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8-Aminoguanine and Its Actions on Renal Excretory Function

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METHODS

Materials. 8-Aminoguanine, ZM 241385, PSB 1115, BAY 60-6583, MRS 1754, 5'-N-ethylcarboxamidoadenosine (NECA) and $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -3',5'-cAMP were purchased from Toronto Research Chemicals (Toronto, Ontario, Canada); adenosine, inosine, hypoxanthine, xanthine, guanosine, guanine, forodesine, forskolin and 3',5'-cAMP were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO); $^{13}\text{C}_{10}$ -adenosine, $^{13}\text{C}_2,^{15}\text{N}$ -8-aminoguanine, $^{13}\text{C}_{10},^{15}\text{N}_5$ -guanosine and $^{13}\text{C}_2,^{15}\text{N}$ -guanine were sourced from Medical Isotopes (Pelham, NH); $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -hypoxanthine and $^{15}\text{N}_4$ -inosine were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories (Tewksbury, MA).

Animals. Male and female wild-type and A₁, A_{2A} and A_{2B} knockout Dahl salt-sensitive rats (WT Dahl SS, A₁-KO Dahl SS, A_{2A}-KO Dahl SS and A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats, respectively) were obtained from colonies maintained at the University of Pittsburgh. Our colonies were established from breeding pairs generated by the MCW Gene Editing Rat Resource Program (Dr. Aron M. Geurts, Department of Physiology and Human Molecular Genetics Center, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI). We have previously described in detail how these knockout rats were generated and how they were characterized and validated.¹ Sprague-Dawley rats were purchased from Charles River (Wilmington, MA). Because experiments with male and female WT Dahl SS, A₁-KO Dahl SS, A_{2A}-KO Dahl SS and A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats did not indicate sex differences with regard to the effects of 8-aminoguanine on renal excretory function, experiments in Sprague-Dawley rats were conducted in male rats. The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approved all procedures. The investigation conforms to National Institutes of Health Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Animal Preparation. Rats were anesthetized (Inactin, 90 mg/kg, i.p.) and placed on an isothermal pad. Body temperature was continuously measured with a rectal probe thermometer and was maintained at 37°C by adjusting the distance of a heat lamp from the surgical preparation. The trachea was cannulated with polyethylene (PE)-240 tubing, and the carotid artery was cannulated with PE-50 tubing, which was connected to a digital blood pressure analyzer (Micro-Med, Inc., Louisville, KY) for continuous monitoring of mean arterial blood pressure (MABP). Either a PE-50 cannula was positioned in the jugular vein for intravenous administration of test agents or a 30-gauge needle connected to a cannula was placed in the left renal artery for intrarenal artery infusions of test agents. Hemodynamic stability was maintained by an infusion of 0.9 % saline (25 µl/min). The left ureter was cannulated with PE-10 tubing for timed collections of urine. Total renal blood flow (RBF) was measured by placing on the left renal artery a 1-mm transit-time flow probe connected to a transit-time flowmeter (model T-206; Transonic Systems, Ithaca, NY). In some experiments, a microdialysis probe (MD 2310, IV-10, 30 kDa cutoff with 10 mm membrane; BASi, West Lafayette, IN) was inserted into the renal cortex of the left kidney and into the renal medulla of the right kidney. In these experiments, microdialysate (0.9% saline) was infused into the probe inlet at 2 µl/min and collected at the probe outlet. Also, in some experiments, a laser doppler needle probe (diameter, 0.48 mm) was inserted into the medulla of the left kidney and connected to a doppler flowmeter (model ALF21; Transonic Systems) for measurement of medullary blood flow (MBF). After instrumentation, animals were allowed a rest period of approximately one hour.

Analysis of Purines in Microdialysate. Microdialysate samples were diluted in water (1:1 dilution) and stable-isotope internal standards (see Materials for specific compounds) were added to the samples. Without further manipulation purines in samples were analyzed by ultra-performance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (UPLC-MS/MS) using multiple reaction monitoring. We recently published an updated description of our UPLC-MS/MS purine assays including instruments, instrument settings, columns, mobile phases, gradient conditions and mass transitions.²

Analysis of Sodium, Potassium and Glucose in Urine. Concentrations of sodium and potassium in urine were measured by flame photometry (Model IL-943; Instrumentations Laboratory, Lexington, MA). Glucose concentrations in urine were measured using the Cayman Chemical (Ann Arbor, MA) Glucose Colorimetric Assay Kit (catalog number 10009582).

Culture of Renal Microvascular Smooth Muscle Cells (RMSMCs). RMSMCs were cultured from WT and A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats as previously described.³

Inosine Signaling Via A_{2B} Receptors. The effects of inosine on signaling by A_{2B} receptors was examined in cultured HEK293 cells expressing human A_{2B} receptors (NCBI Reference Sequence: NP_000667.1). HEK293 cells expressing recombinant human A_{2B} receptors were grown prior to the test in media without antibiotic and detached by gentle flushing with PBS-EDTA (5 mM EDTA), recovered by centrifugation and resuspended in assay buffer (5 mM KCl, 1.25 mM MgSO₄, 124 mM NaCl, 25 mM HEPES, 13.3 mM glucose, 1.25 mM KH₂PO₄, 1.45 mM CaCl₂, 0.5 g/l BSA, supplemented with 25 μM rolipram). Concentration-response curves were performed in duplicate in a 96-well format. To test whether inosine is a positive allosteric modulator of A_{2B} receptors, 12 μl of cells were mixed with 6 μl of inosine at increasing concentrations (0, 30 or 100 μmol/L), and then incubated for 10 min. Thereafter, 6 μl of NECA (non-selective A_{2B} agonist⁴) at increasing concentrations (0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 nmol/L) were added. To test whether inosine activates A_{2B} receptors independent of other agonists, HEK293 cells expressing A_{2B} receptors were treated with increasing concentrations of inosine (1, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300 and 1000 μmol/L) in the absence and presence of the selective A_{2B} receptor antagonist MRS 1754⁵ (1 μmol/L). The plates were then incubated for 30 min at room temperature. 3',5'-cAMP was measured by homogeneous time resolved fluorescence (HTRF) using the Cisbio - cAMP-Gs Dynamic Kit (Cisbio; Bedford, MA). After addition of the lysis buffer containing the detection reagents cAMP-d2 (FRET acceptor) and anti-cAMP cryptate (FRET donor), plates were incubated for 1-hour at room temperature, and fluorescence ratios (665 nm/620 nm = delta F) were measured according to the manufacturer's specification. The percent activation of adenylyl cyclase was calculated using the delta F in buffer (corresponding to the basal level or 0 activation) and the delta F for the EC100 of NECA (corresponding to 100% activation).

Statistics. Multiple groups were compared with repeated measures 1-factor analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by a Fisher's LSD test for multiple comparisons if the ANOVA showed significant differences among the groups. For these analyses, if necessary, data were log or Box-Cox transformed to improve homoscedasticity so as to conform to the assumptions of ANOVA. Unpaired t-tests (with equal or unequal variances) or paired t-tests, as appropriate, were employed to compare two groups. Adenylyl cyclase activation by inosine was fitted, using non-linear regression, to a three-parameter concentration-response curve using GraphPad Prism version 9.2.0 for Windows (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA). Statistical analysis was conducted using NCSS Statistical Software version 19.0.2 (Kaysville, Utah). P<0.05 was considered statistically significant.

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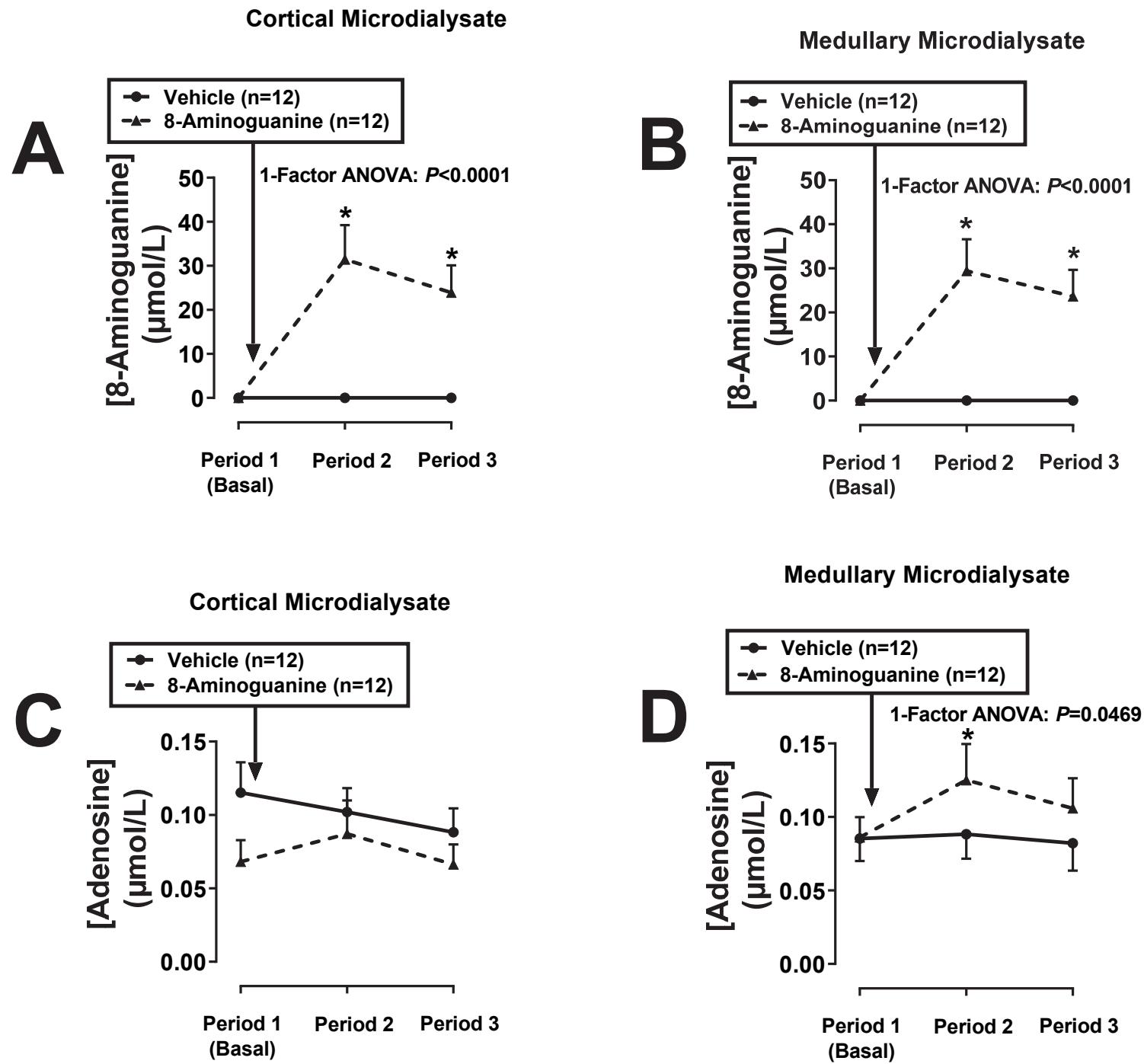


