

with 0.5mM of NAD⁺ precursors nicotinamide riboside (NR) and nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN). FK866 (100nM, 48h) was effective at depleting NAD⁺ by approximately 90% in C2C12 myotubes and 50% in HepG2 liver cells. In each cell line, 11 β -HSD1 reductase activity was decreased by FK866 compared to untreated controls (80% in C2C12 P<0.0001, 55% in HepG2, P=0.03 and 65% in HDFn P=0.002). Restoring NAD⁺ level with NR (0.5mM, 6h) in C2C12 and (0.5mM, 24h) in HepG2 and HDFn rescued 11 β -HSD1 enzyme activity compared with no precursor treatment (60% in C2C12 P=0.0007, 52% in HepG2 P=0.03 and 68% in HDFn P=0.0006). Human dermal fibroblasts treated with TNF α (10nM, 24h) boosted 11 β -HSD1 expression 4-fold, however this was not able to overcome the FK866 induced drop-in reductase activity. These data show that depletion of NAD⁺ and impaired 11 β -HSD1 reductase activity in the ER is a generalised phenomenon across cell types. This suggests a crosstalk between cytosolic and ER NAD(P)(H) pools that can respond rapidly to changes in NAD⁺ precursor availability. This could provide new insight into the regulation of cellular glucocorticoid metabolism and ER NAD(P)(H) homeostasis.

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Targeting NAD⁺ availability modulates 11 β -Hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase 1 activity in mouse and human cell lines and primary cells

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Four nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide coenzymes – NAD⁺, NADH, NADP⁺, and NADPH – are the central catalysts of metabolism. The enzyme 11 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 1 (11 β -HSD1) is NADPH-dependent reductase that catalyses the reduction of the inactive glucocorticoid cortisone to active cortisol (11-dehydrocorticosterone to corticosterone in rodents). 11 β -HSD1 is in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) lumen, and the level of NADPH in the ER regulates enzyme activity. Little is known about the biochemical mechanisms controlling cytosolic/ER NAD(P)(H) crosstalk. Here we examined how perturbed cellular NAD⁺ availability modulates 11 β -HSD1 enzyme activity in the ER across a range of mouse and human cell types. 11 β -HSD1 activity was measured in a series of transformed and primary mouse and human liver (HepG2), muscle, and Human Dermal Fibroblast cells (HDFn) depleted for NAD⁺ using FK866 to inhibit nicotinamide phosphoribosyl transferase (NAMPT), the rate-limiting enzyme in NAD⁺ biosynthesis. To replete NAD⁺ we supplemented cells