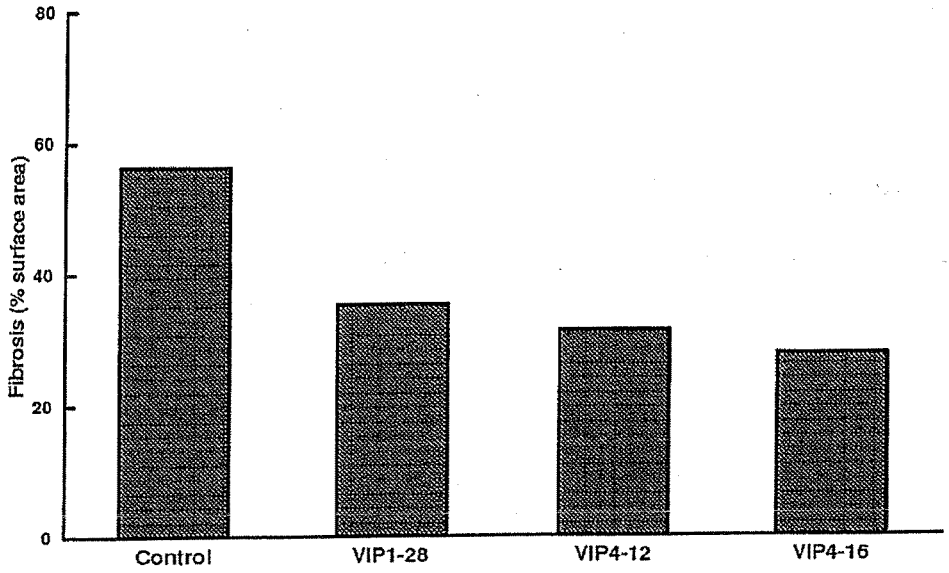


Figure 1: Fibrosis in aorta after 4 weeks infusion of vehicle control or peptide at 5pmol/kg/min for 4 weeks.

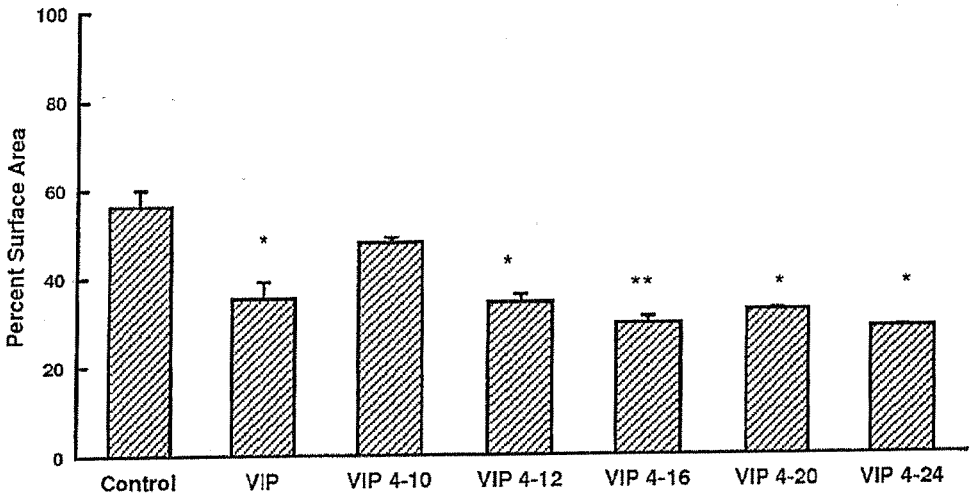


Figure 2: Shows the effect of 4 weeks treatment with VIP and various VIP fragments at 5pmol/kg/min in the SHR on fibrosis within the aortic wall. * $p<0.005$, ** $p<0.0005$ vs control infusion.