Figure S1. Effects of 8-aminoguanine on renal cortical and medullary microdialysate levels of 8-aminoguanine and adenosine. Timed samples of microdialysate were collected from microdialysis probes positioned in the renal cortex (A,C) and medulla (B,D). Samples were collected from anesthetized rats from 0-30 min (Period 1), 40-70 min (Period 2) and 85-115 min (Period 3) into the protocol, and rats received an intravenous injection of either vehicle or 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg) immediately after Period 1. 8-Aminoguanine (A,B) and adenosine (C,D) levels were measured in microdialysate by UPLC-MS/MS. Vehicle had little or no effect on cortical or medullary microdialysate levels of 8-aminoguanine or adenosine. 8-Aminoguanine significantly increased cortical ($P<0.0001$) and medullary ($P<0.0001$) microdialysate levels of 8-aminoguanine. 8-Aminoguanine also modestly and briefly (Period 2 only) increased medullary ($P=0.0469$), but not cortical, microdialysate levels of adenosine. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n). ANOVA, analysis of variance; * $P<0.05$ vs Period 1.

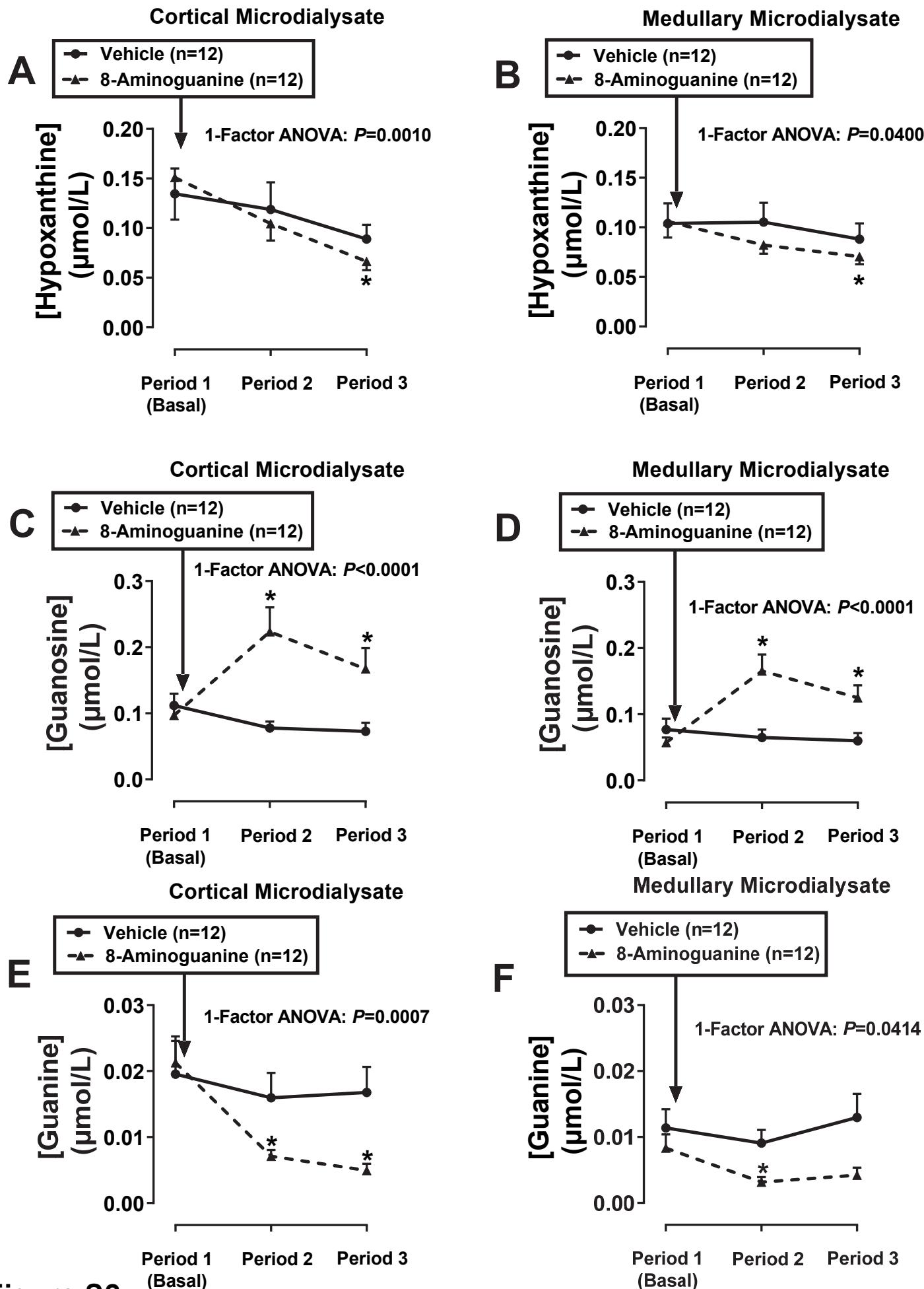


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Figure S2. Effects of 8-aminoguanine on renal cortical and medullary microdialysate levels of hypoxanthine, guanosine and guanine. Timed collections of renal cortical and medullary microdialysates were obtained from anesthetized rats from 0-30 min (Period 1), 40-70 min (Period 2) and 85-115 min (Period 3) into the protocol. Rats received an intravenous injection of 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg) immediately after Period 1. Concentrations of hypoxanthine (A,B), guanosine (C,D) and guanine (E,F) in the microdialysate were determined. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n). ANOVA, analysis of variance; * $P<0.05$ vs Period 1.

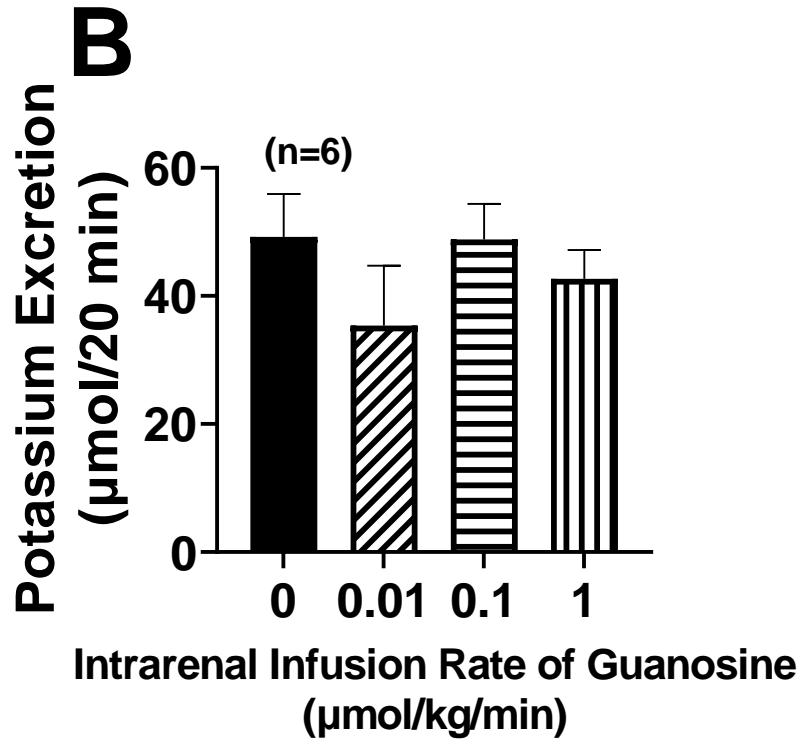
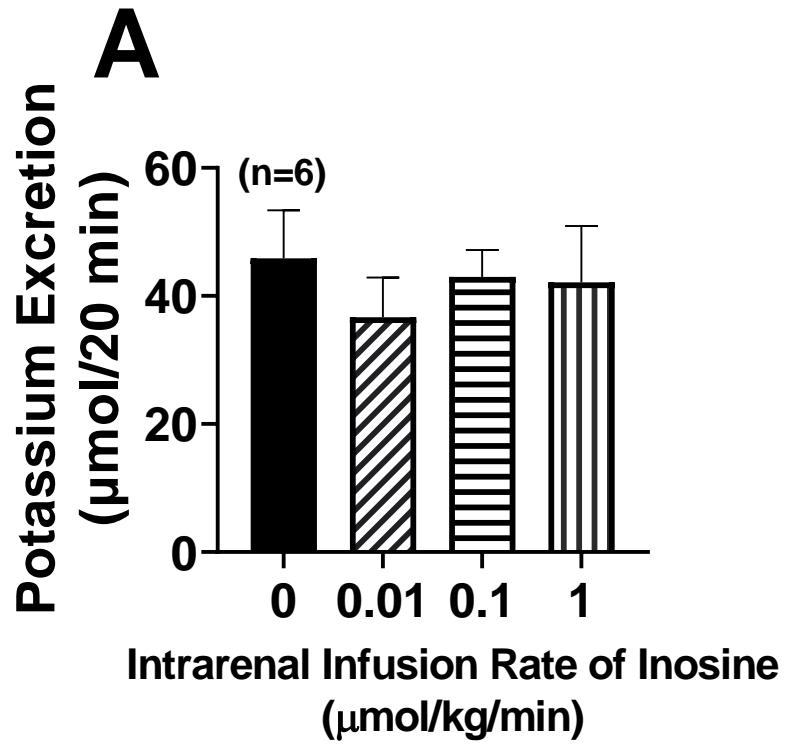


Figure S3

Figure S3. Effects of intrarenal artery infusions of inosine and guanosine on potassium excretion. Inosine (A) or guanosine (B) was infused directly into the renal artery of anesthetized rats at increasing doses [0 (vehicle only; basal), 0.01, 0.1 and 1 μ mol/kg/min]. Each dose of inosine or guanosine was administered for 30 min, timed collections of urine were obtained from the ureter between 10 and 30 min after initiating a given dose of inosine or guanosine and excretion rates of potassium were determined. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n). ANOVA, analysis of variance; * $P<0.05$ vs 0 (vehicle; basal).

