

MCP-1이 인간 복막중피세포의 상피-중간엽 이행 (epithelial-mesenchymal transition)에 미치는 영향

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Monocyte Chemoattractant Protein-1 (MCP-1) Directly Induces Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition in Human Peritoneal Mesothelial Cells

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Background : After long- term treatment with continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD), peritoneal fibrosis (PF) has been observed in some patients, resulting in membrane failure. Recently, epithelial- mesenchymal transition has been considered to play an important role in the pathogenesis of fibrosis in various conditions, including PF. MCP- 1 is known to be involved in the pathogenesis of PF via recruiting inflammatory cells into the peritoneum and its expression is increased in human peritoneal mesothelial cells (HPMCs) exposed to high glucose.

Purpose : This study was undertaken to elucidate whether C- C chemokine receptor 2 (CCR2) existed in HPMCs and whether MCP- 1 had direct effects on EMT and fibronectin expression in HPMCs.

Methods : HPMCs were isolated from a piece of human omentum and were incubated with M199 media containing 5.6 mM glucose (LG), 5.6 mM glucose+94.4 mM mannitol (LG+M), LG+10 ng/mL recombinant human MCP- 1 (LG+MCP- 1), or 100 mM glucose (HG) with or without a specific inhibitor of CCR2, 1 uM RS102895, for 4 days. Levels of secreted MCP- 1 in culture media were determined by ELISA. Western blot was performed to determine fibronectin, E- cadherin, α - smooth muscle actin (α - SMA) and CCR2 protein expression.

Results : MCP- 1 protein levels was significantly increased in HG- conditioned media compared to LG media (1600.6 ± 9.4 vs. 956.1 ± 19.1 pg/mL, $p < 0.05$). CCR2 protein expression was detected in HPMCs, but there was no difference between LG- and HG- stimulated cells. α - SMA protein expression in HG and LG+MCP- 1 groups were 2.7- fold and 1.9- fold higher relative to LG cells, respectively, while E- cadherin protein expression were decreased in HG and LG+MCP- 1 groups by 48% and 37% compared to LG cells, respectively ($p < 0.05$). In addition, fibronectin protein expression in HG and LG+MCP- 1 groups were 2.1- fold and 1.8- fold higher compared to LG cells, respectively ($p < 0.05$). These HG- induced changes were significantly abrogated upon pre- treatment with RS102895.

Conclusion : HG and MCP- 1 directly induce EMT and enhance fibronectin expression in HPMCs, and these HG- induced changes were attenuated by the inhibition of MCP- 1/CCR2 system, suggesting that increased MCP- 1 levels by HG may contribute to the development of PF.

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