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ANTI-INFLAMMATORY EFFECT OF GINSENOSE Rg1 ON CARDIOMYOCYTE INJURY INDUCED BY ADRIAMYCIN

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Objectives Chronic inflammation have played an important role in heart failure (HF). Ginsenoside Rg1 (Gs-Rg1), stemming from Ginseng, is a kind of major pharmacologically active components. However, the effect of Gs-Rg1 in HF remains to be explored, let alone its mechanisms. Thus, the present study aimed at examining the effect of Gs-Rg1 in HF, and then further elucidates its effects on proinflammatory factor, such as tumour necrosis factor alpha (TNF α), and nuclear transcription factor kappa B (NF- κ B) basing on rat HF model induced by adriamycin, in vivo.

Methods Rat with adriamycin-induced HF were randomly divided into control group (age-matched health rat, n=15), HF group (ie, adriamycin group, n=15), Gs-Rg1 group (Gs-Rg1 intervention basing on HF, n=15), Gs-Rg1 was intraperitoneally administered according to body weight (4 mg/100 g) once a day for 14 days. Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) was estimated through echocardiographic examination, the above gene and the above protein was estimated through ELISA, real-time RT-PCR, western blot and Electrophoretic mobility shift assay.

Results

1. Gs-Rg1 significantly improved LVEF ($p=0.005$).
2. Both protein and mRNA of TNF α and TNFR-1 in the HF group were higher than that in the control group (all $p<0.001$), which were markedly reduced by Gs-Rg1 (all $p<0.001$).
3. Gs-Rg1 augmented protein and mRNA of TNFR-2, which was lower in HF group than in control group.
4. Compared to HF group, Gs-Rg1 markedly inhibited the protein level of total- $\text{IKK}\alpha$, phospho- $\text{IKK}\alpha$, total- $\text{IKK}\beta$ and phospho- $\text{IKK}\beta$, including their $\text{IKK}\alpha$ phosphorylation (ie, the ratio of phosphorylated to total protein) and $\text{IKK}\beta$ phosphorylation (all $p<0.001$).
5. Treatment with Gs-Rg1 caused a significant increase in total- $\text{I}\kappa\text{B}$ and $\text{I}\kappa\text{B}$, and a significant decrease in $\text{I}\kappa\text{B}$ phosphorylation compared with HF group (all $p<0.01$).
6. Gs-Rg1 markedly decreased total-NF- κB protein, phospho-NF- κB protein and NF- κB mRNA than that in HF group (all $p<0.01$).

Conclusions Gs-Rg1 may improve HF, which was mediated by proinflammatory factors, including a decrease in TNF α , NF- κ B and an increase in both TNFR-2 and I κ B.