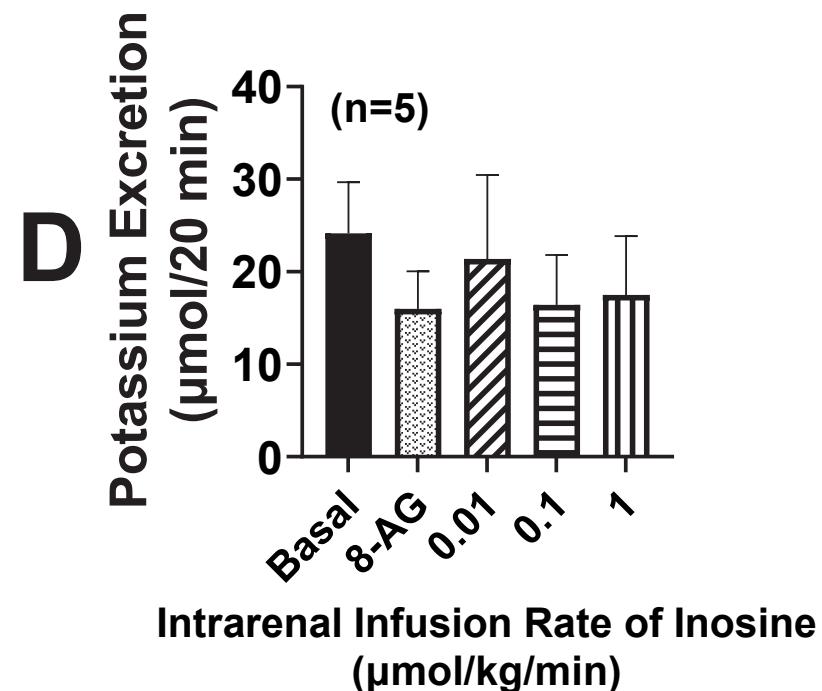
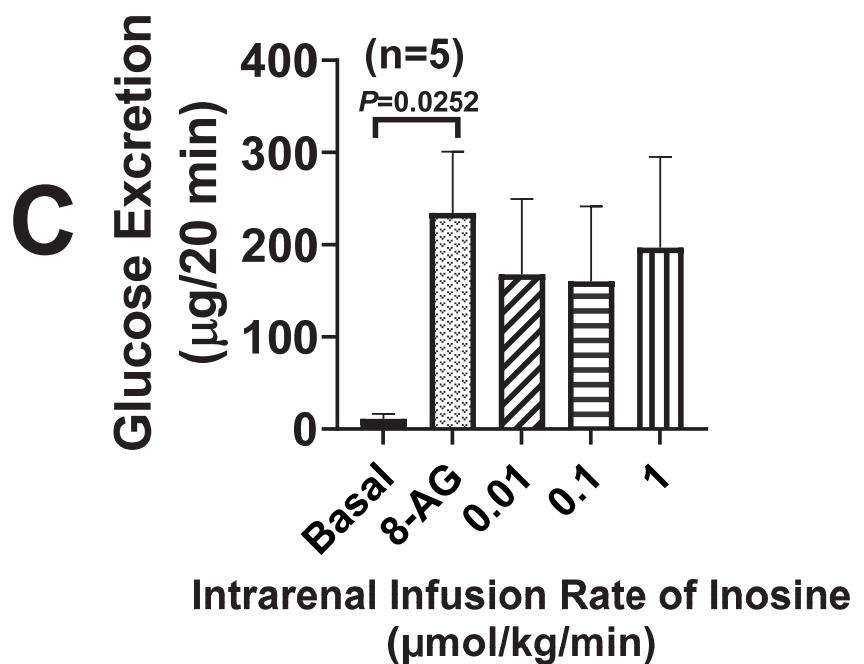
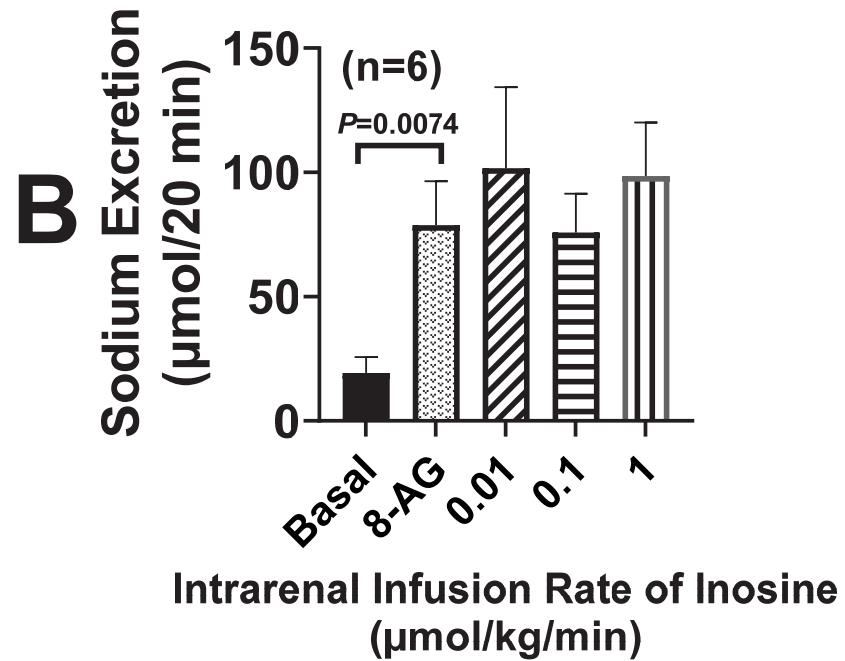
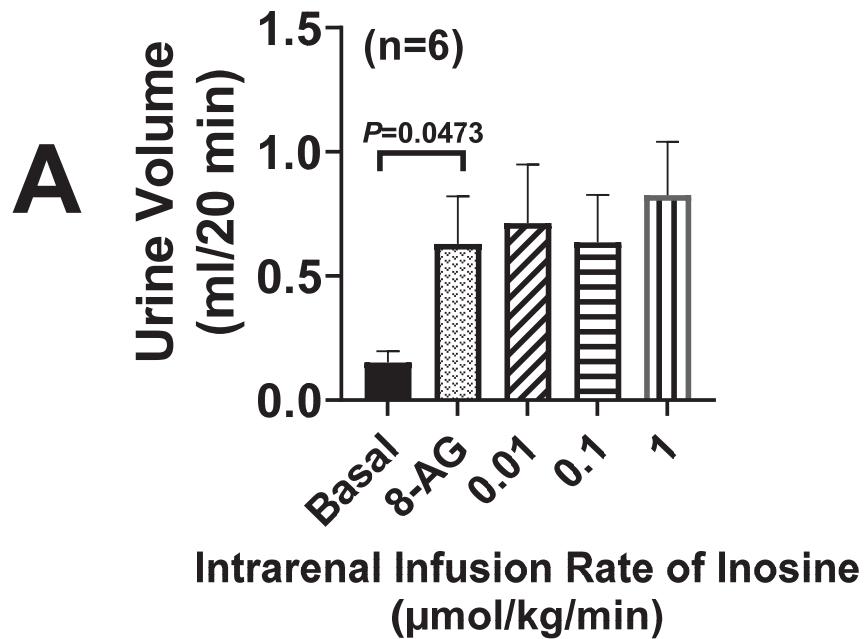


Figure S4

Figure S4. Effects of intrarenal artery infusions of inosine on renal excretory function in rats pretreated with 8-aminoguanine. Urine was collected for 20 min (Basal) from the ureter of anesthetized rats. Rats then received an intravenous injection of 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg). One hour later another 20-min urine collection was obtained (8-AG). Next, inosine was infused directly into the renal artery at increasing doses (0.01, 0.1 and 1 μ mol/kg/min). Each dose of inosine was administered for 30 min, timed collections of urine were obtained from the ureter between 10 and 30 min after initiating a given dose of inosine, and urine volumes (A) and excretion rates of sodium (B), glucose (C) and potassium (D) were determined. 8-Aminoguanine increased urine volume ($P=0.0473$), sodium excretion ($P=0.0074$), and glucose excretion ($P=0.0252$), and tended to decrease potassium excretion. However, compared to the 8-aminoguanine baseline, inosine did not alter urine volume or excretion of sodium, glucose or potassium. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n).

