

Identifying the TCM compounds for inhibition of in-stent restenosis in coronary atherosclerosis

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Backgrounds: Coronary atherosclerosis is the disease that the plaques formation in coronary arteries due to the accumulation of fatty materials, cholesterol-containing lipids, and proliferated cells. The formation of plaques causes narrowing of lumen in artery and hinders the oxygen and nutrient supply to heart. In-stent restenosis (ISR) is a phenomena that an artery has become narrowed and received treatment by stent to clear lumen but renarrowed again. Genetic alternation can increase the probability of ISR. Identification of the genetic allele that related to ISR may be helpful for stenosis treatment and anti-ISR drug development. Recently, the diseases treatment with traditional Chinese herbs is getting more and more attention. In this poster, we present the possible compounds in traditional Chinese herbs for anti-ISR in the coronary atherosclerosis based on the discovery of ISR-related SNPs. **Materials and Methods:** To identify the ISR-related SNPs, an experiment of case-control study was conducted in the China Medical University. There were nine patients with a confirmed diagnosis of restenosis and defined as a control group. The control group consisted of nine patients without restenosis diagnosis in the same clinic. All the patients were suffering from coronary atherosclerosis. For this study, the genome-wide SNP typing was determined using the Affymetrix SNP Array Set (Affymetrix, Santa Clara, CA). Genome-wide association analysis was applied to decipher the ISR-related SNP sites at the significance level of 0.01. The SNPs pattern was selected as receptor for virtual screening. The traditional compounds of traditional Chinese herbs used in this screening were downloaded from PubChem Database@Taiwan. The protein structure of the target gene was downloaded from PDB database. **Results:** The results showed that there are 54 SNPs distributing on the genome associated with ISR. In which, the gene CDC42BPA was selected as the target in this study for the component compounds of traditional Chinese herbs. The component compounds of traditional Chinese herbs used in this screening were downloaded from TCM Database@Taiwan. The CDC42BPA protein structure (PDB ID: 4AW2) was downloaded from PDB database and let the ligand Pyr1 in 4AW2 as the reference compound. Pyr1 inhibited cell motility in vitro. This property may inhibit the plaques formation in coronary artery. We adopted Discovery Studio 2.5 to implement ADME properties calculation, drug-likeness, and molecular docking. There are 20 component compounds distributing on the genome which docking with CDC42BPA are better than Pyr1. **Conclusion:** These TCM compounds may have the potential to inhibit ISR that should be studied in the future.

Identification of Antitumor Functions by Indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase-mediated Tryptophan Metabolites

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Backgrounds: Indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (IDO) cleaves the pyrrole ring of L-Trp to kynurenine by incorporating molecular oxygen. This step involves the oxidative cleavage of the 2,3 double bond in the indole moiety of L-Trp, resulting in the production of kynurenine. IDO expression has been associated with poor prognosis in many human cancer. IDO-expressed antigen presenting cells have been demonstrated to be effective T-cell priming in tumor-draining lymph nodes. **Materials and Methods:** B16/OVA melanoma cells were genetically modified to express mouse *Indo* cDNA. To evaluate tumor progression and antitumor efficacy of T cells in IDO-expressing tumor chemotherapy, C57BL/6 mice were inoculated s.c. with IDO or control plasmids B16/OVA melanoma cells on right flank. IDO pathway inhibitors and paclitaxel were administered intraperitoneally twice per week. To address whether IDO-expressed tumor cells affect the quantity, phenotype, and function of tumor-associated T cells, the numbers of CD8⁺ and CD4⁺CD25⁺ T cells were monitored for a 4-wk period. The expression level of Gcn2 and aryl hydrocarbon receptor was analyzed by RT-PCR in these mice. Tumor weight per mouse increased in C57BL/6 mice implanted with IDO-expressing B16/OVA melanoma cells compare to B16/OVA melanoma cells. Tumor areas were smaller in axel combination therapy groups were smaller compare to paclitaxel group. Immunohistochemical analysis of tumors in mice treated with MT/paclitaxel and paclitaxel group showed significant increase of CD8⁺ T cells. Additionally, a synergistic effect of MT and paclitaxel was found to affect a decreased tumor-associated CD4⁺CD25⁺ T cells. The activity of Gcn2 and aryl hydrocarbon receptor was upregulated in CD8⁺ T cells in the MT/paclitaxel overexpressed group. **Conclusion:** The above results suggest that inhibition of IDO by IDO inhibitor-MT may restore cytotoxicity of antitumor activity. The restorative action of IDO is through tryptophan depletion and tryptophan metabolites kynurenine and aryl hydrocarbon receptor expression in T cells. Evaluation and application of Gcn2 and aryl hydrocarbon receptor activity in T cells during cancer therapy for IDO positive tumor treatment.

