

# **Aging reduces the IGF-I compensated signaling and accelerates the cardiac apoptotic effects induced by Second-hand Smoke**

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Cardiac hypertrophy is an enlargement of the heart relative with in cardiac myocyte cell volume in secondhand smoke exposure. The aim of this study was to examine the association between the age rats exposure to secondhand smoke and cardiovascular disease death. And to determine whether the age is affected on ventricular remodeling process induced by SHS (secondhand smoke) exposure in rats. However, it is not clear pathological condition in elderly age by SHS exposure. In this study, we investigated the relations of survival and apoptosis signals in SHS exposure and old age. The rats were placed in exposure chamber and exposed to 10 cigarettes and smoke for 30 min, twice a day, 6 days/ week for 1 month. Left ventricular morphological variables assessed on echocardiography, histopathologic of left ventricular sections was stained with Hematoxylin-eosin staining, and protein expression levels results is detected by Western Blot. Left ventricular internal dimension at end diastolic(LVIDd) in young age and old age exposure to SHS for 4 weeks increased to  $4.3\pm 0.03$ ( $p<0.05$ )(MYC;  $2.6\pm 0.3$ , MOC;  $3.72\pm 0.4$ ), left ventricular internal dimension at end systemic(LVIDs) in MYS increased to  $3.0\pm 0.00$ ( $p<0.01$ ), in MOC increased to  $2.5\pm 0.3$ ( $p<0.05$ ), in MOS increased to  $3.3\pm 0.03$ ( $p<0.05$ ) for 4 weeks SHS exposure(MYC;  $1.8\pm 0.1$ ). Left ventricular posterior wall thickness in systemic(LVPWs) and Interventricular septal in systemic(IVSs) in MOS increased to  $2.0\pm 0.0$ ( $p<0.05$ )(MYC;  $1.7\pm 0.0$  and  $1.6\pm 0.0$ , respectively). However, EF(%) and FS(%) are decreased in young and old age. In addition, Western blot represent survival signaling pathway(IGF-I-IGF-IR-p-PI3K/p-Akt) are compensatory cardiac growth to show cardiac hypertrophy. In contrast, apoptosis signaling pathway (TNF $\alpha$ , Fas-L, Fas, FADD, active caspase 8, active caspase-3, active caspase-9, bad, cytochrome c, and bid, t-bid) are increased their expression in SHS-exposed in young and old age. Overall, we think SHS and aged both enhanced left ventricular hypertrophy and cell death.

**Keyword:** apoptosis, survival signaling pathway, pathological hypertrophy, left ventricular.

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