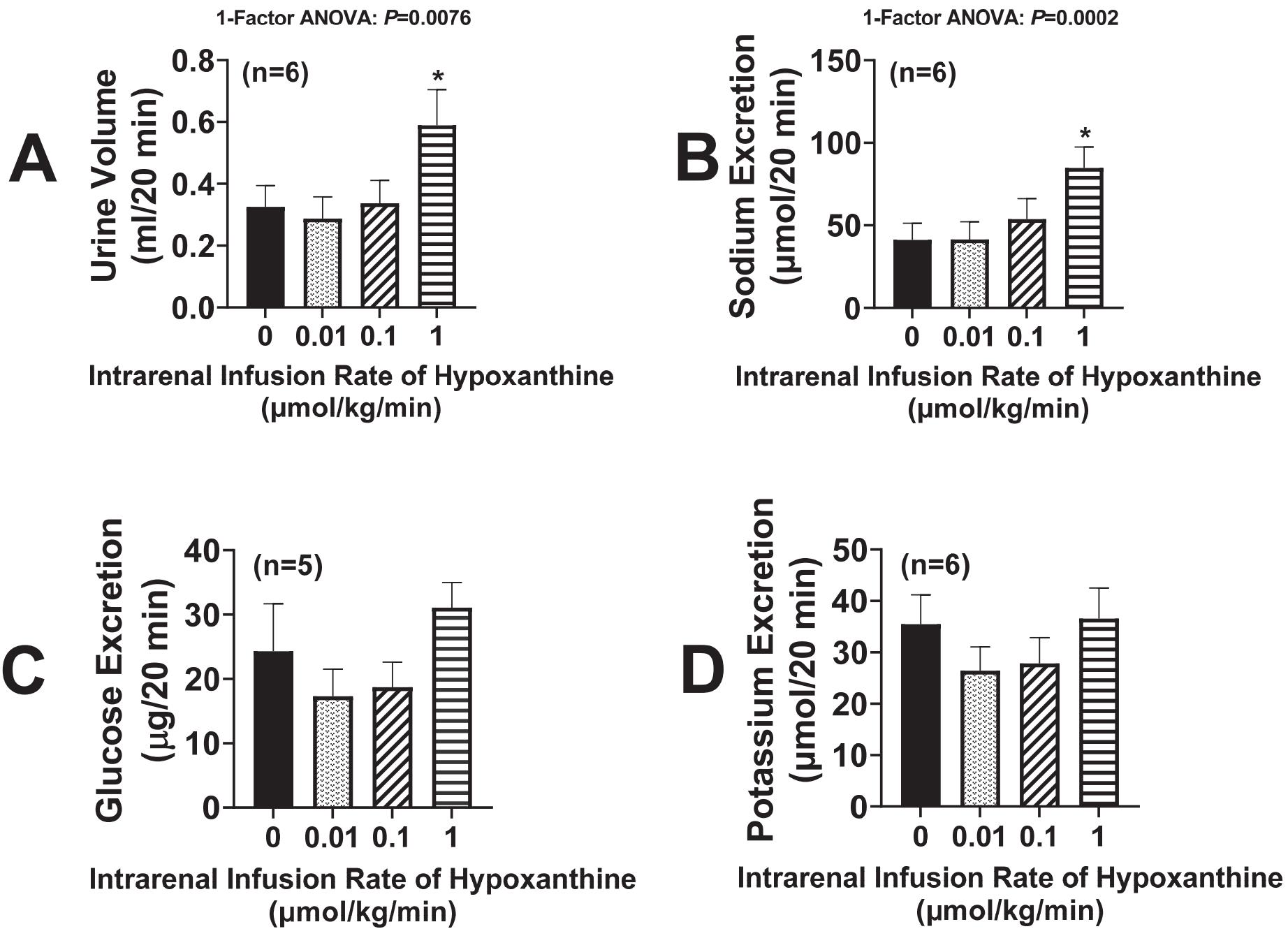


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Figure S5. Effects of intrarenal artery infusions of hypoxanthine on renal excretory function. Hypoxanthine was infused directly into the renal artery of anesthetized rats at increasing doses [0 (vehicle only; basal), 0.01, 0.1 and 1 μ mol/kg/min]. Each dose of hypoxanthine was administered for 30 min, timed collections of urine were obtained from the ureter between 10 and 30 min after initiating a given dose of hypoxanthine, and urine volumes (A) and excretion rates of sodium (B), glucose (C) and potassium (D) were determined. At the highest dose, hypoxanthine increased urine volume ($P=0.0076$) and sodium excretion ($P=0.0002$). Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n).

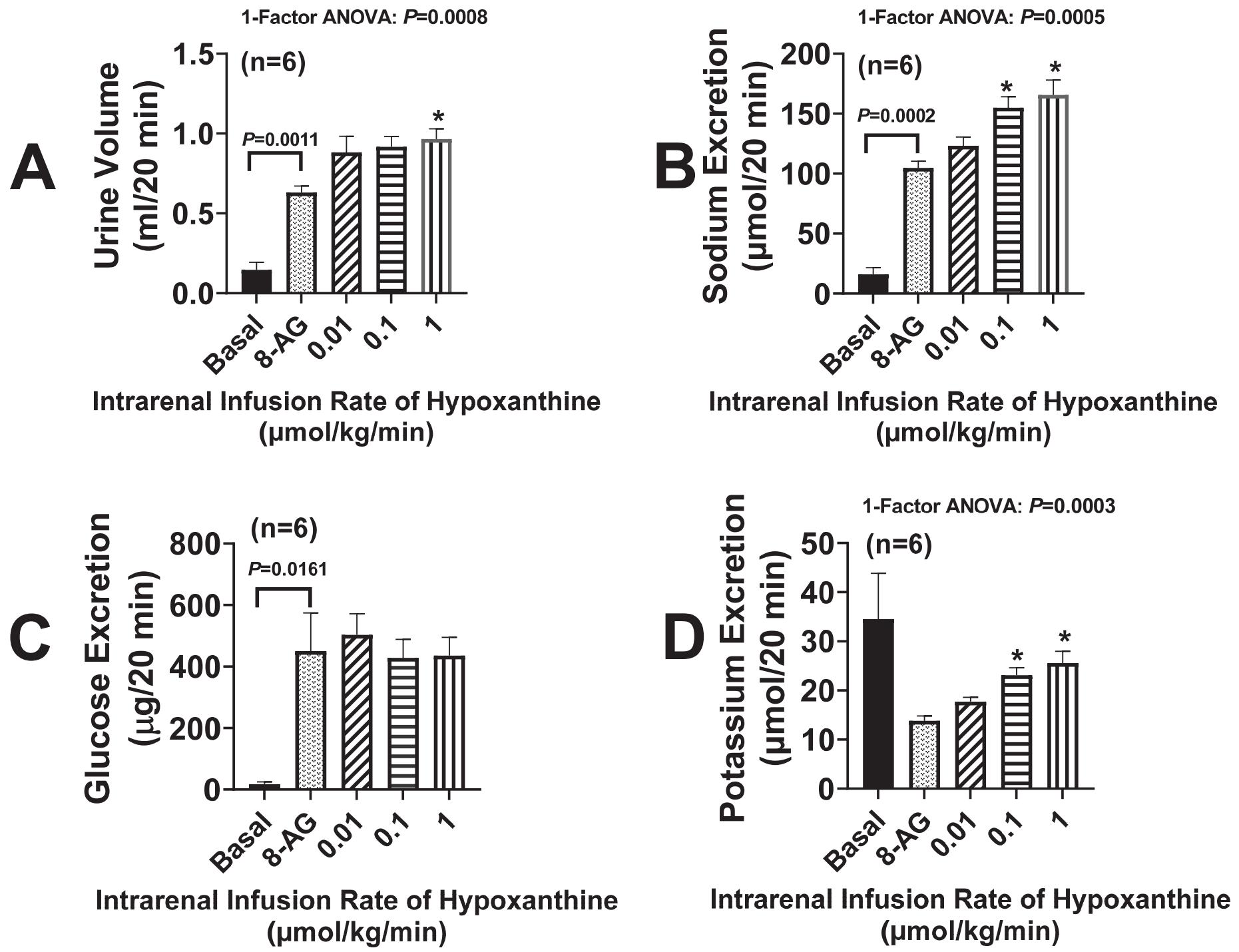
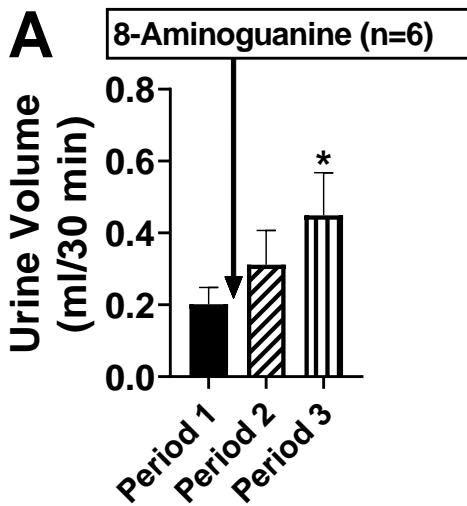


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Figure S6. Effects of intrarenal artery infusions of hypoxanthine on renal excretory function in rats pretreated with 8-aminoguanine. Urine was collected for 20 min (Basal) from the ureter of anesthetized rats. Rats then received an intravenous injection of 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg). One hour later another 20-min urine collection was obtained (8-AG). Next, hypoxanthine was infused directly into the renal artery at increasing doses (0.01, 0.1 and 1 μ mol/kg/min). Each dose of hypoxanthine was administered for 30 min, timed collections of urine were obtained from the ureter between 10 and 30 min after initiating a given dose of hypoxanthine, and urine volumes (A) and excretion rates of sodium (B), glucose (C) and potassium (D) were determined. 8-Aminoguanine increased urine volume ($P=0.0011$), sodium excretion ($P=0.0002$), and glucose excretion ($P=0.0161$), and tended to decrease potassium excretion. Compared to the 8-aminoguanine baseline, hypoxanthine increased urine volume ($P=0.0008$) and excretion of sodium ($P=0.0005$) and potassium ($P=0.0003$), but not glucose. Values are means and SEM for the indicated sample size (n).

