

Figure 4-2. Photoincorporation of [³H]progesterin aryl azide into integral and peripheral membrane proteins of nAChR-rich membranes in the presence or absence of various cholinergic drugs.

nAChR-rich membranes (100 µg) were equilibrated with [³H]progesterin aryl azide in TPS (2 mg/ml) in the presence of 1 mM oxidized glutathione in the absence (lanes 1-4) or presence (5-8) of carbamylcholine, and in the presence of 10 µM (lanes 2 and 6) or 100 µM (lanes 3 and 7) progesterone, 100 µM tetracaine (lane 4), or 100 µM proadifen (lane 8). After photolysis at 254 nm for 2 minutes, the samples were subjected to SDS-PAGE, visualized by Coomassie Blue (Panel A), processed for fluorography, and exposed to film for 3 weeks (Panel B). Indicated on the left are the mobilities of the nAChR subunits, calectrin (37K), and the α-subunit of the Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase (αNK). Based on scintillation counting of parallel lanes, the radioactivity incorporated in the absence of carbamylcholine was: α: 3544; β: 2385; γ: 1423; δ: 1149; 43K: 2385; αNK: 2688.