

## **Verapamil potentiation of Chironex (box-jellyfish) antivenom.**

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'Rescue' experiments were performed on mice to compare the efficacy of i.v. verapamil, box-jellyfish antivenom, and a combination of both agents to counter the effects of toxic material extracted from the tentacles of *Chironex fleckeri*. In each of three series of experiments, four sets of mice were injected with doses of *Chironex* tentacle extracts containing approximately 4 mg/ml protein which were equivalent to twice the LD50.

Three of these groups also received verapamil alone, antivenom alone, or a combination of both treatments. The combination therapy of drug and antivenom was superior to either agent alone. Treatment of verapamil alone appeared to be equivalent to that with only antivenom.

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