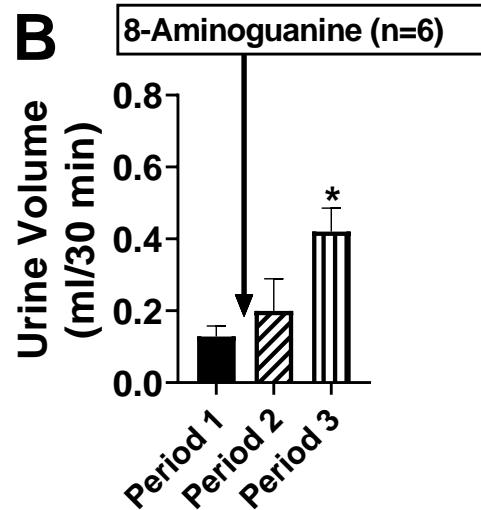
A₁-KO Dahl SS Rats on 4% NaCl Diet

1-Factor ANOVA: $P=0.0757$



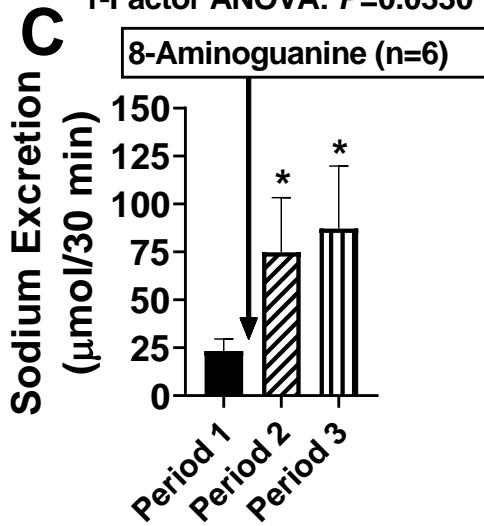
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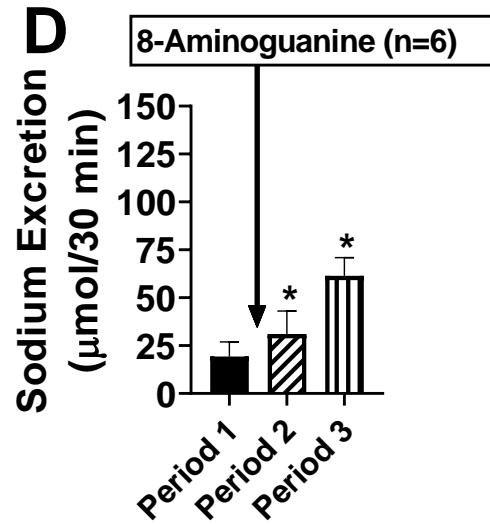
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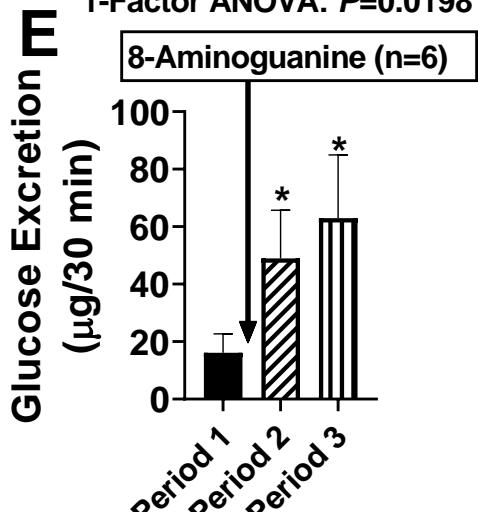
A_{2A}-KO Dahl SS Rats on 4% NaCl Diet

1-Factor ANOVA: $P=0.0132$



A₁-KO Dahl SS Rats on 4% NaCl Diet

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A_{2A}-KO Dahl SS Rats on 4% NaCl Diet

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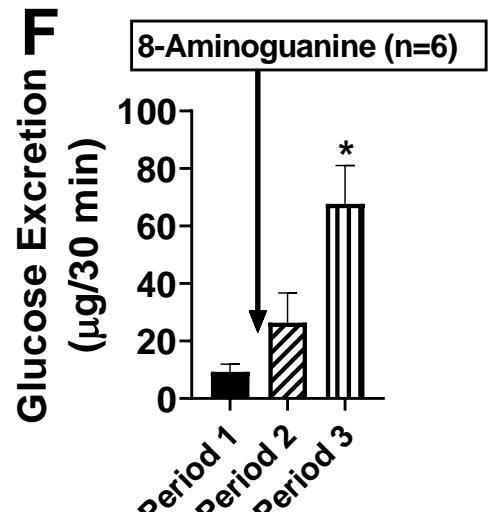


Figure S7

Figure S7. Effects of 8-aminoguanine in Dahl salt sensitive rats with knockout of A₁ (A₁-KO Dahl SS rats) or A_{2A} (A_{2A}-KO Dahl SS rats) receptors. A₁-KO Dahl SS rats (A,C,E) and A_{2A}-KO Dahl SS rats (B,D,F) were placed on a high salt diet (4% NaCl) for 1 week. Next, rats were anesthetized, and timed urine collections were obtained from the ureter from 0-30 min (Period 1), 40-70 min (Period 2) and 85-115 min (Period 3) into the protocol. Rats received an intravenous injection of 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg) immediately after Period 1. Urine volumes (A,B) and sodium (C,D) and glucose (E,F) excretion rates were determined. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n). ANOVA, analysis of variance; *indicates $P<0.05$ vs Period 1.

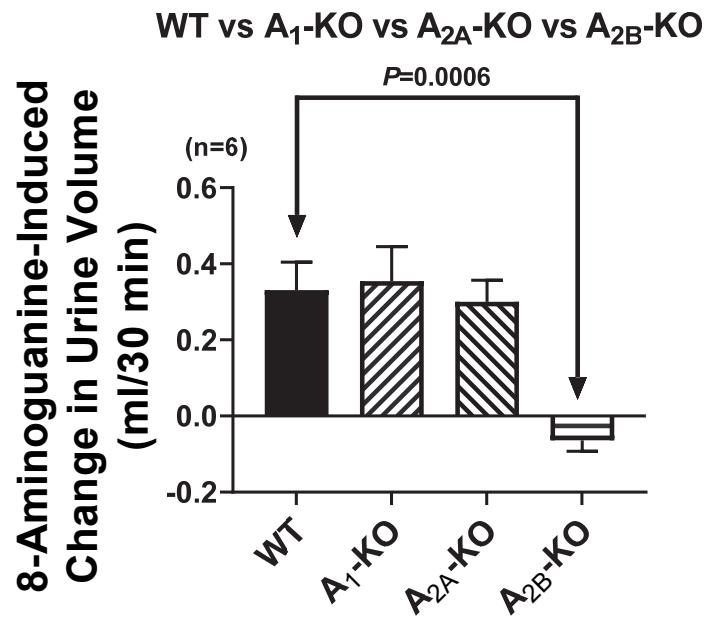
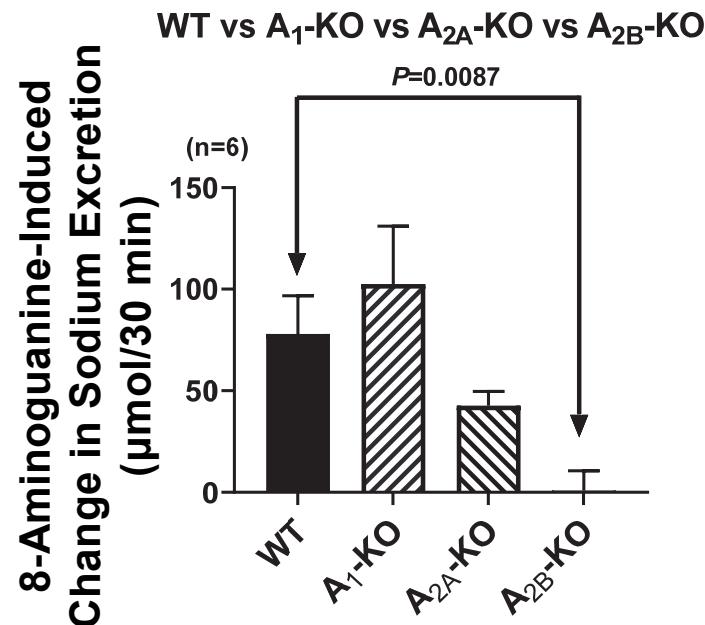
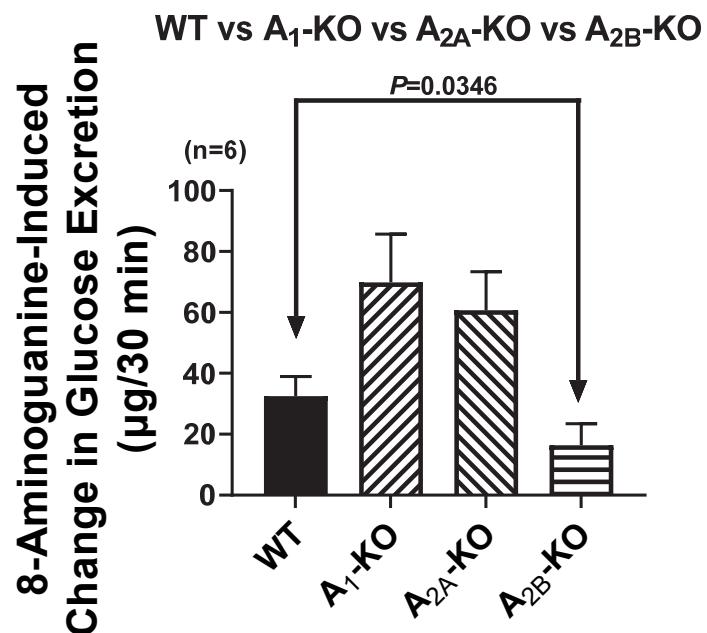
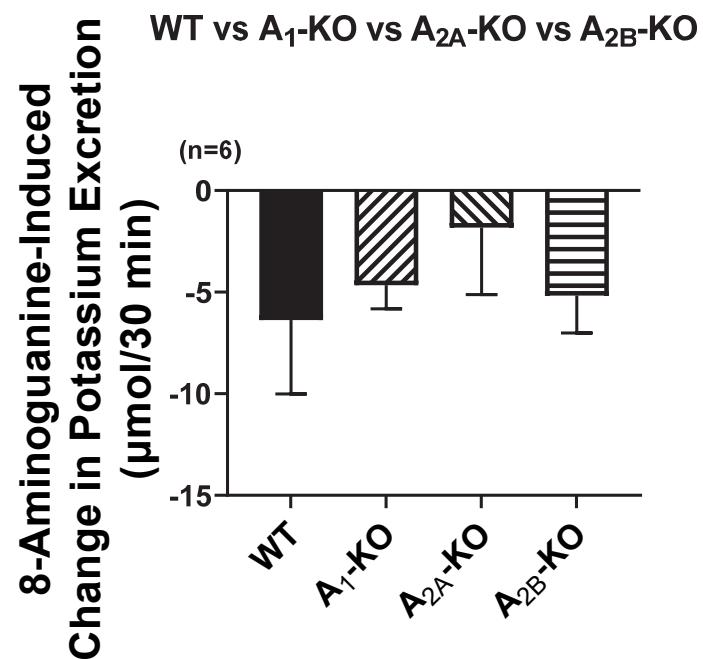
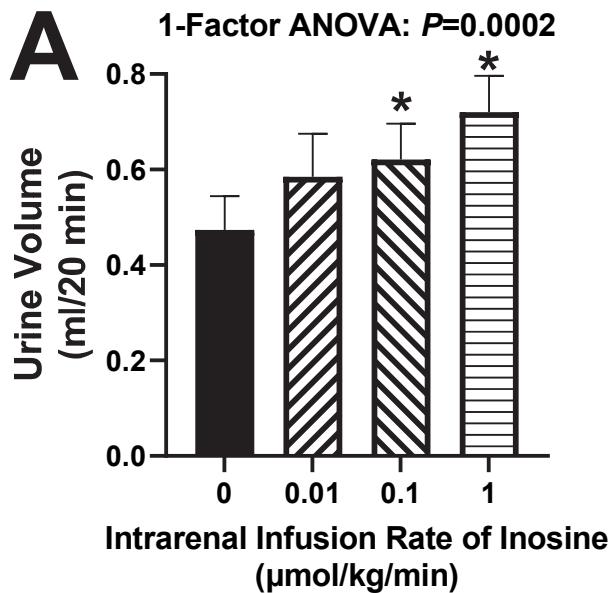
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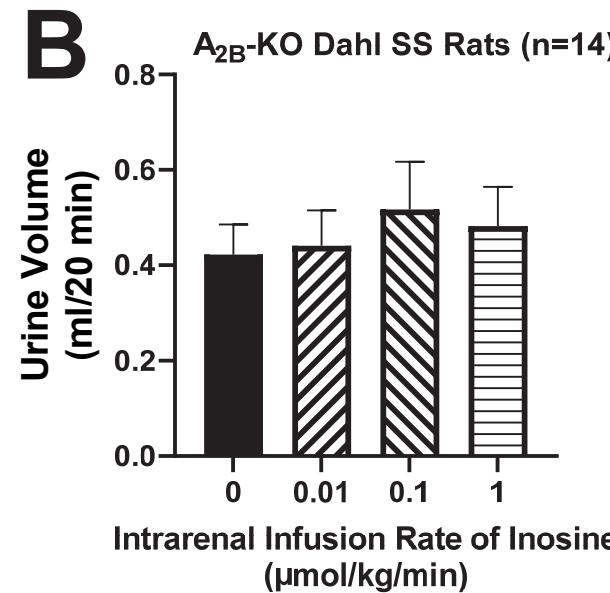
Figure S8. Effects of 8-aminoguanine on renal excretory function in wild-type Dahl salt-sensitive rats (WT Dahl SS rats) versus Dahl salt sensitive rats with knockout of either A₁, A_{2A} or A_{2B} receptors (A₁-KO Dahl SS, A_{2A}-KO Dahl SS and A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats, respectively). WT, A₁-KO, A_{2A}-KO and A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats were placed on a high salt diet (4% NaCl) for 1 week. Next, rats were anesthetized, and timed urine collections were obtained from the ureter from 0-30 min (Period 1), 40-70 min (Period 2) and 85-115 min (Period 3) into the protocol, and urine volumes and excretion rates of sodium, glucose and potassium were determined. Rats received an intravenous injection of 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg) immediately after Period 1. Shown are the changes (Period 3 minus Period 1) in urine volumes (A) and excretion rates of sodium (B), glucose (C) and potassium (D) induced by 8-aminoguanine in the four groups. 8-Aminoguanine-induced changes in urine volume and sodium excretion rate were similar in WT, A₁-KO and A_{2A}-KO Dahl SS rats. In contrast, 8-aminoguanine-induced changes in urine volume and sodium excretion were abolished ($P=0.0006$ and $P=0.0087$, respectively) in A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats, and the 8-aminoguanine-induced change in glucose excretion was significantly suppressed ($P=0.0346$) in A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats. As expected, 8-aminoguanine-induced changes in potassium excretion were similar among the four groups. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n). P -values are from unpaired t-tests;

