of the animals of the experimental group, as compared with the control group, was, conversely, statistically significantly higher in all terms of observation.

3. The length, width, thickness and volume of the kidneys of animals in the experimental group were also larger with each observation period (p<0.05).

4. The largest increase in organometric parameters of the kidney was observed after 30 days of postoperative period. Subsequently, on the 60th and 90th day, the magnitude of the increase in parameters of the organometric parameters in the experimental group significantly decreased.

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ОРГАНОМЕТРИЧНІ ПАРАМЕТРИ НИРКИ, ЩО ЗАЛИШАЛАСЬ ПІСЛЯ ВИДАЛЕННЯ КОНТРАЛАТЕРАЛЬНОЇ, У СТАТЕВОНЕЗРІЛІХ ЩУРИВ

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Процеси компенсаційної гіпертрофії нирки до періоду статевої зрілості ввічнені недостатньо. Зміни параметрів нирки після віддалення контралатеральної представляють науковий інтерес. Мета дослідження - встановити зміни органометричних показників нирки, що залишилася після нефректомії, у статевонезрілих щурів-самців. Експериментальне дослідження виконано на 84 неполовозрілих білих крысах-самціх масою 53-71 грамм, яких почки після вилучення контралатеральної представляють науковий інтерес. Целью дослідження - установити ізменения органометрических показателей почки, оставшейся после нефрэктомии, у неполовозрелых крыс-самцов. Експериментальное исследование выполнено на 84 неполовозрелых белых крысах-самцах массой 53-71 грамм, которых

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содержали на стандартном рационе вивария. Всех животных разделили на две группы (по 42 в каждой): первая - контрольная, вторая - опытная группа. В контрольной группе под кетаминовым обезболиванием вскрывали брюшную полость, после чего брюшную стенку послойно ушивали. Всем животным опытной группы выполняли удаление левой почки. Животных выводили из опыта путем внутриплеврального введения Тиопентала натрия 50 мг/кг через 7, 14, 21, 30, 90 суток после нефрэктомии. Макроскопическую оценку и описание почек животных проводили после их удаления. Статистический анализ полученных результатов проведен с применением программы "STATISTICA 5.5" с использованием параметрических и непараметрических методов оценки полученных результатов. Установлено, что у неполовозрельных крыс масса животных опытной группы (после нефрэктомии) по сравнению с контрольной группой, была статистически значимо меньше, а масса почки животных опытной группы, наоборот, была статистически значимо больше на всех сроках наблюдения. Определены длина, ширина, толщина, объем почки животных опытной группы, а также величины прироста этих параметров в каждый срок эксперимента. Таким образом, максимальную величину прироста органометрических показателей почки наблюдали через 30 суток послеоперационного периода (p<0,05). В дальнейшем, на 60 и 90 сутки эксперимента величина прироста органометрических показателей почки существенно уменьшалась. Определен индекс гипертрофии почки, оставшейся после нефрэктомии контралатеральной, который колебался от 52,24% до 63,21%. Наибольшие показатели гипертрофии установлены между 21 и 30 сутками.

Ключевые слова: почка, нефрэктомия, органометрия, неполовозрельные крысы.