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The Flavonoid Quercetin and Luteolin Inhibits EMT Transition by Depleting E2EPF Expression.

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Backgrounds: The flavonoids have been reported as a multiple kinase inhibitor to decrease cell proliferation, invasion, angiogenesis and EMT-transition. However, the inhibition role in EMT transition and metastasis through gene regulation is poor reported. Here, we study the effects of flavonoids luteolin and quercetin in EMT-transition and metastasis by regulating E2-EPF/Hif-1 α gene expression in higher invasive A431-III cells. By comparison with A431-P cells, A431-III cells contain higher E2-EPF gene and protein expression. **Materials and Methods:** A431 cells (human epidermal carcinoma cells; named A431-P in this study) were obtained from ATCC (Manassas, VA, USA). The A431-III cells were isolated in our laboratory from the parental A431 tumor cells (A431-P) using a Boyden chamber. **Results:** By comparison with A431-P cells, A431-III cells exhibit higher E2-EPF mRNA and protein expression levels. The Hif-1 α and VHL expression in A431-III cells were also higher than A431-P cells. From E2-EPF siRNA knockdown and overexpression experiments, we observed that Hif-1 α and VHL expression level was positively or negatively correlated with E2-EPF expression. **Conclusion:** our results suggest that the higher E2-EPF expression in A431-III cells was probably related to its higher malignancy ability through positive regulation Hif-1 α /VHL signaling. The flavonoids luteolin and quercetin affects its malignancy ability by inhibited E2-EPF expression through inhibition of Akt/mTOR/Hif-1 α signaling. We also hypothesize that probably another regulation mechanism through controlling mTOR transcription by E2-EPF to affect Hif-1 α signaling.

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To Prepare Peptides Derived from Tuna Cooking Juice on Anti-metastatic in Human MCF-7 Breast Cancer Cell and The Role of Bioavailability

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Backgrounds: Our previous study has found the peptides derived from tuna cooking juice hydrolyzed by Protease XXIII (PA) possess anti-cancer effects against human breast cancer cell, MCF-7. Especially the fraction over 2500Da (PAH) of the hydrolysates showed the 38% antiproliferation after 72-h treatment at the protein concentration of 1 mg/mL. PAH induced the cell cycle to arrest at phase S by elevation of p21 and inhibition of cyclin A expression. However, the peptide sequences of PAH and the effect of PAH on the invasion and metastasis of MCF-7 were never investigated. **Materials and Methods:** MCF-7 was induced to be metastatic by 12-O-tetradecanoylphorbol-13-acetate (TPA) and then treated with PAH at various concentrations (0.5, 1.0 and 1.5 mg/mL) for 24 h. We used HPLC and MALDI-TOF/TOF to analyze the peptide sequences of PAH. **Results:** The peptide sequences of PAH with the antiproliferation effect on MCF-7 were identified by MALDI-TOF/TOF as KLPPLLAKLLMSGKLLAEPCTGR (2563.27Da) and KPEGMDPPLSEPEDRRDGAAGPK (2449.70Da). After the wound healing assay, PAH did not show any effect on MCF-7 metastasis. **Conclusion:** The results showed that tuna cooking juice had the potential for antiproliferation of human breast cancer cell, but it had no effect on metastasis or even invasion.