

ation damage of the kidney and liver was not alleviated by previous Cd administration but was rather deepened.

In all three groups of experimental rats (Cd, Ir, Cd+Ir), hypertrophy and hyperplasia of the kidney after UN proceeded most quickly in the animals operated on the 14<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> day after the treatment, which manifested itself in a relative increase (in comparison with control hypertrophic kidney), and in some cases also in an absolute increase (in comparison with control intact kidney) in DNA and RNA content in the hypertrophic kidney. At the same time after Cd administration and/or Ir, the DNA and RNA content was higher even in the intact kidney, probably due to active repair of damage evoked by these noxa. We suppose that in these cases the process of hypertrophy and hyperplasia proceeded more quickly after UN in consequence of the activation of repair processes in the intact kidney after corresponding treatments. Obviously, some parts of metabolic pathways are common for regeneration after the damage induced by various treatments including UN, and that is why the new synthesized or activated systems (enzymes, factors) could be used concurrently.

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