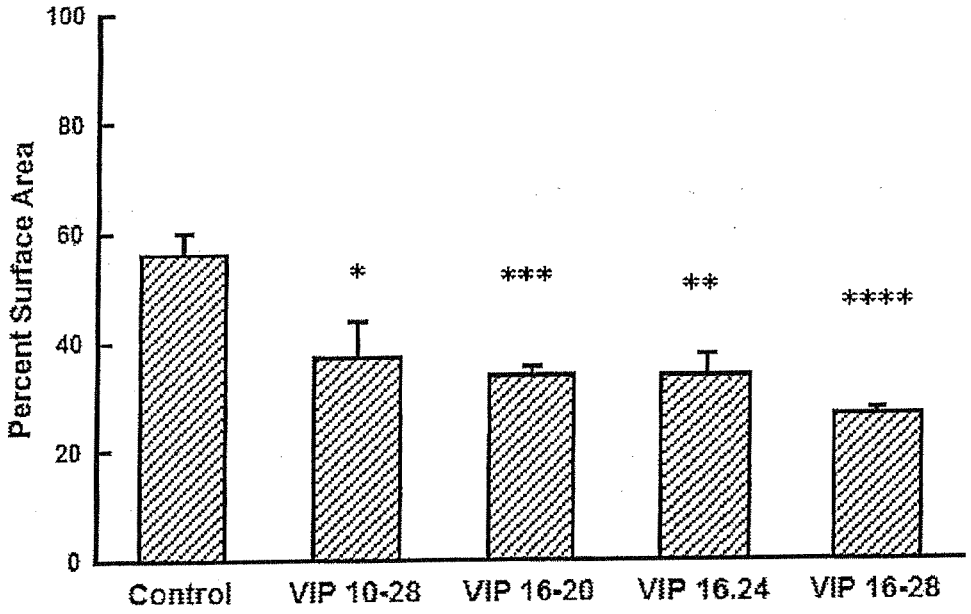


Figure 3: Shows the effect of 4 weeks treatment with various VIP fragments at 5pmol/kg/min in the SHR on fibrosis within the aortic wall. * $p<0.025$, ** $p<0.01$, *** $p<0.005$ and **** $p<0.001$ vs control infusion.

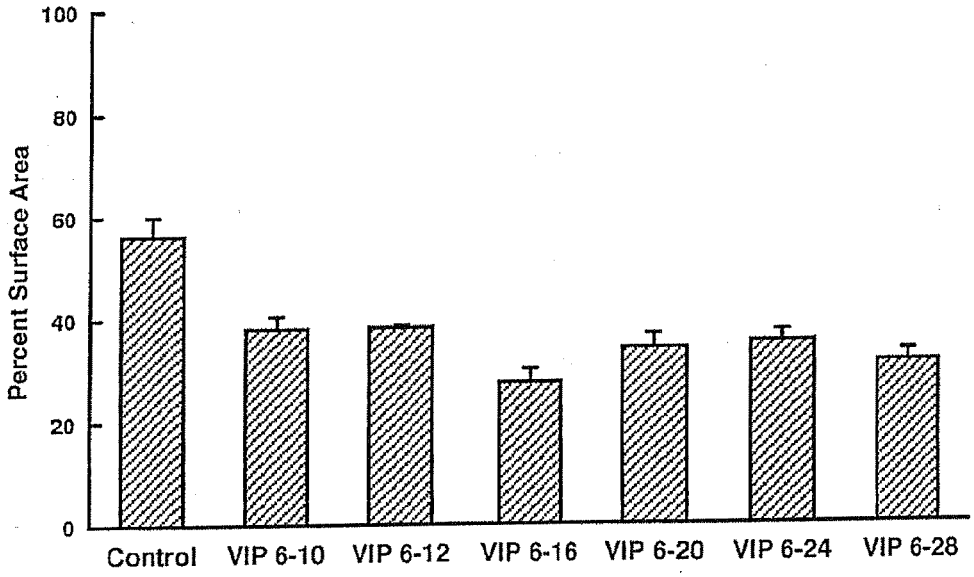


Figure 4: Shows the effect of 4 weeks treatment with various VIP fragments at 5pmol/kg/min in the SHR on fibrosis within the aortic wall.