*indicates $P<0.05$ vs Period 1.

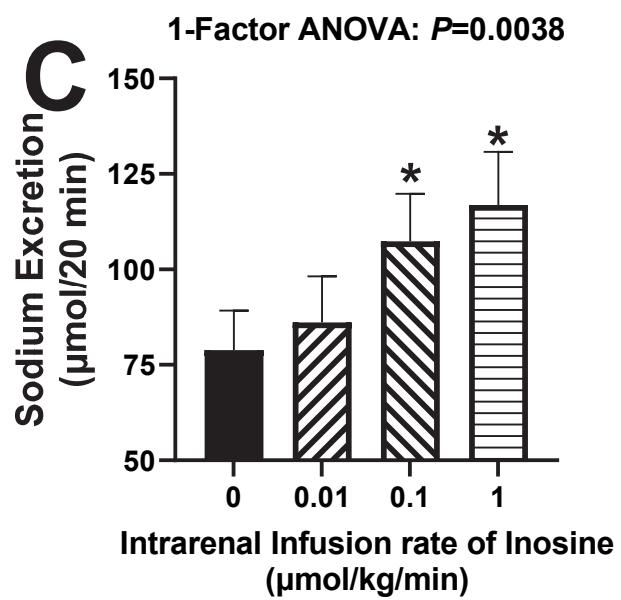
WT Dahl SS Rats (n=18)



$\text{A}_2\text{B-KO}$ Dahl SS Rats (n=14)



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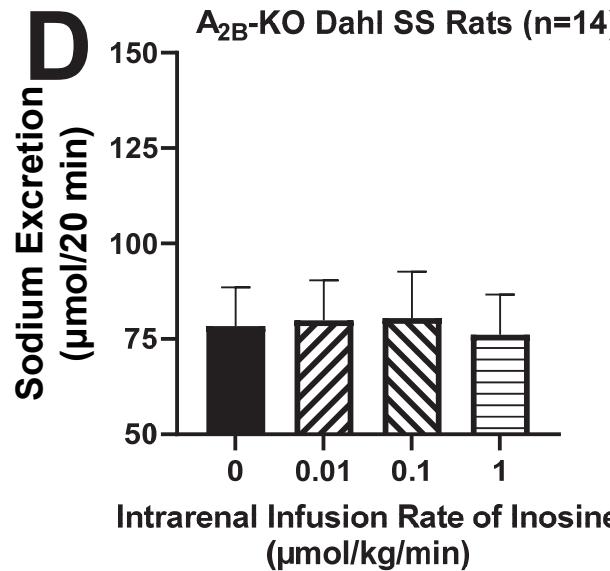


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Figure S9. Effects of intrarenal artery infusions of inosine on urine volume and sodium excretion rate in wild-type Dahl salt-sensitive rats (WT Dahl SS rats) versus Dahl SS rats with knockout of A_{2B} receptors (A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats). Inosine was infused directly into the renal artery of anesthetized WT Dahl SS rats (A,C) or A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats (B,D) at increasing doses [0 (vehicle only; basal), 0.01, 0.1 and 1 μ mol/kg/min]. Each dose of inosine was administered for 30 min, timed collections of urine were obtained from the ureter between 10 and 30 min after initiating a given dose of inosine, and urine volumes (A,B) and sodium excretion rates (C,D) were determined. Inosine increased urine volume ($P=0.0002$) and sodium excretion ($P=0.0038$) in WT, but not A_{2B}-KO, Dahl SS rats. Values are means and SEM for the indicated sample size (n). ANOVA, analysis of variance; * $P<0.05$ vs 0 (vehicle only; basal).

