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# Topical insulin in the gel formulation vs. cream formulation in the tissue repair of hyperglycemic mice

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### **Abstract**

Topical insulin is an option for the treatment of wounds in hyperglycemic animals with delayed tissue repair. Although there is evidence on the impact of insulin on wound healing, further studies are needed to evaluate the best insulincontaining formulation in tissue repair.

Objective: To investigate the cream formulation vs. the gel formulation in wounds of hyperglycemic animals.

**Method:** Diabetes was induced with five consecutive daily doses of streptozotocin (60mg / kg) intraperitoneally. The wound was performed in the dorsal region of the animals with the aid of a mold with an area of 1cm2. The study was composed of group 1: wounds treated with insulin cream and group 2: animals treated with insulin gel. Wounds were treated daily, photographed and extracted for further analysis. Wound areas were analyzed using ImageJ software. The groups were compared by means of the t-Student test; the level of significance adopted was p <0.05.

Results: Microscopically both groups were very similar in relation to inflammatory infiltrate, presence of fibroblasts and vessels. There was a higher rate of reepithelialization with treatment in the gel formulation. We also observed increased expression of the protein Ki67 and the  $TGF\beta1$  on day 8 in the gel formulation when compared to the cream. On the 14th day, the findings are similar in both groups.

Conclusion: Topical insulin favors tissue repair in the cream or gel formulation. It modulates the inflammatory phase, the cellular proliferation through KI67 and favors the proliferative phase through the expression of  $TGF\beta1$  evaluated by immunohistochemistry.

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## **Publications:**

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- Effect of Topical Insulin on Second-Degree Burns in Diabetic Rats
- Maintenance of central venous access devices permeability in cancer patients / Maintaining the permeability of central venous access devices in cancer patients / Maintaining the permeability of central venous access devices in cancer patients
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