

melatonin treatment, which were similar/increased in comparison to those of COPD model. Co-treatment of melatonin and SIRT1 inhibitor was slightly observed the reduction in pathophysiological factors in comparison to only melatonin treatment.

Conclusions: Therefore, our results indicate that melatonin attenuates inflammatory response in CS and LPS exposure via the reduction in NF- κ B acetylation by elevation of SIRT1 expression.

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Upregulation of Hypoxia-inducible factor-1a in Calbindin-D_{9k} Knockout mice

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Introduction: Environment in military actions such as underwater or airborne, soldiers are frequently exposed to hypoxic atmosphere. Hypoxia is involved with various human disease from inflammation to cancers that has fascinated medical researchers as well as military engineers. Hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF) is the key controller in hypoxia that triggers more than 1,000 related genes. Recently, many studies suggest that HIF systems supervise the intracellular calcium control. In our previous study we identified significant changes in gene expression focused on calcium channel-related proteins, between hypoxia and normoxic group. Calbindin-d_{9k} is a cytosolic calcium-binding protein that participates in intracellular calcium absorption. In this study, we investigate interaction between HIF1a and calbindin-D_{9k}.

Materials and Methods: 8 weeks old C57BL/6 mice and Calbindin-D_{9K} Knockout mice were exposed to hypoxia for 3 weeks. Hypoxic condition was created in polycarbonate chamber with nitrogen supply to remove oxygen. Oxygen concentration were measured and maintained thoroughly about 12±2% partial pressure of O₂. Expression of HIF1a in kidney were analyzed by western blotting.

Results: HIF1a protein expression was increased in calbindin-D_{9k} knockout mice compared to that of wild type mouse in normal oxygen atmosphere. However, in hypoxia, knockout mice showed decreased protein level.

Conclusions: Calbindin-D_{9k} knockout mice show the enhanced HIF1a expression when normal atmosphere. Our finding suggest that calbindin-D_{9k} might be involve in HIF systems.

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Platelet rich plasma improves dermal therapeutic effect of mesenchymal stem cells via enhancing angiogenesis

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Introduction: Skin injury is a main complication that could be occurred after radiotherapy. Moreover, vascular dysfunction and impaired wound healing after irradiation are presented as a major clinical challenge. Stem cells have been emerged as a promising therapeutic agent in regenerative medicine. However, they alone have no satisfactory effects on irradiated wound healing. In this context, we investigated therapeutic effect of umbilical cord blood (UCB)-derived mesenchymal stem cell (MSC) and platelet rich plasma (PRP) on dermal wound with impaired healing by irradiation.

Materials and Methods: PRP obtained from UCB was activated via newly developed method using bead mill homogenizer (Myung *et al.* 2017). Then, various factors in MSC and PRP were analyzed using cytokine array and real-time PCR. For assessing therapeutic effects of UCB-MSCs and PRP, gross examination, histologic analysis and quantification of expressed growth factors were performed in mouse model of radiation-impaired traumatic wound.

Results: PRP induced up-regulation in expression of angiogenic factors and gene of MSCs such as VEGF and endothelin-1. The result suggested that PRP improve the therapeutic effect of MSCs by enhancing angiogenesis in stem cell therapy. For confirming this, the wound closure, epidermal regeneration, angiogenesis and growth factors expression were evaluated in irradiated wound model. The results revealed that co-treatment of UCB-MSCs and PRP promoted regeneration of epidermis and granulation tissue. In addition, significantly improved angiogenesis was also identified by CD31 IHC and expression of growth factors.

Conclusions: PRP stimulates angiogenic paracrine release

of UCB-MSCs, and the combination therapy of UCB-MSCs and PRP improves regeneration efficacy of radiation-trauma complex injury via enhancing angiogenesis.

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4-Hydroxycinnamic acid protects mice from cigarette smoke-induced pulmonary inflammation via MAPK pathways

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Introduction: Cigarette smoke (CS) is the main etiological cause of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, the prevalence of which has continuously increased in recent years. 4-Hydroxycinnamic acid (HA) is a plant phenolic acid that has anti-inflammatory activities. In this study, we explored the therapeutic effects of HA on airway inflammation caused by CS and lipopolysaccharide (LPS) in mice.

Materials and Methods: The animals received 1 h of CS exposure for 7 days and intranasal instillation of LPS on day 4. HA (10 and 20 mg/kg) was administered to animals via oral gavage 1 h before CS exposure.

Results: HA treatment significantly decreased the accumulation of inflammatory cells and production of cytokines, including tumor necrosis factor- α , interleukin (IL)-6, and IL-1 β , caused by CS and LPS exposure. After histological examination, we observed that HA treatment significantly reduced the infiltration of inflammatory cells into lung tissue caused by CS and LPS exposure. Furthermore, HA-treated groups showed significantly decreased phosphorylation of extracellular signal-regulated kinase, c-Jun N-terminal kinase, p38, and nuclear factor- κ B, and activity of cytochrome c oxidase subunit-2 caused by CS and LPS.

Conclusions: In conclusion, HA effectively suppresses the airway inflammatory response induced by CS and LPS exposure, and is closely associated with the downregulation of mitogen-activated protein kinases signaling.

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Effects of exhaustive swimming on magnesium redistribution and transporters

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Introduction: Magnesium (Mg) plays a central role in energy production, neuronal activity, cardiac excitability, neuromuscular transmission, muscular contraction, vasomotor tone, and blood pressure, all of which are significantly related to physical performance. Blood Mg levels have been shown to increase during exhaustive swimming exercise. However, Mg redistribution and transporter expression during the exercise remains to be determined.

Materials and Methods: The male Sprague-Dawley rats (n=20, 220-250 g) were subjected to 30 min forced swimming exercise until exhaustion. After swimming, inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry was applicable to the determination of Mg in serum, red blood cell (RBC), quadriceps muscle, heart, kidney, liver, lung and brain. The levels of glycogen, adenosine triphosphate (ATP), hexokinase (HE), citrate synthase (CS), malondialdehyde (MDA) and superoxide dismutase (SOD) in quadriceps muscle were measured by spectrophotometry. Also, the Transient receptor potential melastatin-7 (TRPM7) channels and solute carrier family 41 member A1 (SLC41A1) gene expressions were measured by real-time PCR.

Results: After exercise, Mg in serum, heart, kidney, liver, lung and brain were increased, while Mg in RBC and quadriceps muscle were decreased. Also, HK, CS, MDA and SOD in quadriceps muscle were increased, but glycogen and ATP in the muscle were decreased. The gene expression levels of TRPM, the Mg influx as a Mg channel, were not changed but the levels of SLC41A1, the Mg efflux as a Na⁺/Mg²⁺ exchanger, were upregulated.

Conclusions: These results suggested that the exhaustive swimming exercise could produce Mg redistribution from quadriceps muscle to serum of circulatory system. The decreased Mg levels in quadriceps muscle were related to the increased metabolic demands and the stimulation of Mg efflux.

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Anti-fatigue activities of Korean Red Ginseng and Antler Velvet response to exhaustive swimming exercise

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