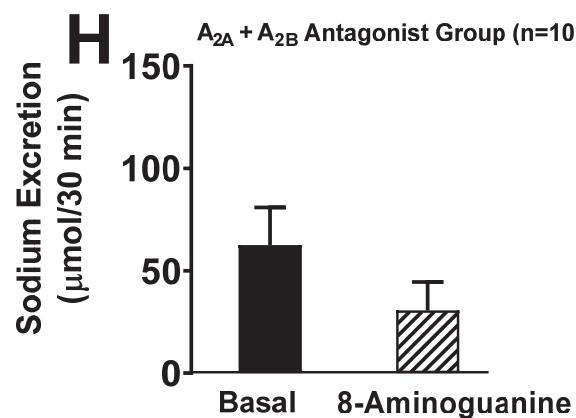
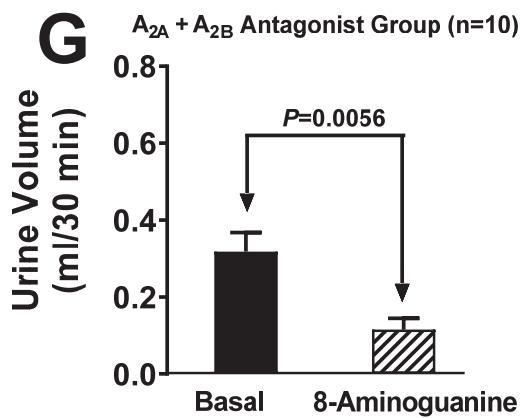
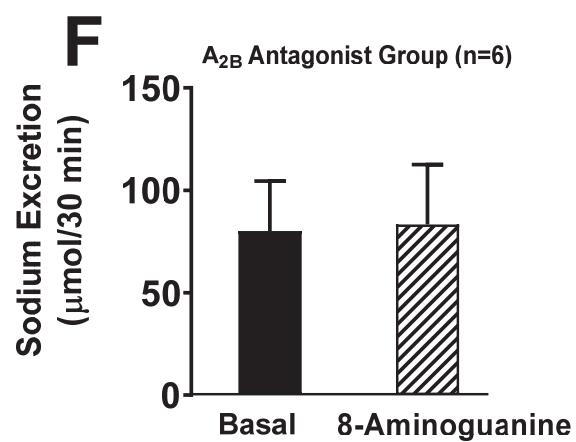
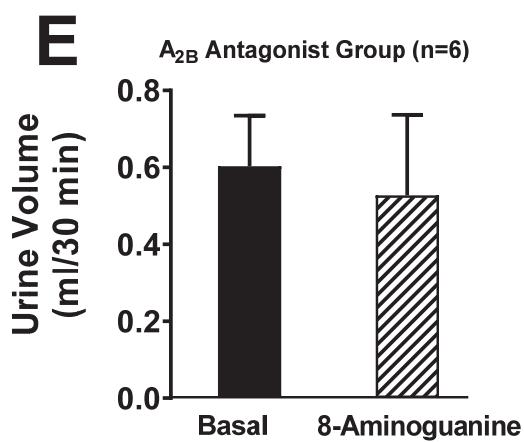
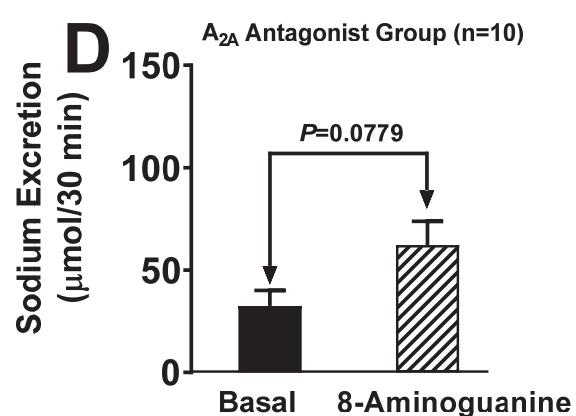
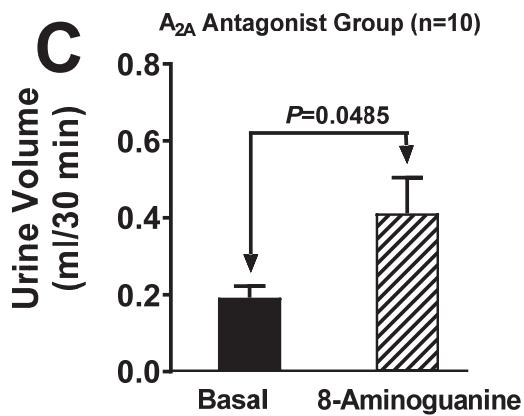
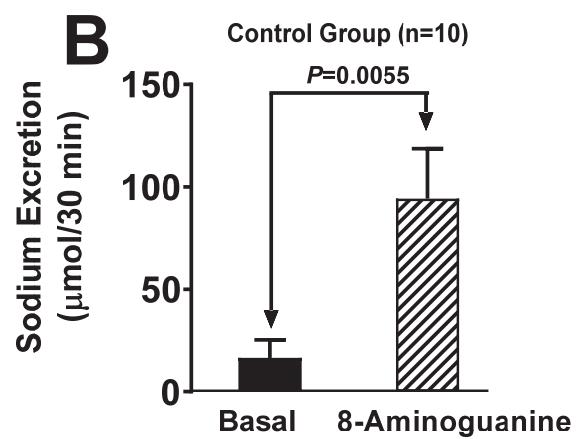
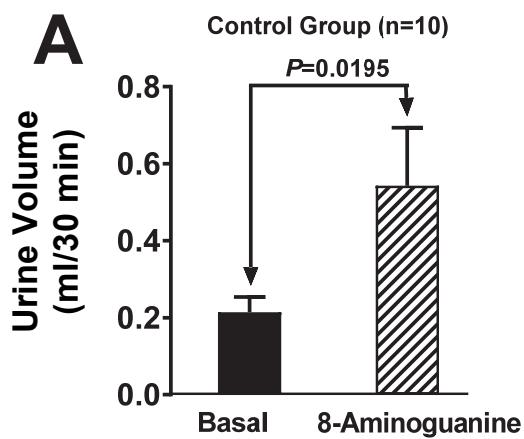


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Figure S10. Effects of 8-aminoguanine on urine volume and sodium excretion in rats pretreated with an A_{2A} receptor antagonist, an A_{2B} receptor antagonist or both an A_{2A} and A_{2B} receptor antagonist. Anesthetized rats were pretreated intravenously with either vehicle [A,B; Control Group], 10 mg/kg of ZM 241385 (C,D; A_{2A} Antagonist Group), 30 mg/kg of PSB 1115 (E,F; A_{2B} Antagonist Group) or ZM 241385 plus PSB 1115 (G,H; A_{2A} + A_{2B} Antagonist Group), and 15 min later timed (30-min) urine collections were obtained from the ureter (Basal). Next, rats received an intravenous injection of 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg), and after approximately 1 hr 30-min urine collections were again obtained (8-Aminoguanine). Urine volumes (A,C,E,G) and sodium excretion rates (B,D,F,H) were determined. *P*-values are from paired t-tests. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n).

Figure S11

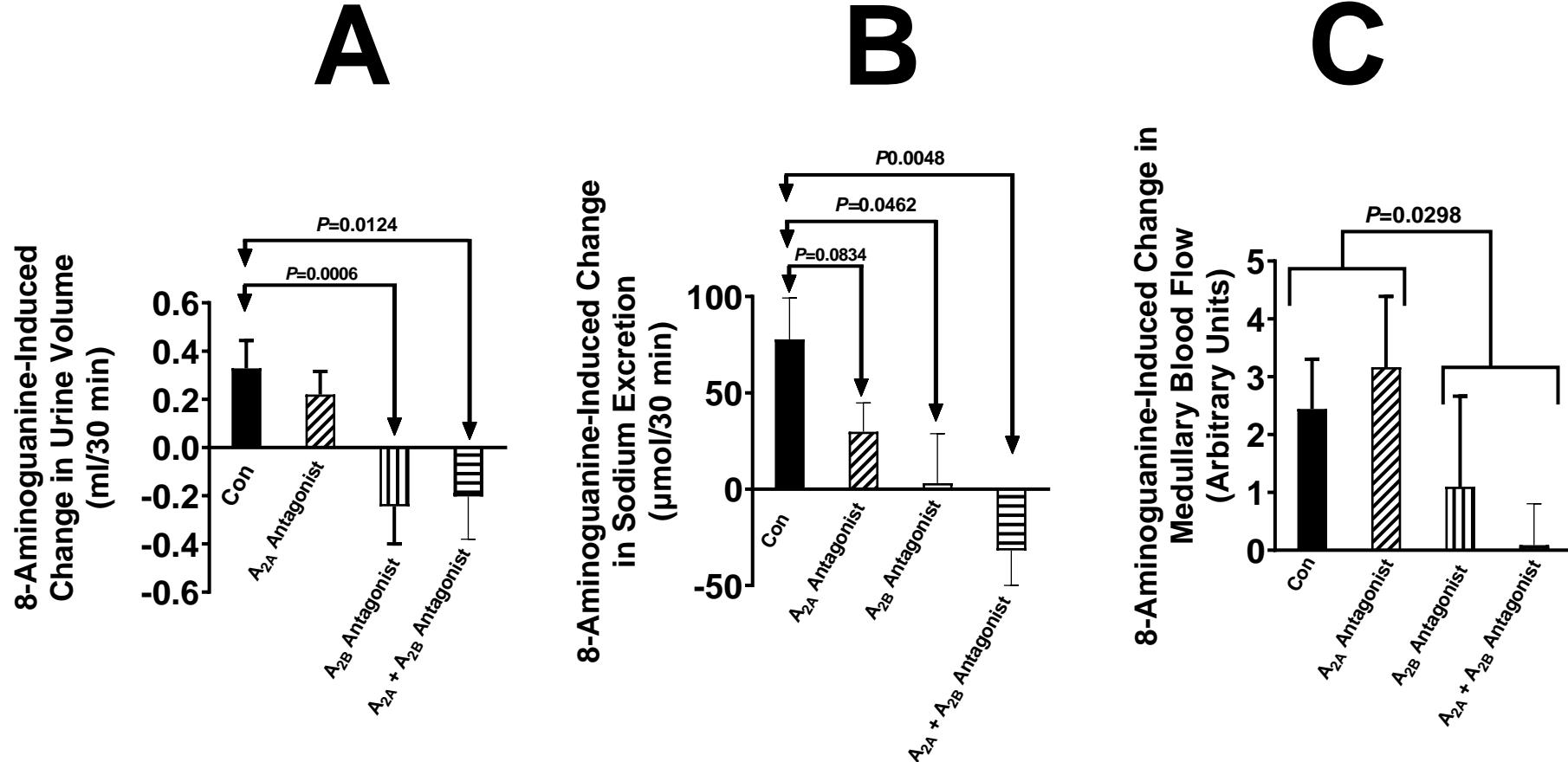


Figure S11. Effects of 8-aminoguanine on renal excretory function and medullary blood flow in rats pretreated with an A_{2A} receptor antagonist, an A_{2B} receptor antagonist or both an A_{2A} and A_{2B} receptor antagonist. Anesthetized rats were pretreated intravenously with either vehicle [Control (Con) Group], 10 mg/kg of ZM 241385 (A_{2A} Antagonist Group), 30 mg/kg of PSB 1115 (A_{2B} Antagonist Group) or ZM 241385 plus PSB 1115 (A_{2A} + A_{2B} Antagonist Group), and 15 min later timed (30 min) urine collections were obtained from the left ureter. Next, rats received an intravenous injection of 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg), and after approximately 1 hr 30-min urine collections were again obtained. Shown are the changes in urine volume (A), sodium excretion rate (B) and medullary blood flow (C) induced by 8-aminoguanine in the four groups. 8-Aminoguanine-induced changes in urine volume, sodium excretion rate and medullary blood flow were abolished in the A_{2B} Group and A_{2A} + A_{2B} Group, but not in the A_{2A} Group. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n). *P*-values are from unpaired t-tests.

