

Conclusions Our data showed that Hsp90 promotes MSCs migration, elevate the expression of MMP-2, MMP-9, CXCR4 and VCAM-1. PI3K/Akt and ERK signalling pathways mediates these effects. Hsp90 is a candidate drug for enhancement of MSCs migration.

e0205 MICRORNA REGULATION OF CARDIOMYOCYTE LINEAGES FROM BONE MARROW-DERIVED MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS

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Objective ischaemic heart disease is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality all over the world. Cardiomyocytes from bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) offer great potential for repairment of the infarcted heart. However, this approach has been limited by inefficient differentiation of MSCs into cardiomyocytes. To overcome such a problem, the underlying regulation mechanisms for cardiac differentiation should be elucidated. MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are small noncoding RNAs of ~23 nucleotides that control post-transcriptional gene expression. Recently, miRNA has been widely shown to regulate key cellular events such as cell proliferation, cell differentiation. The purpose of this study is to determine the role of miRNAs during cardiac differentiation from MSCs.

Method Firstly, we established a model of cardiac differentiation from rat bone marrow-derived MSCs using 10 μ M 5-Aza, and performed a global miRNA analysis using EXIQON miRNA array to identify characteristic miRNA at different stage of differentiation. After being validated by real-time qRT-PCR and target gene prediction, several miRNAs such as miRNA-145 were further chosen to reveal its function during cardiac differentiation.

Results miRNA profiling revealed that miR-145 expression increased during cardiac differentiation, especially at 12 days of treatment (2.25-fold change vs untreated MSCs). Compared to other tissues such as liver, brain, kidney, miRNA-145 expression is highest in rat heart tissue. Gain-of-function methods using pre-miR-145 showed the enhancement of cardiac differentiation, confirmed by immunocytochemical staining with cardiac-specific myosin heavy chain antibody.

Conclusion miR-145 may be a critical regulator for cardiomyocyte lineage in our 5-Aza-induced differentiation system.

e0206 BONE MARROW MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL MIGRATION DEPENDS IN PART ON KV21 CHANNEL ACTIVITY

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Objective The present study was designed to examine 1. whether hypoxic preconditioning (HP) increases the migration potential of mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) and 2. the mechanistic basis for this effect.

Methods MSCs derived from green fluorescent protein (GFP)-transgenic mice were cultured under either normoxia (N-MSC) or hypoxia (0.5% O₂) (HP-MSC) for 24 h. Wound healing and transwell assays were performed to assess cell migration in vitro. Potassium channel expression and FAK phosphorylation were analysed by western blot analysis, whole cell patch clamp recording

was used to measure delayed rectifier K⁺ currents. Interactions between the Kv2.1 potassium channel and FAK were analysed via immunoprecipitation. N-MSC or HP-MSC were intravenously injected via tail vein in myocardial rat, and migration of MSC was assessed in vivo.

Results Both wound healing and transwell assays showed that, compared with controls, shRNA-mediated knock-down of the Kv2.1 potassium channel significantly reduced the ability of N-MSC to migrate. While exposure to hypoxia enhanced MSC migration both in vitro and in vivo, this effect was inhibited in presence of either tetra-ethylammonium (TEA) or elevated extracellular potassium. The potential effects of hypoxia exposure on MSC migration were significantly reduced by Kv2.1 knockdown. Hypoxic pre-conditioning significantly increased the expression of Kv2.1. Similarly, compared to normoxic controls, delayed rectifier K⁺ currents in HP-MSC were much greater. Lastly, HP-mediated increases in phosphorylation of FAK^{S576/577} and FAK^{S397} were neutralised by either addition of TEA or elevation of extra-cellular potassium levels.

Conclusion These findings demonstrate that KV2.1 plays an important role in the regulation of MSC migration. HP enhances the ability of MSC to migrate both in vitro and in vivo, and this effect may be mediated, at least in part, through activation of Kv2.1 potassium channels and the FAK pathway.

e0207 RB1 REVERSES H₂O₂ INDUCED SENESCENCE IN HUMAN UMBILICAL ENDOTHELIAL CELLS VIA MODULATING ENOS PATHWAY

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Objective Cellular senescence of endothelial cells has been proposed for its involvement in endothelial dysfunction and atherogenesis. This study investigates the effects of ginsenoside Rb1, a major constituent of ginseng, on H₂O₂-induced endothelial senescence and molecular changes in primary human umbilical vein endothelial cells.

Methods Prematurely senescent human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs) were induced by treatment with H₂O₂ as judged by senescence-associated β -galactosidase assay (SA- β -gal), cell morphological appearance, and plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) expression. Total nitric oxide (NO) production was measured using Griess reaction. Endothelial NOS (eNOS), PAI RNA expressions were analysed by real time PCR. Total eNOS, pS1177 eNOS and pT495 eNOS protein expressions were analysed by western-blotting.

Results Treatment with 40~100 μ M H₂O₂ caused 26.8~63.8% of the cells to be SA- β -gal positive. Pretreated with Rb1 markedly inhibited SA- β -gal activity dose-dependently. Also, Rb1 can reduce the expression of PAI which was increased in the H₂O₂ treated group. In H₂O₂ treated groups, eNOS mRNA expression decreased, while Rb1 can effectively restore its mRNA expression. eNOS activity of HUVECs was inhibited by decreasing eNOS phosphorylation at Ser-1177 and increasing eNOS phosphorylation at Thr-495 in H₂O₂ treated groups. While in Rb1 pretreated groups, the both exhibited opposite changes. Consistent with these findings, Rb1 does in fact increase NO levels. All the inhibitory effects of Rb1 on senescence were completely obliterated by L-NAME, the NOS inhibitor.

Conclusion Rb1 can effectively protect HUVEC from senescence through modulating the expression of eNOS.