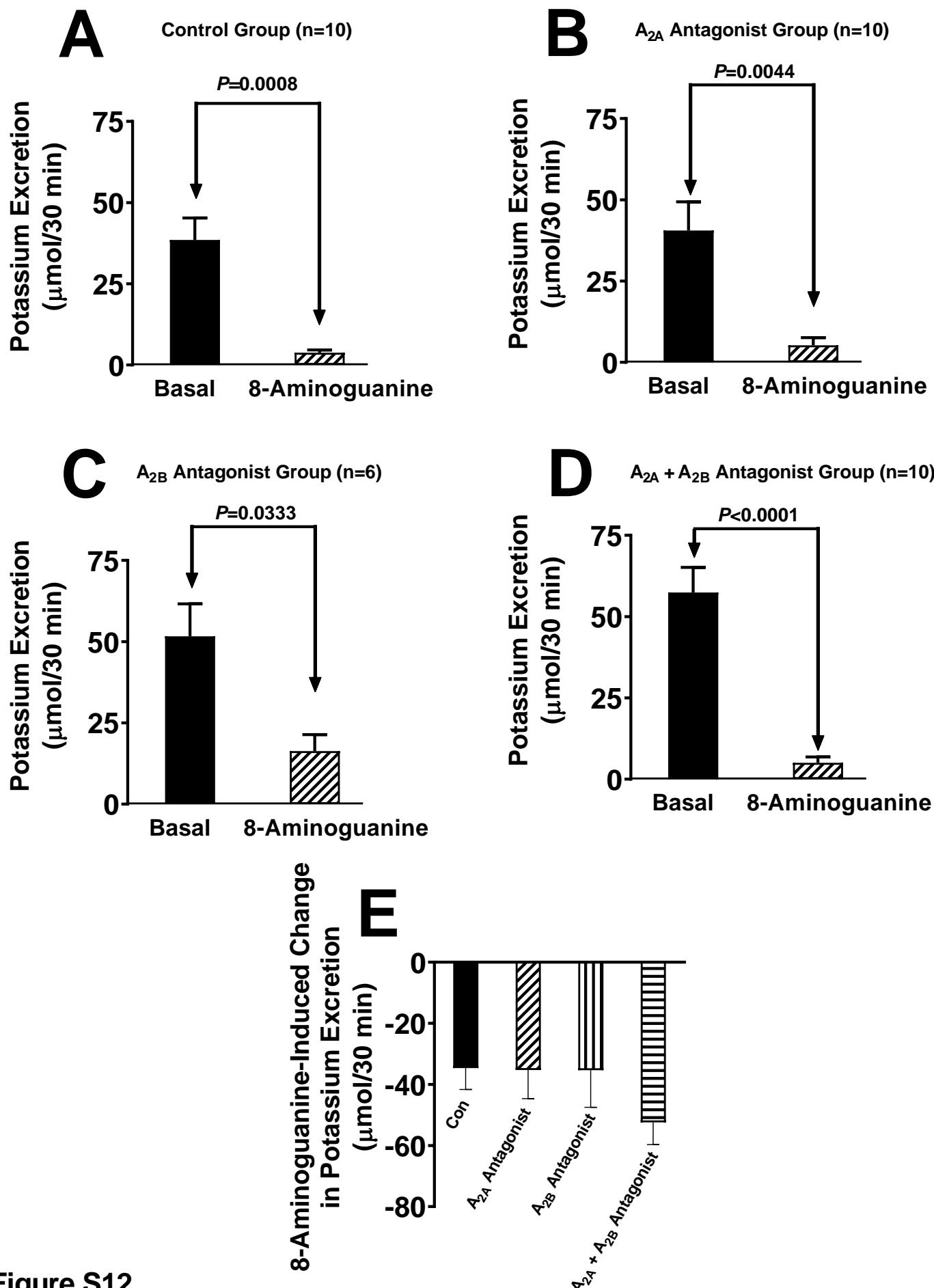
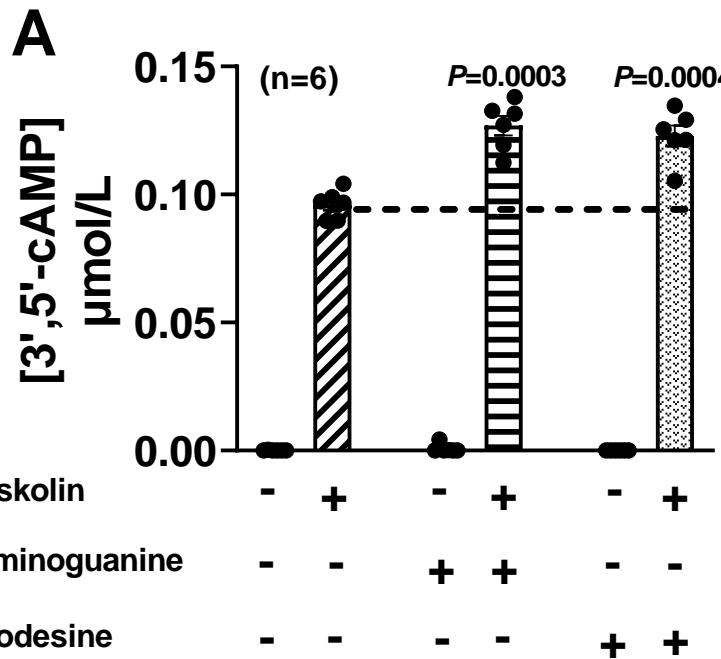


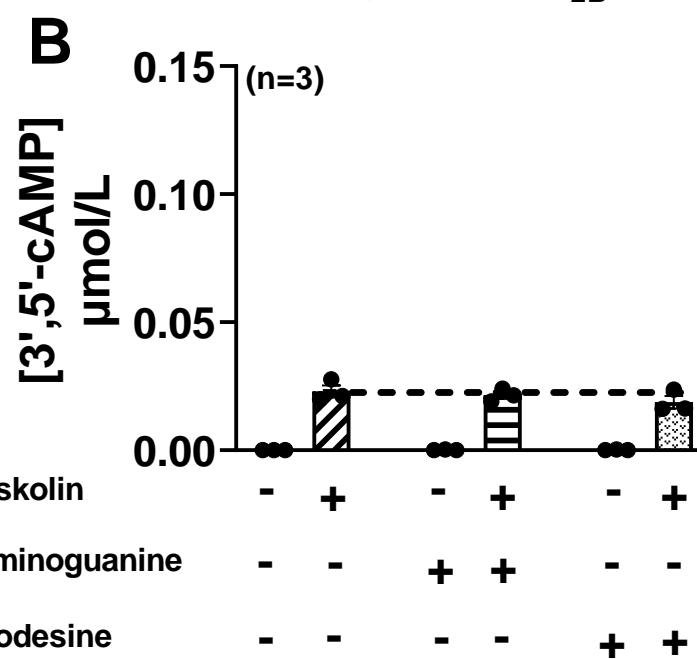
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Figure S12. Effects of 8-aminoguanine on potassium excretion rates in rats pretreated with an A_{2A} receptor antagonist, an A_{2B} receptor antagonist or both an A_{2A} and A_{2B} receptor antagonist. Anesthetized rats were pretreated intravenously with either vehicle [A; Control (Con) Group], 10 mg/kg of ZM 241385 (B; A_{2A} Antagonist Group), 30 mg/kg of PSB 1115 (C; A_{2B} Antagonist Group) or ZM 241385 plus PSB 1115 (D; A_{2A} + A_{2B} Antagonist Group), and 15 min later timed (30 min) urine collections were obtained from the ureter and potassium excretion rates were determined (Basal). Next, rats received an intravenous injection of 8-aminoguanine (33.5 μ moles/kg), and approximately 1 hr later 30 min urine collections were again obtained for measurement of potassium excretion rates (8-Aminoguanine). Also shown are the changes in potassium excretion rates induced by 8-aminoguanine in the four groups (E). 8-Aminoguanine decreased potassium excretion in the Control Group ($P=0.0008$), the A_{2A} Antagonist Group ($P=0.0044$), the A_{2B} Antagonist Group ($P=0.0333$) and the A_{2A} + A_{2B} Antagonist Group ($P<0.0001$). Also, the 8-aminoguanine-induced change in potassium excretion was similar among the four groups. P -values are from paired t-tests. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n).

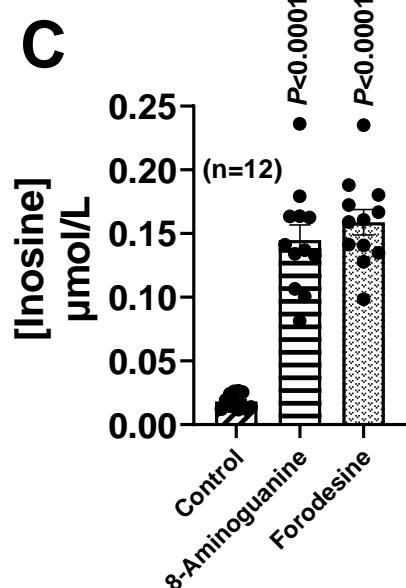
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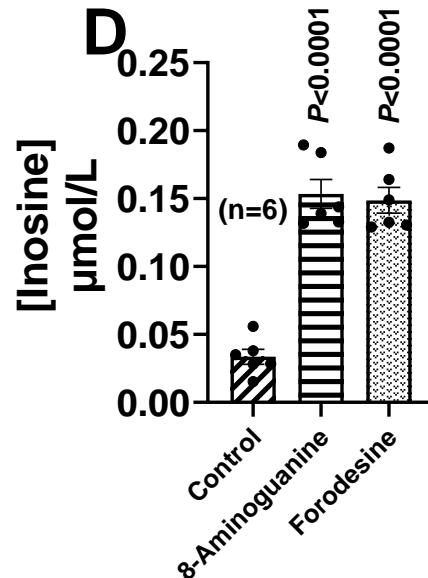


Figure S13

Figure S13. Effects of 8-aminoguanine and forodesine on 3',5'-cAMP and inosine levels in renal microvascular smooth muscle cells (RMSMCs) from wild-type Dahl salt-sensitive rats (WT Dahl SS rats) versus Dahl SS rats with knockout of A_{2B} receptors (A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats). RMSMCs were obtained from WT and A_{2B}-KO Dahl SS rats and were grown to confluence in 6-well plates. Cells were incubated for 30 min with vehicle (-) or forskolin (+; sensitizes adenylyl cyclase to receptor-mediated activation). Experiments were performed in the absence (-) and presence (+) of either 8-aminoguanine (100 µmol/L) or forodesine (10 µmol/L; alternative PNPase inhibitor). Medium was collected and analyzed for 3',5'-cAMP and inosine by UPLC-MS/MS. In the presence of forskolin, both 8-aminoguanine ($P=0.0003$) and forodesine ($P=0.0004$) increased levels of 3',5'-cAMP in WT RMSMCs, but not in A_{2B}-KO RMSMCs. However, regardless of presence or absence of forskolin, both 8-aminoguanine and forodesine increased levels of inosine in both WT ($P<0.0001$) and A_{2B}-KO ($P<0.0001$) RMSMCs. P -values are from unpaired t-tests. Values are means and SEMs for the indicated sample size (n).